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2nd Place Photo by Josee Bergeron Scibetta
Green water and interesting cloud formation....

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



Hello everyone and welcome to February! Let's bid a fond farewell to January and celebrate moving a little closer to launching season. Groundhog Day is February 2 and my fingers are crossed doesn't see his shadow.

I hope you all got to visit the Boat Show this year. We were there for opening day and it looked like they had an excellent number of dealers and vendors set up. News reports from the first Saturday said it was one of the best turn outs in years and there were lots of photos of people lined up waiting to get in. This is one of those events that helps to remind us that boating season is just around the corner. (Kind of....) Nancy has already sent out some updates for the coming season and the summer mooring invoices will be sent out the first week of March.

The Board has had it's first meeting of 2024 so please have a look through Scuttlebutt for information on Cruises, Social events and Membership fees for this year. Remember, this is our 40th Anniversary and we're going to try and celebrate accordingly. Some exciting events are in the works and we're also going to be working with the marina to partner up so we can all mark this milestone together.

Once again, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone that there is still a need for volunteers to work on the Board. The need is both immediate and for the future. We are faced with the possibility of a number of Board members retiring this year and by stepping in now, you can gain experience and knowledge from an excellent group of people. Please contact me if you'd like to find out more.

Spring is coming and I'm sure I'll start seeing more of you around the marina as the weather improves and the calendar marches on.

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

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FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

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Membership Update

ANNOUNCING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2024

The Board of Directors has reviewed membership fees for 2024 and they are as follows:

New Members fee (includes Club Burgee)	\$305
New Members fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$280
Returning Members fee	\$270
Returning Members fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$245
Social Membership fee	\$85
Social Membership fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$75

We are all very aware of price increases in pretty much everything we purchase these days. The Board has, and will continue, to take steps to review our costs to the Club and do what we can to minimize their effect. We have worked very hard to keep the fee increase as low as possible.

This increase is the first in 2 years and was needed. We hope that the events we are working on as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary will reflect the exceptional value you receive as a Club Member. Fifty Point Yacht Club is home to one of the prettiest settings on the Lake; has some of the friendliest members going; and offers the best bang for your boating dollar.

Thank you all for your continued support and membership.

You can send your membership payments via etransfer to: treasurer50@yahoo.com

Members Perks Program

Pita Pit- 10%
Kelsey's-20%
Hangry Chicken-10%
Freshii-15%
DNA Pizza -10% on orders over 15.00
Booster Juice- 15%
Sunshine Grill - 15%
Marine Doctors - 10% off labour

Members must present their cards in order to receive the discounts.

Social Update

FPYC SOCIAL EVENTS 2024

Save the dates:

April 27th - Pre Launch BBQ at the "D" Dock pavilion. Catch up with friends after a long winter.

May 25th - New Member Potluck "D" dock pavilion with a Buy, Sell and Trade, Flea Market style event in the morning

June 22nd - Sailpast - Join us for a special 40th anniversary celebration - Details will follow

July 27th - Summer BBQ and dance - Beach pavilion

November 2nd - Commodore's Ball. Venue and entertainment TBD

The Board is looking forward to another great year of activities. Further details will follow. Be sure to add the dates to your calendar.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are sorry to announce, that after many years of collaboration and support, Reverend Steve Lindsay has retired from Cheyne Presbyterian Church. As such, he will be unavailable this year to Bless the Boats, as has been our tradition in the past.

We certainly thank Reverend Lindsay for his support and blessings over the years and his presence will definitely be missed as we go forward.

To that end, if anyone has a connection with a minister or priest that would be willing to bless the fleet during our Sail Past, please pass the information along to Steve Burgin. Sail Past this year will be held on June 22 and the blessing is an important part of the ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your help.



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY FPYC!

Become a member of the most affordable and friendly Club on the lake, with or without a boat!

MEMBER BENEFITS

SOCIAL EVENTS:

2024 is a milestone year marking FPYC's 40th Anniversary! Plans for the milestone celebration include: Pre-launch BBQ, New Member Meet and Greet, Sailpast and Dinner, Summer BBQ and Dance, and the Commodore's Ball. Details and more events will be announced in Scuttlebutt, on the FPYC website, www.fpyc.ca, and MailChimp!

New Member

Early Bird Fee
\$280/year
After May 1
\$305/year
Includes Burgee

Membership Renewal

Early Bird Fee
\$245/year
After May 1
\$270/year

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES:

Your membership will provide you with reciprocal privileges at over 75 Yacht Clubs around Lake Ontario.

ORGANIZED CRUISES:

FPYC Cruise Directors will be organizing 4 - 5 reciprocal club cruises - includes free weekend dockage, fun-filled activities, potluck events and much more!

Social Member Do not own a boat?

Early Bird Fee
\$75/year
After May 1
\$85/year

**MORE
FPYC
MEMBER
BENEFITS!**

Partnership Perks Program - discounts year round at participating stores and restaurants in the Fifty Point area.

Marketplace - free advertising space to sell personal items in FPYC's monthly newsletter, Scuttlebutt.

Sponsorship Program - discounted space in Scuttlebutt for company advertising.

FOR MORE INFO: info@fpyc.ca MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: www.fpyc.ca

Serious Mistakes Made by Beginner Boaters

(Courtesy of BoatBlurb – November 29, 2023 - Bill Jennings)

Here's How to Avoid Making a 'New Boater Boo-Boo'

Everyone may not agree with me on this, but from my experience I would say that the most serious mistakes new boaters make boil down to three categories. If you are thinking about buying a boat, this article will help make you a better boater. If you are an experienced boater, you can use this article to check that you have done everything correctly.

Here are the top three categories of 'new boater boo boo's' that I see on the water.

#3- Bad Habits From The Get-Go

Too many boaters during their first few months at the helm apply incorrect driving procedures. It is important when becoming familiar with the operation of your boat to use driving methods that are recognized as the best way to handle each driving situation. Some of the most important driving techniques can be the ones that many new boaters fail to recognize. For example, driving a boat is very different from driving a car. A car operates within a well defined road system, where there are painted lines, signs, and clearly marked pathways. Boats operate on a much broader spectrum, where traffic and obstacles can be positioned in any direction. As a result, from the first day you drive a boat you must constantly scan, one segment at a time, in a full 360 degrees around your boat. This is why you must learn the best techniques for scanning the water.

Another example of following correct driving techniques applies to docking. Many boaters find docking a challenge. If you are one of them, chances are you did not learn the correct procedures back when you first started boating. Docking is not a "one size fits all" procedure, and a new boater is wise to take a professional lesson on docking to learn each of the five main steps necessary to always enjoying a smooth and accurate docking experience. As with most boating procedures, docking is easy once you apply the correct process.

If you drive a boat using less than optimum driving techniques, you are training your mind and reflexes to drive incorrectly. This not only creates ongoing problems for the beginner, but makes it more difficult to relearn procedures using the best methods. As a new boater, you should know and practice the best handling techniques as early as possible. Don't forget, you can always go around and try again.

#2- Basics Only

The second biggest mistake made by new boaters is to learn only the basic skills and fake the rest. Most pleasure boats today have simple controls that allow a driver to get from Point A to Point B without really knowing much about what he is actually doing. The lazy logic is, "Who needs to know everything about my new boat, when I only need a throttle and steering wheel to take it for a ride?"

As with most sports, the more you know about boating the more you will enjoy it and the safer you will be. Learn everything from how to stop your boat quickly and how to find optimum trim, to making full use of your GPS and how to handle very rough water. You won't learn it all in one lesson, or even one season, but set yourself some goals and continue to add to your understanding of boat handling. When you start to feel like an expert, you will be on the right path to learning a great deal more.

#1- The Test Drive of Truth

The worst mistake of all that a new boater can make can actually happen before they buy it. This happens to buyers who don't test a boat before buying. Boats have a lot in common with shoes. There are different shoes for different purposes. Each shoe type has different success levels at delivering what is expected. They come in different sizes for different people and of course they come in a wide range of prices. Every boat looks great on a showroom floor, but each one performs differently on the water. Can you believe that 84% of boaters will buy their boat without actually driving it in various water conditions? Like shoes, all boats are not created equal and if your expectations are one thing and your new boat cannot deliver, you will soon come to dislike boating. Try it before you buy it. When you believe you know the boat you want, take the time to learn as much as you can about it. Start with the specifications provided and then read what people say about it. You can ask seasoned boaters what they can share about the boat, but keep in mind that they may not have all the answers.

Even if you order a boat months before delivery, you can include in your purchase agreement that the sale 'close' is subject to your approval after taking a test ride. It doesn't have to be the same boat, but it needs to be the same make, length, and model. Boats are a big investment, so walk away from any deal where a pre-purchase test ride in choppy water is not permitted.

When shopping for a boat it is exciting to picture yourself driving it around and having fun. This is a trap. Try picturing yourself driving around and hating every minute. This should bring you back to reality and then you can take the time to follow all of the smart purchase steps. You can read all sorts of detailed instructions on how to buy a boat in publications and online industry articles, but if you avoid the above three categories, you are almost guaranteed to have happy times with your new boat.

February!!

When is the best outfit for February 2nd?
A tu-tu.

Can February march?
No, but April may.

Do you have a date for Valentine's day?
Yes, February 14th.

What month is the best for coffee?
Feb-BREW-ary

What is a frog's favourite month?
February. It has a Leap Year.

Which is the month in which a person would talk the least?
February, because it has the least number of days.

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Toasted Chocolate-Hazelnut Sandwiches

(Recipe/photo courtesy of foodandwine.com)

- 1 cup blanched hazelnuts
- 2 ounces 70% to 75% cacao dark chocolate baking bars, coarsely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade (such as March Pantry)
- 1/4 cup fig jam (such as Dalmatia)
- 1/4 cup salted butter, softened
- 4 (1/2-inch-thick) slices challah
- Flaky sea salt (such as Maldon), to taste



Directions

Step 1

Heat a large skillet over medium. Add hazelnuts; cook, stirring often, until light golden and fragrant, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool 5 minutes. Crush or coarsely chop. Stir together hazelnuts, chocolate, marmalade, and fig jam in a medium bowl. Set aside.

Step 2

Spread butter evenly on 1 side of each challah slice. Place 2 slices, buttered side down, on a clean work surface; spread hazelnut mixture evenly on the 2 slices. Top with remaining 2 slices, buttered side facing up.

Step 3

Heat a large skillet over low. Add sandwiches; cover and cook until golden on bottoms, about 3 minutes. Press with a spatula to flatten slightly, and flip sandwiches. Cover and cook until browned on other sides, about 3 minutes, reducing heat as needed if bread is browned before chocolate melts completely. Transfer sandwiches to a cutting board, and cut in half. Sprinkle with salt to taste, and serve.



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Items of Interest

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

GAMRU

www.gamru.ca

Canadian Yachting

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

Sail-World

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

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>