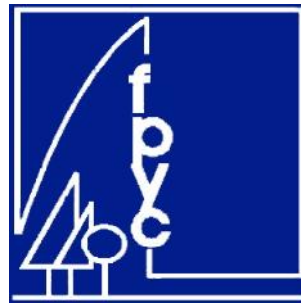




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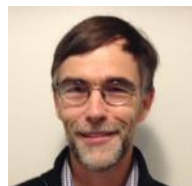
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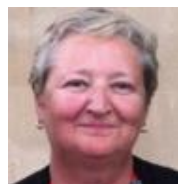
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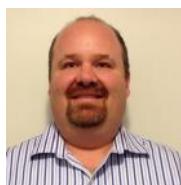
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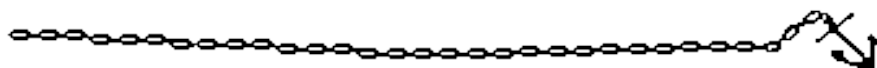
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# *From the Bridge...*

*Brian Weber, Commodore*



## Summer is for Cruising

When you have a major investment like a boat, everyone usually plans to maximize its use. After all, Summer is way too short and typically so is our enjoyment with the boat. This is also the case for your volunteer Executive members.

This year, there will not be an August edition of Scuttlebutt. Jayne and David Herring plan on spending the summer taking a break and sailing. Jayne is the person who spends countless hours hounding us to provide articles and preparing Scuttlebutt each month. If you have an article or pictures, please send them along to Jayne. It is surprising to me that some of our members do not read Scuttlebutt. This publication has all the information on FPYC activities. It also talks about changes that the executive have initiated along with the rationale and we hope that more members will start reading each issue cover to cover.

The executive members of FPYC are strictly volunteers and donate a lot of their time on your behalf. Over the past few years, there have been many changes to the way things are being done and not all changes have met with membership approval. It's either that members are resistant to change, or they just liked the old way better. However, since we are volunteers, the changes made have been to optimize the process and reduce the amount of time spent on FPYC business. After all, many of us are having to do more with less in our own work experience, so why not here too? This is especially the case since it is difficult to encourage people to volunteer for the executive. Yes, we are getting better at seeing people volunteer to help, but we still need the executive to do the planning.

There is the possibility that seven executive members out of 10 may retire at this year's Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the executive, please speak with me in person or contact me via e-mail at [wrstedy@gmail.com](mailto:wrstedy@gmail.com).

Many thanks to Ann Middleton for volunteering to organize the Summer Solstice BBQ. There were 107 members in attendance. By all accounts everyone enjoyed the food and dancing to Reflexion Music. Many thanks to all of our volunteers as there were about 17 people who had a part in picking up all the food, picking up the BBQ and cooking, setting up the tables and clean-up after the event. Without the help of the volunteers we would not have had such a successful event.

Unfortunately, we have to change the Commodore's Anchor Cruise, (now August 23) due to a conflict with Fifty Point Marina's Customer Appreciation Day (August 16). This was the only other free weekend that we had to continue with the cruise, but it conflicts with a Charity Pig Roast being held by Tracey Russell. While this is a worthwhile non-FPYC event, we are going ahead with the Commodore's Cruise on August 23 as the Pig Roast might not attract the same members.

Remember to mark the Commodore's Ball on your calendar. It is at the Beacon on November 15, 2014. Meal choices are chicken, salmon or prime rib. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dancing after dinner. It will be a cash bar and tickets will be available in August with a cost of \$55 per person.

Enjoy the Summer and look for Scuttlebutt to return in September!



## *FPYC Cruise to Oakville*

While the day started well for the twelve boats and sailors going to Oakville the winds petered out and most were destined to join the power boat group and putt-putted their way to the Kingdom of Larry.

We had a wonderful afternoon get-together at the gazebo where we celebrated Noah Pollard's birthday with rice crispy squares with sprinkles! (Noah doesn't like cake). Later in the evening groups set off for dinner while quite a few availed of the restaurant services of the club right on the dock and others went in search of a place to watch the World Cup.

Sunday provided a bright although cool sail back to Fifty. As always a weekend away on the boat seems like a week.



## *FPYC Cruising*

If you are reading this now and have not been on the Oakville or Cathedral Bluffs cruise, it is too late to attend those cruises, but it is not too late to sign up for:

- Royal Hamilton July 12 & 13;
- Port Credit August 2, 3 & 4 (Cruise Captain Needed);
- Commodore's Anchor Cruise, Carols Point Hamilton, August 23 & 24; and
- Lakeshore Yacht Club August 30, 31 & September 1 (Cruise Captain Needed).

Cruising gives you an opportunity to travel to some of the favorite spots members have told us that they like to visit. It also gives you an opportunity to meet, mix and mingle with other members and make new friends.

Your Cruise Directors work hard each year to secure your favourite spots and they appreciate your feedback and help to make each cruise successful.

All members are welcome to join a cruise. Either sign up by sending an email to [fpyc.cruising@gmail.com](mailto:fpyc.cruising@gmail.com) or speak with them directly. This year your Cruise Directors moved to an electronic format for cruise sign-up. This method simplified the work that they needed to do before each cruise.

We contact members just before the cruise to ensure the member is still able to go on the cruise as we need to ensure adequate dockage with the reciprocal club and confirm the number of boats expected.

**If you are able to act as the Cruise Captain for Hamilton or Port Credit, please contact Chris Almeida or Stephen Middleton.**



## *New Members Wine & Cheese*

*By Darlene Mantel*

On Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> we welcomed our newest members to FPYC at a wine and cheese social. We are very pleased to report that we had 18 new members join us for the gathering. Please welcome them to the club when you are out and about on the docks.

I had the pleasure of speaking with each new member and was able to ask a few questions of each one.

Tom and Linda have a sailboat, Reunion, and they reside in slip C39. They enjoy the peacefulness, sunshine and fresh air that boating brings.

Julie and Bill have a sailboat, Makin' Time, and they reside on dry dock, but launch their boat when they go for a sail. Bill has been around boats for most of his life and they enjoy the relaxation that sailing provides.

Allan and Tricia have a power boat, Serendipity, and they reside in slip C17. They like being on the water and enjoy meeting the other boaters at Fifty Point.

Sue and John have a sailboat, Peregrine, and they reside in slip G2. They love boating and have always had a boat.

Linda and Joe have a sailboat, Sunkissed, and they reside in slip G9. They also love boating and say that they were "born to boat".

Diane and Dave have a sailboat, Strider, and they reside in slip F3. They were not in attendance at the wine and cheese social, but Sue and John and Linda and Joe tell me that Dave and Diane are the reason that they all have boats.

Cindy and Jeff have a sailboat, Pogo, and they reside in slip C37. They find boating very relaxing and Cindy's dad also had a sailboat.

John and Kathryn have a sailboat, Nahanni, and they reside in slip F24. They like to travel and sailing will certainly provide this opportunity.

Lyn and Lance have a sailboat, Gwylan, and they reside in slip D30. They enjoy sailing as it helps them to keep their sanity.

Colin and Terry have a power boat and they reside in slip H32. They have yet to name their boat, any suggestions out there? They have always had a boat.

Again, please make sure that you welcome these new members to FPYC and encourage them to join us on our cruises, sailing races and social events.





*Wine & Cheese Reception  
for  
New Members*





Through mostly grunts and exaggerated gestures, two fishermen/gatherers attempt to communicate.



He doesn't go out to sea anymore since he learned how to steal online !

## *Gone Sailing!*

**Don't forget there will  
not be an August issue  
of Scuttlebutt**

**as we will be enjoying the  
summer...**

**See you in September**

*Jayne*





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## Nominations for Your 2015 Executive



The 2014 Yacht Club Executive would like to get you thinking about nominations for **YOUR** 2015 executive. A number of positions are coming to the end of their term, and it is critical that we have these key positions filled for the Yacht club to continue providing the great service to its members.

Commodore – 2 year term \*\*  
 Vice Commodore – 2 year term  
 Secretary – 2 year term  
 Racing – 2 year term  
 Cruising – 1 X 2 year term  
 Communication/Scuttlebutt Editor – 2 year term  
 Membership Director – 2 X 2 year term  
 Website Administrator – **New Position** – 2 year term  
 Volunteer Co-ordinator – 2 year term



\*\* Note: Brian is at the end of his second consecutive term (4 years), and based on the by-laws cannot be commodore for another term without an amendment. Brian has agreed, to provide assistance / guidance to the incoming Commodore or even stay one more year provided there is a Vice Commodore and the membership approves.

Being a member of the Executive has been an exciting and enjoyable time. It is a way to connect with your fellow boaters, get to know more members of the Yacht Club and the Marina. You get to represent Fifty Point Yacht Club to visiting members and while travelling to name a few. People always say with many hands it makes light work which is very true and why it is so important to get some nominations in for these positions.

If you have any questions or have any interest in any of these positions, feel free to talk to any member of the executive. We would be more than happy to share our experiences and help as needed with the transition to the new executive





# Customer Appreciation & Pot Luck Dinner August 16th

Nancy Arnold & Hamilton Conservation Authority have planned another exciting customer appreciation day to be held on Saturday, August 16th. We are planning a pot luck dinner again this year for everyone interested in attending at the D Dock Shelter.

**The timing for the day's activities is as follows:**

10:00 a.m. Pirate Poker Run with non-motorized dinghies;  
12:00 p.m. BBQ lunch;  
1:00 p.m. Balloon Toss;  
2:00 p.m. Bocce;  
3:30 p.m. Volleyball; and  
5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner.

Again this year, there are plenty of prizes for the winners plus best pirates' costume. It is hoped that some-body will provide Nancy with a beer to cry in again this year if the customers are triumphant over her volleyball team. It is rumored that the only qualification for the hiring of marina staff is to be a school volleyball champion.

For the POT LUCK, we are requesting that everyone bring a small main course for about 4 people. In addition, if you are on docks A, B, C, D or E, please also bring a salad. Those on docks F, G, H and J, please also bring a dessert. Obviously if you have more than 4 family or friends attending, that you bring a main course to feed the numbers attending. So for example if you have 12 friends coming, bring a main course to feed at least 12 people.

Also, the pot luck is BYOB, plates, cutlery etc.....

**Note:**

**If order to participate in the dinghy poker run you **MUST** register in advance before August 12th, by emailing [Nancy.Arnold@conservationhamilton.ca](mailto:Nancy.Arnold@conservationhamilton.ca).**



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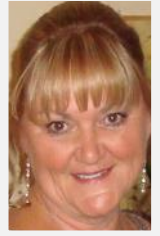
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# *Christine's Galley*



## *Strawberry Shortcake Martini*

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- 1 oz (or 2) Amaretto

Pour into a Martini glass and garnish with a strawberry.

To make a true strawberry shortcake, dip rim of martini glass in graham cracker crumbs!



*" I never go jogging, it makes me spill my martini"*

*George Burns*



## *July Race Report* *By Garry Cooke*

We are offering racing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through the season, as well as other races on weekends such as cruising weekends and other occasions.

We will be running a Tuesday evening series, and Thursday with Newport YC and the sailing instructions are posted on the website on the racing page. We generally leave the marina at 6:00 p.m. to be at the race course at 6:30 p.m. for the start.

Contact me ([fpyc.racing@gmail.com](mailto:fpyc.racing@gmail.com)) to register for the 2014 season, or if you require a handicap certificate from PHRF-LO.

Garry Cooke



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# Wind, Weather and Waves

By Doug Nixon

## Waves

Whether you are looking to ride the waves or steer clear of them, it pays to know what you are likely to encounter, when and where. Environment Canada's off-shore marine forecasts give average mid-lake wave height (the average heights of the highest one third of waves, measured from trough to crest).

However, wave conditions may vary considerably from these forecasted wave heights when you are near shore because of the variation in the slope of the lake bottom and larger scale phenomena such as currents and wind set-up can combine with local wave conditions to stir up confused and chaotic seas.

On the Great Lakes, waves are primarily wind-driven, with swell being much less significant than on the open ocean. Wind waves are created by the force of the wind on the water. How large these waves become depends on: the wind speed, how long the wind persists without changing direction (duration) and the distance the wind has been blowing over water from the same direction (**fetch**).

**Swell** refers to waves that are no longer being built or supported by wind.

Decaying swell continues across the lake after the initial driving wind has shifted or died. These rolling waves move in the direction of the wind that generated them. For this reason, after a sharp wind shift, confused, steep seas may last for several hours as new wind-driven waves combine with the old swell. This is especially true at the northeast ends of the lakes after a cold frontal passage.

Here is a "Swell" that you wouldn't want to encounter in a boat ...



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Edward Gibbon

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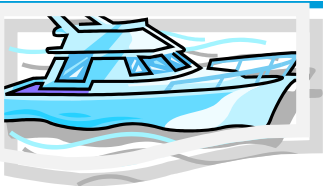


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Port Credit YC August 2-4

Commodore's Anchor cruise - August 23-24

Lakeshore YC - Aug 30,31, Sept 1

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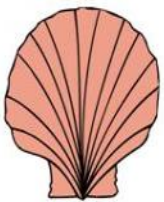
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