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2nd Place Photo by Steve Burgin
It's a Power Sail Boat!

scut-tle-butt 1 a: a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use b: a drinking fountain on a ship or at a marine installation

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Commodore's Message



Sitting here wondering about all our FPYC plans; it makes me wonder what plans you have for the upcoming season at Fifty Point. But then I regress. I wonder if members have ventured on a vacation or are you just hibernating and cannot wait for the time when we prepare our boats for launch. If you have followed Facebook, I have seen the countdown being posted. Not wanting to wish my life away but hurry up Spring.

The Board reviewed a draft budget for 2022. We have seen an increase of many of our administrative expenses. We have also seen a decline in our membership for various different reasons. But we still want to try to meet all the needs of members as best we can under the circumstances. This is always a delicate balance. We do know we have the best marina on the lake and low membership fees. We also know that everyone's time is valuable. Your Board members volunteer many hours of time to make FPYC successful. As such, we have looked at dues and the added work plus costs when a person joins after a deadline. Please look at the membership article on the following pages.

I mention Facebook. I want to thank Dave Allen who has posted some interesting overhead shots at Fifty and other places in Niagara. I always find it interesting to see all the boats and landscape from an aerial view.

Every year we get cruises or others that take over the D and F dock shelters. We have tried using tents for cruises to get along with other non-members who also wanted to use these shelters. The tents required person power to put them up and take them down. Also, they do not last forever as uncontrolled adults and children have shortened their life expectancy. In discussions with the marina, they have agreed to erect a 'permanent' gazebo to the north of the D Dock shelter. This can be used for cruises or other private parties. FPYC will be purchasing BBQs that can be used by cruises and stored by the marina between uses.

Since everyone's comfort level is still uneasy. We are cancelling the pre splash BBQ. In its place we are trying to get a comedy night setup for members on Zoom. Please stay tuned for details. If someone knows of a G rated comedian, please contact Tom Dunmore.

Stay well and be safe.

Brian Weber
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

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FPYC Social Events Calendar

FPYC is pleased to announce that we have worked on our Social Calendar for 2022.

As the ongoing issues continue with Covid, we have decided to cancel the pre splash BBQ. Instead we are in the process of setting up a Zoom comedy night. Details will be sent out via Mailchimp once finalized.

We are also looking at the venue for the Commodore's Ball. We should have the details finalized in March.

Our Summer BBQ is being planned for late August or early September.

Please look for more details on each event as they get closer in Scuttlebutt and watch for them through Mailchimp.

Listing of Events:

Zoom Comedy Night - Planned for late March or early April

Pre Splash BBQ - Cancelled

New Members Meet and Greet - May 21 from 2- 4 p.m.

SailPast - June 25 starting at 11:00 a.m.

Summer BBQ - Late August or early September

Commodore's Ball - November 5 or 12

The logo features the words "LET'S GET" in a small, bold, sans-serif font above the word "Social" in a large, white, cursive script font with a thick black outline. A horizontal line is positioned below the logo.

Cruising

FPYC enjoys the privilege of being able to offer weekend club cruises to members. Each year we work with other clubs to arrange a reciprocal visit. A group of FPYC boats visit another yacht club within reach, and that club sends a group to visit FPYC. We occupy each other's docks for the weekend.

We select clubs that many of you tell us you like. Destinations give a chance to experience new areas on the water, use different club facilities, and to explore nearby amenities. Many enjoy the journey there and back as a group of boats travelling together. As a member, you can always return on your own to a favourite club using your reciprocal privileges.

In the past two years it has been a little more difficult to cruise due to health and safety. We have missed the larger club social gatherings at the destination clubs and look forward to the safe return of these.

This year, we are pleased to offer the following cruises for members to look forward to:

June 18, 19	Oakville Club and Oakville Powerboat Club
July 1, 2, 3	Royal Canadian Yacht Club
July 16, 17	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
July 30, 31, Aug 1	Port Credit Yacht Club
Aug 20, 22	National Yacht Club
Sept 3, 4, 5	Lakeshore Yacht Club

We are also looking to open the registration early for all cruises. We also want to make it fair to have as many members cruise and allow spots for new members too. More details will follow soon.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on at least one cruise taking advantage of one part of your FPYC membership.

Harbour City Yacht Club

We are not sure if you have been to Harbour City YC or even know where it is. This is a 4 slip club in the very back of Toronto Island marina. The slips are small only accommodating about a 30' boat. The slips have also fallen in disrepair.

Harbour City sells memberships to anyone. But they are predominantly boaters from Outer Harbour Marina, where we do not get a reciprocal. Over the years, we give in excess of at least 10 reciprocals annually. In 2021, we gave them 13 reciprocals. We also asked them to let us know if we could only use the 4 slips. We also asked whether we could get a reciprocal slip elsewhere. Unfortunately, there was no response, and their website does not offer any comments and appears very outdated.

At the AGM in 2019, we passed resolutions to minimize the number of cruises, the number of boats per cruise and our reciprocal costs. To that end, the Board has voted to end our reciprocal agreement with Harbour City YC.

We have found it difficult to continue a relationship with an organization that does not respond, does not have capacity and appears to have no benefit to most of our membership.

Therefore, effective immediately Harbour City YC is no longer a club we are offering reciprocal privileges to. We have sent their Commodore listed on their website a notice stating same.

Membership Update

Exciting news for our FPYC Members! New this year, we will have a FPYC Membership Perks Program. As a FPYC member, you will now receive a discount on some local food establishments for the entire 2022 season! We have just started reaching out to places and have received a positive response. Currently, three restaurants have committed and will be offering discounts ranging from 10%-20% and many others are reviewing the offer. If you know of a local establishment and can help us arrange a discount, please reach out to the membership directors - we would be very grateful. The discounts will be posted on a Membership Perks page in the monthly edition of the Scuttlebutt, so stay tuned!!

Fifty Point Yacht Club is one of the best values on Lake Ontario. We always want to see retention of members' year over year. Retention makes it easier for us to plan and improve the value of joining FPYC. In addition, it streamlines processes and avoids data entry errors. We are human after all, and work on a voluntary basis.

We have tried to develop a budget this year to maximize cruises and maintain our social events. The challenge is guesstimating membership numbers combined with the escalating costs we are all seeing. Covid has definitely been the cause for many of the issues we all face. Plus, we are all looking to relax and enjoy the aspects the yacht club and boating has to offer. We all have an investment we want to maximize our enjoyment using our boats.

The budget we have developed and guessing the number of members we have come up with a revised rate. In addition, we felt it necessary to reward members who join year after year and charge 'new' members more. Also, we want to encourage members to meet deadlines. Missing deadlines increases the work your volunteer Board has to perform, which in turn increases costs.

The new fee structure is:



Membership Rates for 2022

	Former	2022 Season Rates <i>*early bird date May 15/22</i>
New Membership	\$210 (includes burgee)	\$260 (\$285 after early bird date) <i>(includes a burgee for brand new members)</i>
Returning Membership	\$210	Change name to " Renewal " \$225 (\$250 after early bird date) Must have an immediate past year membership <i>(recognizes member loyalty)</i>
Social Membership	\$65	\$65 (\$75 after early bird date)
Replacement Burgee	\$15	\$20

We still feel FPYC remains a bargain. The average slip charge is \$1.75 per foot (\$1.98 with HST). This means a boat 30 feet long would pay \$59.33 per night. Therefore, after 4 nights of reciprocals at another yacht club, you make up your dues. Plus we have our social activities. It should be noted that most yacht clubs do not allow non yacht club members to stay.

The new membership form will be available shortly on the website – so be sure to get your membership early and start looking forward to a great boating season that is just around the corner 😊

Reciprocals

Did you know FPYC has a reciprocal with 99.9% with every yacht club on Lake Ontario?

Did you know there are some marinas that do not offer reciprocal privileges?

Did you know that some yacht clubs will offer more than one night free?

Did you know that some yacht clubs have a nominal charge to stay, but they are predominantly in the U.S.A.? The exceptions are Island Yacht Club, Toronto, and Cobourg which operate like a marina.

Did you know most yacht clubs will not accept visitors unless they are a member at another yacht club?

Do you know to check each yacht club's website to verify what reciprocal privileges they offer before you go?

There are many advantages to having reciprocal agreements with all of these other clubs. It is great to travel and visit so many other locations. It is enjoyable to meet new people and to travel the lake almost free of charge by joining FPYC.

We believe FPYC is one of the best and has one of the cheapest\bargains for your money.

Many long time members enjoy travelling into Toronto and going to a Blue Jays game or the St. Lawrence Market. Or they get free reciprocals on their way to the 1000 Islands. There are also many clubs with pools or green space for children and adults to enjoy.

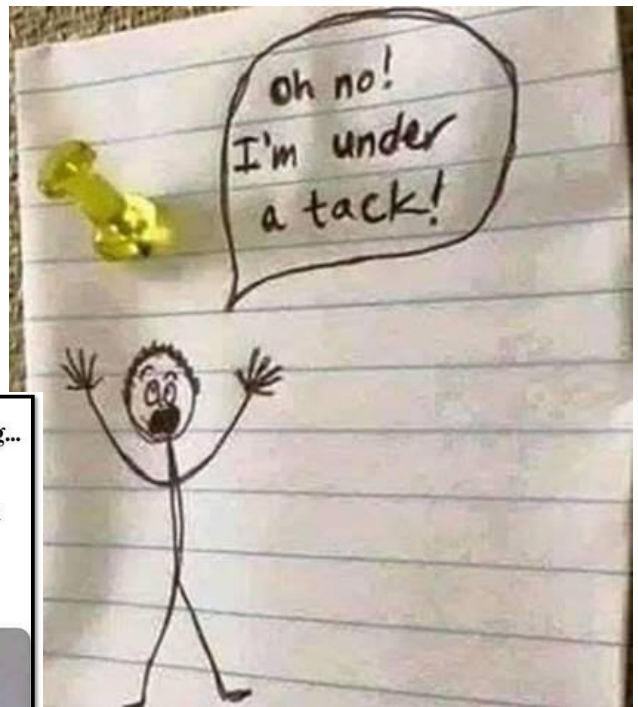
If you are not a member of FPYC and you travel to a marina, the average cost is about \$1.75 per foot (\$1.98 with HST). If you have a 30' boat, you will pay \$59.33 per night. After 4 nights, you will pay more than the cost of a FPYC membership.

So what are you waiting for? Join FPYC today and have a sense of belonging. Plus the other benefits the club has to offer.

February Fun!!



Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.



Scuttlebutt Marketplace

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Recipes from Your FPYC Board Members!

(Thank you for sharing one of your faves Donna!!
Recipe courtesy of Cookie and Kate)

Healthy Banana Bread

Ingredients:

1/3 cup melted coconut oil or extra-virgin olive oil or high quality vegetable oil
1/2 cup honey or maple syrup
2 eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 ½ medium or 2 large bananas)
1/4 cup milk of choice or water
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, plus more to swirl on top
1 3/4 cups whole wheat flour

Optional: 1/2 cup mix-ins like chopped walnuts, pecans, chocolate chips, raisins, chopped dried fruit, fresh banana slices

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees (Fahrenheit) and grease a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan.
2. In a large bowl, beat the oil and honey together with a whisk. Add the eggs and beat well, then whisk in the mashed bananas and milk.
3. Add the baking soda, vanilla, salt and cinnamon and whisk to blend. Switch to a large spoon and stir in the flour, just until combined. Some lumps are okay. If adding mix-ins, gently fold them in.
4. Pour the batter into the greased loaf pan and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Run the top of a knife across the batter to create swirls.
5. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
6. Let the bread cool in the loaf pan for at least 10 minutes (you may need to run a butter knife around to edges to loosen the bread from the pan). Transfer the loaf to a wire rack to cool before slicing.



Enjoy!



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

<https://sunspiritmillar.blogspot.com/?m=1>



John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Steve & Lise Denison

<https://gayadenison5.blogspot.com/>

Off to the Bahamas – Updated Blog



Items of Interest

FPYC is not endorsing these sites but they may be of interest to our Club members.

Sail-World

<https://www.sail-world.com/Canada>

Canadian Yachting

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

Sail-World Cruising

<https://www.sail-worldcruising.com>

Spartan – Ocean Racing & Training

<https://www.spartanoceanracing.com/>

POWER BOATING CANADA

<https://powerboating.com/lake-ontario/>

Get My Boat

<https://www.getmyboat.ca>

Sail Canada

<https://www.sailing.ca/>

Press - Star Sailors League

<http://finals.starsailors.com/>

Ontario Sailing

<https://ontariosailing.ca>