



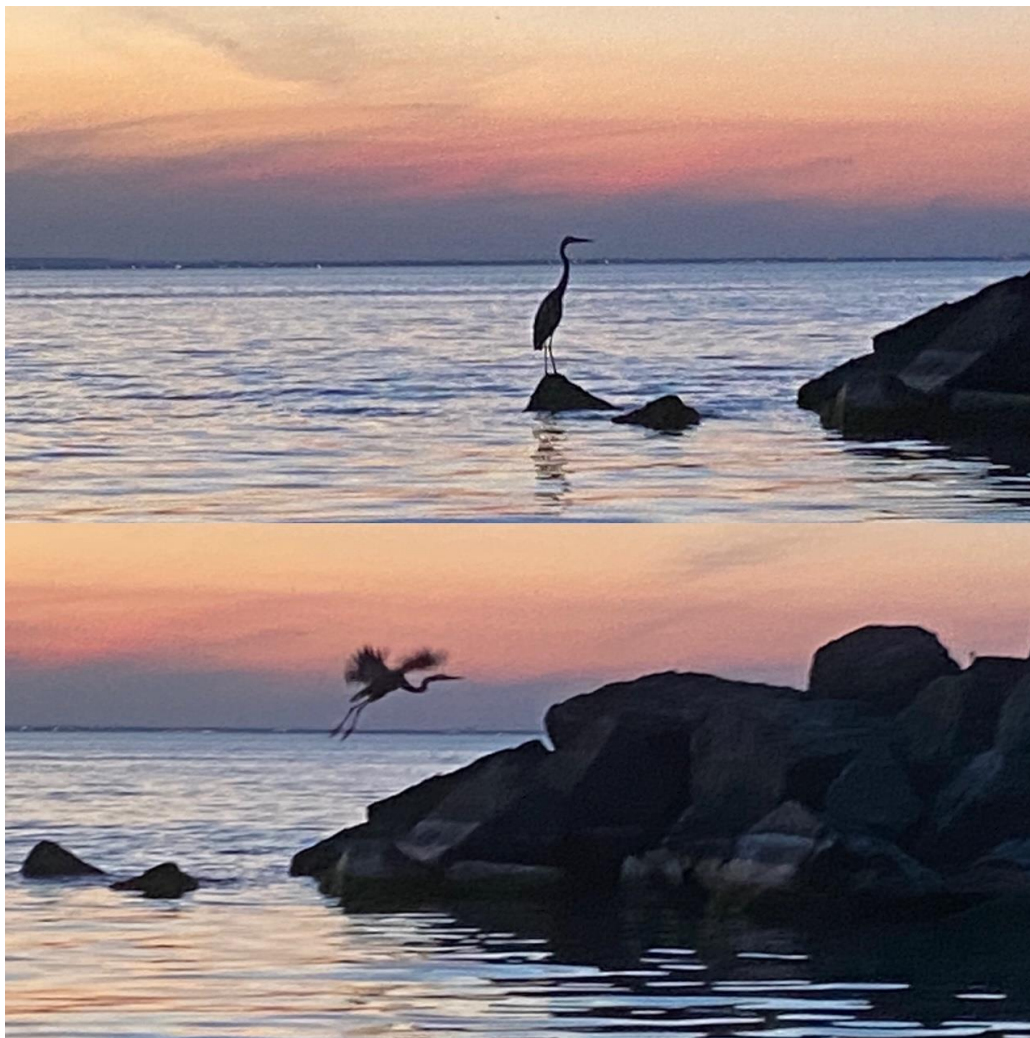
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Commodore's Message



I am writing this message during that major storm that hit just before Christmas. Looking outside as the wind blows the snow in almost horizontal sheets, it provides a good backdrop for positive thoughts as we think about boating.

Thoughts are with you all that you had a wonderful Holiday Season and are looking forward to 2023. We have passed the winter solstice, so now the days will thankfully start getting longer again as we move towards spring.

I'd like to extend my thanks and congratulations, to Bob Levo on being elected as Vice Commodore. Bob will be a great addition to the Board and we very much appreciate him signing on. And of course, I'd also like to welcome and thank Kathy Belanger for joining the Board in the role of Social Director. It's great to see so many people offer up their time to assist with running our Club. The new Board will have its first meeting in January and we will be busy preparing for the upcoming season.

Keep thinking warm thoughts and take pleasure in that the marina is busy sending out notices about reserving summer dock spaces. And it's great that they've also returned to offering tickets to the Boat Show in return for your deposit. After an absence of 2 years, I know I'm looking forward to going back and looking over all they have to offer.

Best wishes to everyone!

Steve Burgin

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Great to be part of the FPYC Board - Meet Your New Vice Commodore

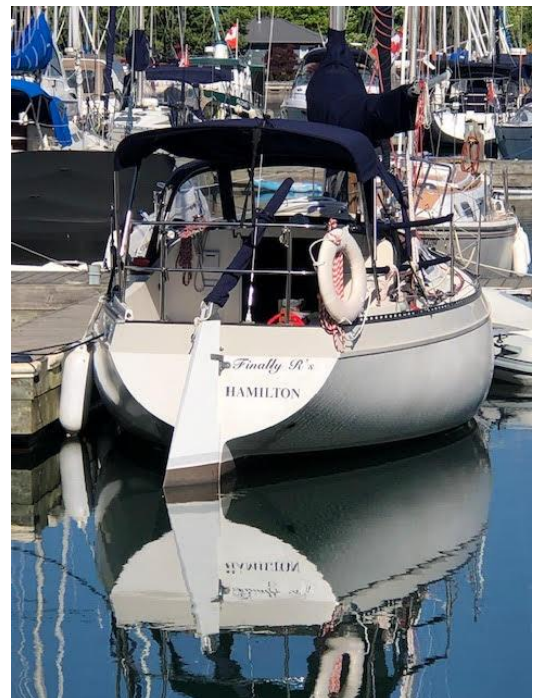
I am truly honoured to be entrusted with responsibility on the board of FPYC.

My wife Debbie and I have been members of FPYC club since 2018 , prior to that we had been members of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

I retired in May of this past year from a career in the medical device industry in which I held various leadership roles.

Our boat Finally Rs , a CS27, is berthed on H dock.

Fifty Point marina is a terrific location and we are so pleased to be part of the FPYC family.



Meet Your New Treasurer

Phil Kling

With over 20 years of sailing experience, Phil also brings his engineering, business and customer relations experience with him to Fifty Point Yacht Club.

Phil and his wife Rita were first introduced to sailing by friends starting out as crew on race nights in Whitby. Soon after, they purchased their own sailboat and became members of the Whitby Yacht Club participating in several Lake Ontario 300 races and many club cruises around the lake.

In 2018, they returned to the Niagara Region, docking at Port Dalhousie Pier Marina in St. Catharines. In 2022, they moved their boat “Perfect Day” to J15 here at the Fifty Point Yacht Club.

Phil is a member of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron and Professional Engineers Ontario (Ret) and loves nothing more than sailing and messin’ about with boats. Drop by and say hi this spring.



PHOTO CONTEST

We certainly have some talented photographers among our membership! There were many beautiful pictures submitted showcasing the things that highlight some of the reasons that we love boating. There were over 30 photos submitted and thanks to all who took the time to send them in.

BettyLou Munro graciously agreed to be the judge and to pick out the shots she thought were the best. She even went so far as to name the photos!

Beginning with the January issue of Scuttlebutt, the winning photographs will be posted, one each month, starting with the First-Place finisher.

Our thanks to BettyLou for agreeing to act as our judge and take on the difficult task of picking out the best from a wonderful selection of photographs.

Have your cameras at hand and be ready to submit for next year's contest!





On The Water

A record year on the water..

South Shore Search And Rescue volunteers wound up the 2022 boating season with a total of 43 rescue calls, equalling a record set in 2020.

In one of the busiest seasons on record, crews spent more than 50 hours on rescue missions plus more than 320 hours of training. Average response time was just under 11 minutes.

We set another kind of record in 2022, too: eight victims rescued in a single mission in July!



Training statistics were equally impressive: 116 training events with nearly 300 hours of exercise time on the water and another 11 classroom sessions for a total training time of 321.75 hours. That's up from the 251 hours of training in 2021 when Covid impacted our schedules.

By any measure, 2022 was an extraordinary season. In addition to the volume of calls, the diversity of situations we met on the water challenged our crews. They met that challenge with discipline, skill and commitment. We have every reason to be proud!

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As the year comes to an end, we want to thank our members and our supporters for being heroes on and off the water.

We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a happy, safe new year!



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Two Boaters & Their Dog Missing for 10 Days Found 200 Miles Off Delaware Coast

After a massive storm damaged their mast and left them adrift, a pair of sailors and their dog were found alive after drifting some 200 miles from the Delaware coast.

Kevin Hyde, 65, Joe Ditomasso, 76, and their dog Minnie were traveling from Cape May, New Jersey, to Marathon, Florida, aboard their boat *Atrevida II* but fell out of contact with their family after leaving North Carolina's Outer Banks on Dec 3rd.

"I got a voice mail from him on December 3 and it was really fuzzy cutting in and out," Ditomasso's daughter, Nina Ditomasso, told [NBC10](#). "But one point in the voice mail it said, "All is well."

But after not hearing from her father for another week, by December 10th Ditomasso's daughter became worried enough to start a missing person's report. It turns out her intuition was correct.

"A huge storm blew up and just blew us off course. I lost part of my mast, so I didn't have the power to make the turn," Hyde told [Fox29 Philadelphia](#).

"The scariest part was when the boom came down, it was 50-foot high for the sails," Ditomasso added. "Once we cut that mast off – the 40-foot seas, they were mountains. I was watching them."

The U.S. Coast Guard was notified that the group was overdue in Florida and a search was initiated.

The entirety of the search area spanned nearly the entire Eastern Seaboard from New Jersey to Florida, covering a massive search area of over 21,000 square miles.

Coast Guard cutters and aircraft were launched to help cover the massive surface area along with U.S. Navy ships and commercial and recreational boats along the group's expected route.



The damaged *Atrevida II* after being towed back to port. According to the Coast Guard, On Tuesday, Dec 13th, Hyde and Ditomasso were spotted by the crew of the *Silver Muna* tanker ship off the coast of Delaware.

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After safely boarding the *Silver Muna*, the men explained that they'd first encountered a storm that left them adrift, then run out of fuel rendering their radios, electronics, and navigation equipment inoperable. Unable to maintain a course back to the mainland, the two men had seemingly been adrift.

"The dog was unbelievable, you know, with 40-foot seas. Nobody got hurt. It's unbelievable," Joe DiTomaso told *Fox 29*.

After an evaluation by the medical staff aboard the *Silver Muna* both men and the dog were found to be in good health.

The trio will now stay aboard the tanker until it reaches its destination in New York, at which time the Coast Guard will reevaluate the men before reuniting them with their families.



Joe DiTomaso & Minnie / Photo- U.S. Coast Guard

"This is an excellent example of the maritime community's combined efforts to ensure safety of life at sea," said Cmdr. Daniel Schrader, spokesperson for Coast Guard Atlantic Area.

"We are overjoyed with the outcome of the case and look forward to reuniting Mr. Hyde and Mr. DiTomaso with their family and friends. We also want to highlight the importance of proper safety equipment and preparedness when going to sea. Having an emergency position indicating radio beacon, or 'EPIRB', allows mariners to immediately make contact with first responders in an emergency."

An [EPIRB](#), or Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon, is a self-sustaining electronic device that sends a boat's location via GPS once activated.

Carrying an [eVDSD](#) (electronic visual distress signaling device) is also highly recommended to ensure you can notify searchers of your location if they come near.

The situation aboard the *Atrevida II* is also a good reminder for boaters to [check their flares](#) and ensure they know [how to make an emergency call](#).

January Fun....!!

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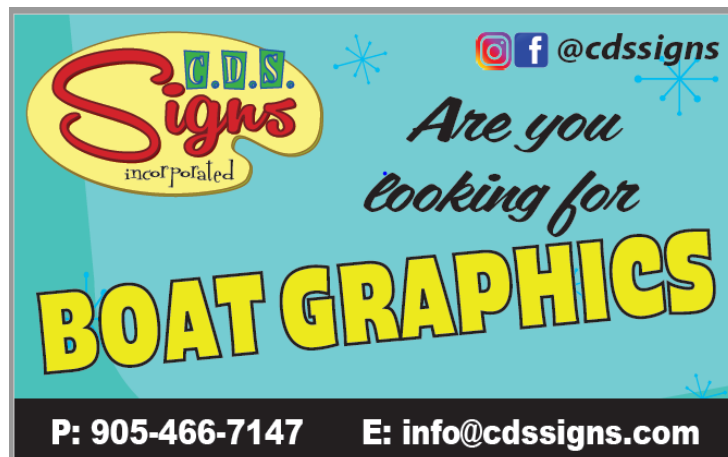
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Recipes from Your FPYC Board Members!

(Recipe courtesy of Food and Drink (LCBO))

Roasted Mushroom and Vermouth Risotto

Ingredients

- 1 pound mixed wild mushrooms, such as oyster, hen-of-the-woods, and chanterelle, torn into small pieces
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 7 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, divided
- 4 shallots, minced (about 3/4 cup)
- 1 1/2 cups arborio rice
- 1 cup dry vermouth
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for serving



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425°. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the mushrooms with the olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Spread the mushrooms in an even layer, and roast until golden and crisp, about 15 minutes, tossing halfway through.
2. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, bring the broth to a simmer. Keep warm.
3. In a large, deep skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add the shallots; cook over moderate heat, stirring, until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the rice, and cook, stirring, until lightly toasted, about 1 minute. Add the vermouth and cook, stirring until the vermouth is absorbed, about 2 minutes. Add 1 cup of the warm broth; cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until nearly absorbed. Continue adding the broth 1 cup at a time, stirring constantly, until it's nearly absorbed between additions, for 15 minutes.
4. Add half of the roasted mushrooms to the risotto. Cook the risotto, adding more broth as needed, until the rice is just tender and suspended in a thick, creamy sauce, about 5 minutes. Stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and the Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately, topped with the remaining half of the roasted mushrooms and more Parmesan.



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.

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Canadian Yachting

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

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

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