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1st Place Photo by Julie Wicket Old Buoys Get Together To Tie One On!

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FPYC Executive 2023



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Commodore's Message



Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to 2024!

The Christmas season has certainly seemed to fly by and I'm sure that all of you have plenty of good memories of time spent with family and friends! The spirit and wonder of the season are special and has its own particular meaning for each individual. Here's hoping you all received whatever you were wishing for this year!

January brings with it all kinds of great news and promises for the coming year. A personal favorite of mine is that the Winter Solstice has passed and we now start getting more and more daylight each day! To be sure, January and February can offer up some bleak weather, but knowing that the sun is out a little more every day can help get you through the storms!

Of course, 2024 also means it's our 40th Anniversary. As our website says, "We've been messing around in Boats since 1984". What a milestone that is and a testament to a great group of members who have supported and participated in the Club over all those years. Thank you to all of our members for joining and helping to make FPYC one of the best Clubs on the Lake. We will be joining the celebration with Fifty Point Conservation Area as they also will be celebrating their Anniversary. Look for many special events to commemorate this momentous year.

And let's not forget that the Boat Show is just around the corner. Take advantage of the free passes offered by the Marina and put a little sunshine into your January! From some of the emails I'm getting from different vendors, it sounds like this year's show is going to be a good one. One marine group on its own has said they'll be having almost 40 boats at the show. It's a great way to fire up the dream of the coming season and start making plans for your time on the water.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remind everyone that there is still a need for volunteers to work on the Board. Please consider offering your help and support to the Board so the Club will continue to thrive and grow. Please contact me if you'd like to find out more.

Best wishes for the coming year to you all from Paula and I. Steve Burgin Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

- FPYC Board of Directors 2024
- FPYC AGM Minutes
- Membership Update
- 2024 Photo Contest
- Show Your Creative Side.....
- January Boat Show!!
- Scuttlebutt Sponsorship
- Recipe Leftover Turkey Casserole



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

Steve Burgin	Commodore
Vacant	Vice Commodore
Phil Kling	Treasurer
Mark Backer	Secretary
Vacant	Membership
John Robinson	Membership
Ben Douglas	Cruising
Vacant	Cruising
Paula Burgin	Communications
Donna Shepherd	Director at Large / Merchandise
Dan Paquette	Social
Peter Collins	Social

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB ANNUAL GERNERAL BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 HELD VIA VIDEO ZOOM CONFERENCE

Attendees: Paula Burgin; Steve Burgin; Phil Kling; Peter Collins; Tom Dunmore; Art Veldhuizen; Mark Backer; Ben Douglas; John Robinson; Donna Shepherd; Jonathan Roberts (HCA); plus 23 FPYC member's

Regrets: Sam Vincent, Dan Paquette

- 1) The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM. The Commodore welcomed and thanked all those who attended the ZOOM call.
- 2) Agenda Opening remarks, Review of 2023, Reports, Social, Membership, Cruising, Reciprocals, Communications, Merchandise, Presentation from Fifty Point Marina Jonathan Robberts.

Opening remarks

- The Commodore welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Review of 2023

- The commodore thanked all members for joining FPYC for the 2023 season.
- There was a full slate of Social Activities that were all very well attended and supported.
- The reciprocals that were charged to the Club for the 2023 season were close to 2022 levels.
- FPYC members had a great season of Club Cruising events.
- The Commodore thanked the Board for all the long hours and dedication to the club this season.

<u>Social</u>

Peter Collins presented the social director's slide. 2023 was a great year for social activities. The weather was cooperative, for the most part, for all our planned events. We had good attendance and participation;

PRE-SPLASH BBQ

- Despite having a chilly morning and the threat of rain, we had a great turn out. Members were able to get together and share stories about their winter and look forward to an enjoyable boating season. The BBQ was a hit and the desserts even more so. It was a great kick off to the season.

NEW MEMBERS POTLUCK

- This event was held in conjunction with a morning "flea market" where anyone could sell, buy or trade items.
- The afternoon event provided an opportunity for new members to introduce themselves and find out what FPYC was all about, while enjoying some food and refreshments. It was another well attended event and demonstrated our member's hospitality and willingness to welcome new members.

SAIL PAST

- This was a day filled with activities and thankfully good weather. Starting with the piper's march to the gas dock, participation was fantastic, then the blessing of the boats by Reverend Lindsay. Sail Past had a large turnout of sail and power boats to salute our Commodore. A trophy for Best Dressed Boat was awarded to "Boa Vida" and "Alibi 37" as chosen by Betty Lou Munro (past Commodore and guest judge).
- In the afternoon there were snacks, wines and beers to enjoy. Thank you to Heidi Kirk and Jeremy Van Der Marel for sponsoring this event. It was appreciated! Then came the Sail Past dinner. The dinner was again a success as members could sit together if they wished or go back to their respective boats. Thank you to Maria and George of Limani for providing our buffet dinner and thank you to all that volunteered to make this day a success.

BEACH PAVILION BBQ and DANCE

- Another morning with the threat of rain yet somehow the weather magically cooperated minutes before the start of this event. Thanks again to Jim MacDonald and Donna Shepherd for the sound equipment and great selection of tunes. We sold raffle tickets for draws and auctioned off a few donated high value items with partial proceeds going to GAMRU. Thank you to the donors, auctioneer Ron Coyne, and everyone who helped set up, sell raffle tickets and clean up at the end of the night. It turned out to be a great night.

COMMODORE'S BALL

- Our last social event of the year was the Commodores Ball. It was a semi formal event, held at Galileo Gardens. We had 60 members attend the event with entertainment by Fiddlestix. It was a great evening of fun, food and dancing.
- Peter thanked everyone that helped and supported me through my first season as Social Director! The events would not have been as successful without you, and I appreciate all the participation.
- We are looking forward to all your new ideas and suggestions to make our 2024 and 40th anniversary a season to remember!!

- Thanks again and I look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Communications

Paula Burgin presented the communications slides. Paula thanked everyone for their article and photo submissions to Scuttlebutt. She invited members to continue their submissions;

Scuttlebutt

- Scuttlebutt is distributed via email through Mailchimp and posted monthly on the FPYC website. Please ensure that any contact changes are sent through info@fpyc.ca.
- Scuttlebutt Marketplace and Ad Section we currently have one company that is advertising here. This is a great source of revenue for the club, so if you know anyone with a business to advertise, please send them my way. Don't forget about the marketplace...it is a great venue for items that are for sale or free.

Email Communications for 2023

- We continue to use Mailchimp to as our formal means of communication.
- We have approximately 116 email addresses that we send regular email blasts to.
- So far in 2023 we have sent 55 email blasts and continue to see a high click and open rate.
- Emails to the info@fpyc.ca email address have remained steady. Typical questions deal with slip rentals/rates, winter storage and reciprocals.

Facebook Communications for 2023

- Many members continue to use Facebook to post information and interesting items.
- Thanks to all who posted photos online and also mentioned upcoming events.
- Please remember to follow FPYC FB guidelines when posting.

FPYC Website

- Paula thanked to Dave Goede for continuing to service our Website and to Donna Shepherd for coordinating website updates and changes. The website will need updating for the next season.
- Paula finished her presentation with opening the floor up to any future suggestions.

Membership

John Robinson presented the membership slides and broke down the numbers of the club for this year, 2023, compared to 2022's numbers;

- 2023
 - o Total Members 89
 - o Full Members 84
 - o (30 Power and 54
 - o Sail)
 - o Social Members 5
- 2022
 - o Total Members 85
 - o Full Members 81
 - o (31 power and 40
 - o Sail)
 - o Social Members 4
- The club is aiming to build its membership back up to 100 members. In previous years, 2017, 2018 and 2019 the club's membership was around 100 and due to covid the numbers have dipped. (See chart on page 14 of presentation)
- Your generous contribution funded FPYC costs such as insurance, association dues, related fees and website management.
- While 2023 saw many boaters return to the water, a number of Members did not join the yacht club due to the pandemic. Other members sold their boats in 2022 which also impacted membership.
- 2023 membership card distribution and delivery to Members had its challenges. Plans will be in place to improve the process for 2024.
- Many thanks to all who paid the membership fee in 2023!
- The Board would greatly appreciate if existing Members helped to recruit their boat neighbours to become new Members, especially those new to the marina in 2023/2024.
- More benefits were added to the Membership Perks Program for 2023, with food establishments and service companies offering discounts. If we would like this program to continue, future membership directors will need to continue discussion with existing partner, and all are welcome to submit ideas for new partners. Building on membership perks can be another way to build membership in the coming seasons.

- Current benefits of FPYC membership;
 - o Fellowship with boaters
 - o Spring splash
 - o Partner Perks
 - o Summer BBQ and Dance
 - o New member potluck
 - o FPYC burgee
 - o Discount advertising
 - o Sail Past
 - o Reciprocals (on and off season)
 - o Commodores Ball

Cruising

Ben Douglas presented the cruising slide;

- The main driver for membership this season was the 5 cruises that were organized.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up and participated in our club cruises this year. Particular thanks to those who volunteered as cruise captains for one or more cruises. You made a difference!
- We went to:
 - o June 10,11 Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
 - o July 1,2,3 National Yacht Club
 - o July 22,23 Dalhousie Yacht Club
 - o Aug 5-7 Port Credit Yacht Club
 - o Sept 2-4 Etobicoke Yacht Club
- There were lots of cruising opportunities and a full sign up. Most members on waiting lists were able to be accommodated.
- Many thanks to Fifty Point Marina and HCA for providing and setting up the awesome awning shelter and BBQ for the use and enjoyment of our reciprocal cruise visitors.

Cruising 2024

- Tentative destinations and dates so far are:
- June 15-16 Royal Hamilton YC
- June 29 July 1 Royal Canadian YC
- Aug 3-5 Port Credit YC
- Aug 31-Sept 2 National YC / Etobicoke YC
- We have some invitations from other clubs that will be firmed up in the next few months.

- Your suggestions for destinations are welcomed, as is your participation in cruises and cruise organization. Cruise captains make a big difference.
- Once all cruise dates are confirmed, the schedule will be published in Scuttlebutt early in 2024.

Question from Jeff Dinyer

- 1) The cruise captains for each cruise, seem to be the same people, there aren't very many volunteers. Is there a way to offer an incentive for volunteers to have new volunteers come forward?
 - a. Something to look into and discuss. Thank you, Jeff.

Reciprocals

Phil Kling presented the reciprocal slides;

- FPYC hosted 282 boat nights this year.
- Cost to FPYC \$14,738 (up \$1,400 from 2022)
- 115 of the boat nights were for club cruises.
- 167 were visitors coming on their own.
- Most boats only stay for the 1 free night.
- Only 13 nights were 2nd or subsequent nights.
- See page 23 of slide presentation for breakdown of clubs that visited FPYC.

Question

- 1) Where is there a list of reciprocals that other clubs offer?
 - a. There is a list on a website <u>LOCCA.ORG</u> and all of the clubs on and around Lake Ontario can be found there.
- 2) Why is Newport Yacht Club on our reciprocal list when they are so close to us. The member is unaware of anyone from FPYC who went to NYC this season and their club presents some issues with boaters attending (channel depth and close location to FPYC)
 - a. The board will review the issues brought up by the member and discuss the issue further.

Merchandise

Donna Shepherd presented the merchandise slides;

- FPYC merchandise continues to be popular and is recognized at yacht clubs around the lake!
- The FPYC profit share from merchandise sold this year was \$787.68

- Apparel included windbreaker jackets, 3-in-1 jackets, rain resistant jackets, t-shirts (long and short sleeve), dry fit shirts (long and short sleeves), golf shirts, pullover hoodies, zippered hoodies, sherpa –lined hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, sweatpants, toques and hats. Cooler bags and insulated drinkware were also available.
- Details for the 2024 merchandise line-up will be advertised in Scuttlebutt next Spring.
- We are exploring opportunities to include a 2024 anniversary logo on apparel next year. If you have suggestions for 2024 items, please email info@fpyc.ca.
- Many thanks for your interest in FPYC merchandise!

Presentation from Fifty Point Marina – Jonathan Roberts

Jonathan Roberts is the manager of the marina (HCA).

- Thank you to all for a wonderful first boating season. FPYC has been inclusive and a pleasure to work with.
- Recognizing and celebrating a safe and timely haul out. Thank you to all who make our job easy.

Support Within the Marina

- Fifty Point 40th Anniversary is next year! Marina staff want to work with the Yacht Club to come up with great ideas to celebrate. We want to hear from you, and all Fifty Point boaters.
- The HCA understands the importance of cruising to FPYC and the boating community. The HCA will be freezing reciprocal fees going into 2024.
- The HCA was happy to donate gas vouchers for FPYC's summer BBQ and dance to get boaters moving.
- The HCA is looking to replace pop up tent for visitors to encourage more visitors to choose to host their events at the marina.
 - o If you have a family event, please reach out to Nancy. We will find a place to accommodate.

Recent Improvements

- Continuous challenge accommodating multiple user demographics within Fifty Point; boaters, campers, visitors, contractors and even wildlife.
- Improvements and capital investment throughout the whole conservation area including boat launch, new gatehouse, new front entrance sign and finally a road repair of tar and chip on the main road.

Future Improvements

- Wetland creation. Clarification was provided to members on what this plan looks like and where it will take place.
- Front entrance redesign and paving. The HCA added a second booth to assist with a quicker access to the park. Providing a dedicated access on weekends to boaters at the Kelson Avenue gate.
- Accessibility dock repair. Will look into and address nonslip stripes on dock ramps. Ongoing repair to dock and walkway boards.
- Internet improvements. Updating internet access for the marina and park. This will require trenching to run a new line from the roadway to the marina. This is an ongoing issue and will be addressed in the coming future.
- Increased Security Adding marina security with increased cameras and dock patrols.
- Adding a new station/office for workers and security.
- Adding and updating cameras within compounds.
- Continued and ongoing boardwalk repair.

Treasurers Report

Phil Kling presented the financial report slides and provided a summary of the slides. (See slides 31 to 35).

- Financially the Club finished the fiscal year with a \$3,285.24 deficit. With expenses increasing and after holding membership fees for this year, it is quite likely that we will need to investigate ways to increase income for 2024.
- Suggested we explore government grants for the club to pursue.
- Next year presents an opportunity to expand on the 40th anniversary of the club for revenue purposes.
 - o More club events and membership involvement.

Questions

- 1) Is there an outside financial advisor to review the documents and corroborate the statements? For everyone's protection. In previous years there was a secondary review of the documents done by an independent person.
 - a. This hasn't been done as of the time of the meeting, but the board will make arrangements to get it done.
- 2) The Commodore's Ball seems to be a big chunk of the operating loss. What is included in the liabilities?
 - a. A reduction in ticket sale for the Commodores Ball was the reason for the loss. The Hall booking is included in the liabilities but that will be cleared up next month.
 - The above statements have been reviewed and are presented as an accurate reflection of the club finances to the best of my knowledge.

- Motion to accept the treasurers report and financial documents as presented. Motion was made by Jeff Dinyer and seconded by Peter Collins. The motion was passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Burgin continued the presentation with the list of 2023 Board of Directors. Listing the outgoing Directors and the new incoming Directors for 2024.

- A motion was made to affirm the list of proposed 2024 Board of directors. The motion was made by Bill Wickett and seconded by Art Veldhuizen. The motion was passed with no objections.

FPYC Outlook for 2024

Steve Burgin presented the slides for the 2024 outlook.

- This will be our 40th Anniversary, and we will celebrate along with Fifty Point Conservation Area.
- FPYC is looking to improve Membership levels for 2024. With the excitement surrounding the 40th Anniversary year and a number of activities being planned; we hope this inspires more people to join. We're also looking at events that might get more people involved.
- The Club has an excellent relationship with Fifty Point Marina, and we are working together to make improvements and provide value for our members.
- Positive feedback from the membership on the 2023 Social Events. Membership attendance at most events was exceptional and we thank members for their support.
- The Board is continuing to review and evaluate our Reciprocal Policy to ensure fairness and value to the Club.
- The need for Board volunteers is very high. We have several vacancies that need to be filled immediately. Looking ahead to the end of 2024, there are a number of current Board members who will be retiring. The Club needs volunteers to remain active.

Question

- 1) Was the meeting recorded? New member joined late and missed most of the presentation.
 - a. The slide show and minutes will be provided to members.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was made by Art Veldhuizen and seconded by Bill Wickett. The motion was passed, and the meeting was closed at 3:22 PM

Membership Update

We have renewed our Members Perks Program with the following Companies

Pita Pit- 10% Kelsey's-20% Hangry Chicken-10% Freshii-15% DNA Pizza -10% on orders over 15.00

New This Year

Booster Juice- 15% Sunshine Grill – 15% Marine Doctors – 10% off labour



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

John Robinson Art Veldhuizen Membership Directors



2024 Photo Contest

It's a pleasure to let everyone know that this year's photo contest was a great success! We received a record number of entries and the quality and content of the photos was amazing. There are some of you that could consider a career in photography! Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit their work!

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Betty Lou Munro, who generously offered to act as the judge for the photos. As most of you know, Betty Lou is a former Commodore and long-time member of FPYC and she continues to support the Club through a Social Membership. She receives the photos with no information that would identify the photographer. Betty Lou takes her job very seriously and spends considerable time sorting, grading and finally selecting the order of finishers. Thank you again for a job well done!

Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated. Our Club and the boating community is a special place and sharing our adventures and stories through photos helps keep all those great times close to the heart.

Many thanks!

SHOW YOUR CREATIVE SIDE!

As noted in October's Scuttlebutt, 2024 will be the 40th anniversary of Fifty Point Yacht Club! To commemorate this milestone, an anniversary burgee will be created.

The Board is inviting members to submit designs for an anniversary logo and burgee. The Board will be reviewing opportunities to incorporate the anniversary logo on 2024 apparel.

Design guidelines:

- The anniversary logo shall be included on the burgee
- The burgee can be a maximum of 3 colours (including the background colour)
- The burgee can be a triangle or rectangle shape (maximum 13"H x 19"W)

Please submit designs by December 31, 2023 to <u>info@fpyc.ca</u> The Board will review all submissions and will have the final decision on the design.

If you have any questions, please email info@fpyc.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!



Getting To Know You... We'd love to see your story here....



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

MEMBER BENEFITS

SOCIAL EVENTS:

FPYC holds numerous social events throughout the year that you and your guests will be welcome to attend. Plans for 2023 include: Pre-launch BBQ, New Member Meet and Greet, SailPast and Dinner, Summer BBQ and Dance, ending the season with the Commodore's Ball. Social Member Do not own a boat?

> Early Bird Fee \$65/year

After May 15 \$75/year

Membership Renewal

Early Bird Fee \$225/year

After May 15 \$250/year

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES:

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

ORGANIZED CRUISES:

FPYC Cruise Directors plan and organize 5 to 6 reciprocal club cruises - includes free weekend dockage, fun-filled activities, potluck dinners and much more!

New Member

Early Bird Fee \$260/year

After May 15 \$285/year Includes Burgee

MORE FPYC MEMBER BENEFITS! **Partnership Perks Program** - discounts year round at participating stores and restaurants in the Fifty Point area. **Marketplace** - free advertising space in FPYC's monthly

newsletter, Scuttlebutt, to sell personal items.

Sponsorship Program - discounted space in Scuttlebutt for company advertising.

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

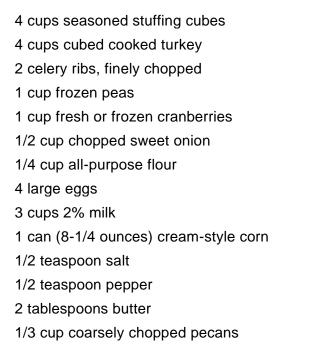
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Scuttlebutt Sponsorship



Leftover Turkey Casserole (Recipe/photo courtesy of tasteofhome.com)





Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Layer the first 6 ingredients in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk flour, eggs and milk until smooth. Add corn, salt and pepper; mix well. Pour over top; let stand 15 minutes. Dot with butter and sprinkle with pecans.

Cover and bake 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 30-35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.



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