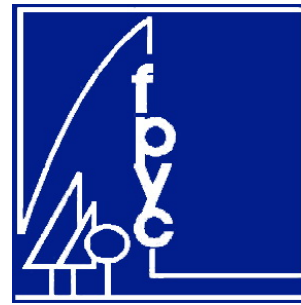


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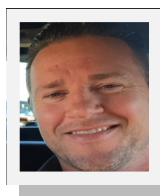
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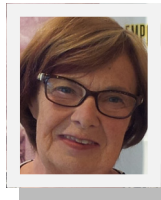
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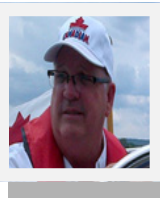
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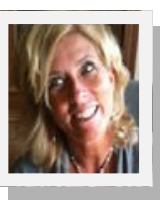
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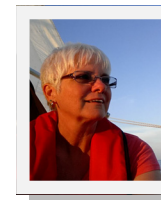
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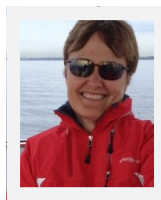
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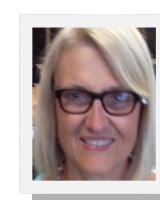
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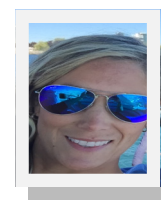
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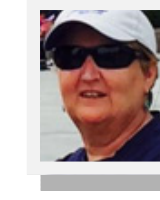
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# From the Bridge...

*Stephen Middleton, Commodore*

**July**



It is July and the word of the month is “Gallimaufry”. A good and serviceable word that has been underutilized for far too long. Really, when was the last time you used “gallimaufry” in a conversation? Oh, I hear you complain that there just haven’t been any opportunities but I believe we simply haven’t been making the effort. For example, you meet a fellow boater on the dock, do you open with a cheerful and very Canadian, “Happy Canada Day and what about this weather, eh?” Or, do you spice it up a little and go with, “Happy Canada Day, love your outfit, a bold choice, a perfect gallimaufry of styles and colours that really complements this weather, eh?” See what I mean? So many missed opportunities. A situation I aim to correct in this article.

But speaking of Canada Day, this past weekend did indeed offer a real gallimaufry of both weather and activities. For getting out on the water we got to choose between no wind, beautiful gentle 10 knot breezes and 25 knot gusts accompanied by a gallimaufry of yelling about too much sail and the need to reef the main now damn it! If you were so inclined, you could choose to participate in the “dinghy fireworks watching and spontaneous singing of Oh, Canada” activity, or the following evening try the “dinghy sunset watching with torrential downpour” event (a particular hit with those who had received some questionable assurances about the weather). There was also the cruise to Mimico, a limited number of boats, but those who made the voyage had a great time and a ring-side seat to a massive Canada Day party.

Meanwhile, back on shore at Fifty Point, to say we had a gallimaufry of activities could almost be considered an understatement. We had a pig roast on one side of the marina complimented by a lamb roasting on the other side. We had the “boat fenders dressed up as very small people” tossing contest, which, with only minimal provocation, turned into a massive water balloon fight.

It was Canada Day weekend. While the continuing high water levels ruled out many of the options for voyaging to other ports, the sheer determination of boaters to make the most out of a great summer weekend was on full display. Happy 150th Birthday Canada!

There will not be a Scuttlebutt issue in August, just a “Gone Sailing” sign hung on the door. Between now and September there are gallimaufry of things to keep in mind:

Planned cruises may or may not be able to go ahead. RHYC in mid July probably not; Port Credit on the August long weekend should be okay; Oakville in mid August and RCYC on the September long weekend are TBD. Check out the cruising update in this issue for the latest information.

Be sure to mark July 22 in your calendars, this is our beach barbeque and dance party. Big John and the Night Trippers will be back to help us rock the night away. One change this year, no tickets to buy. We will have charcoal barbeques hot and ready for whatever you bring to eat. Pack a picnic basket and cooler and just show up at the beach pavilion. Find more information the social update in this issue.

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Under the heading of “other business”, the board is looking ahead to next year and we are going to need some new members. There will be positions opening up for communications, social, cruising, membership, treasurer and commodore. The communications role is getting to the critical point. Jayne will publish her final Scuttlebutt issue in October, that is just two more issues, we need someone to step up for the job now. To those who have already put your names forward to help on the board, thank you! To everyone else, running a successful season requires that a gallimaufry of things get done - the club really needs your help. Think about it.

One final note, especially to those of you wondering why I have made so many references to a French stew: Gallimaufry is a fine word. Make a point of working it into your conversations this summer. If you look, I’m certain you will find a veritable salmagundi of opportunities.

Back in September.

Stephen

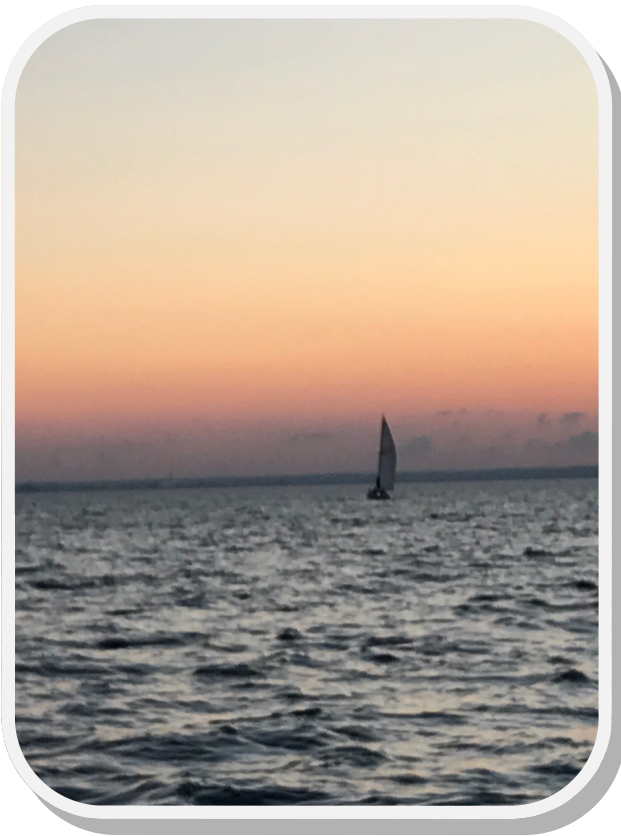


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## **Sailing News**

By Garry Cooke

### ***Local Sailing Events:***

#### **Tuesday Night Racing:**

The Tuesday night racing locally with boats from Fifty Point Marina and Newport, has been quite interesting so far this year. We generally get 10 or more boats out, but we are always looking for more yachts to participate. If you are interested in getting involved please let me know. We have boats in the 'main and jib' fleets as well as 'spinnaker' fleets. The results are posted on the notice board at the south side of the Marina office.

#### **Lake Ontario Racing:**

The long distance race 'Ontario-300' will be taking place in mid-July, and will cover 300 nautical miles from Port Credit Yacht Club to the East end of the Lake and back to the West end before finishing back at Port Credit. A number of boats have entered from our club over the years (including mine). It is a great experience, since you travel 24 hours a day, and the race can take about 2 to 3 days to complete. Winds generally range from calm to 25+ knots. There are boats with solo skippers as well as fully crewed boats, so you get to pick your preferred fleet.

If you wish to enter, there is a mandatory equipment list for safety equipment. In the last few years the boats have been fitted with trackers, so that progress can be seen on the internet. If you would like more information I can provide you with details.

### ***Tethers:***

Most sailors that sail offshore or on the Lakes in heavier weather will wear a tether to hold them in the boat should they slip. Some recent incidents involving people that were tethered have changed the recommendations.

An incident recently with the resultant loss of life occurred when a crewman who was wearing a 6 foot(1.8m) long tether was washed off the fore deck during a sail change. It took over 2 minutes before he was recovered and unfortunately he drowned. After conducting tests, it has been determined that a person in the water being dragged by the boat at speeds greater than 2 knots cannot breathe! (most sailboats travel at speeds greater than 4 knots).

The recommendation from the committee reviewing this incident and others like it, is do not use long tethers (use 700mm maximum length) and also fit the Jack lines to which the tether is attached near to the centerline of the boat. The purpose to keep the crew fully inside the lifelines so they cannot fall outside the boat.

Food for thought if you plan on doing short-handed sailing.



## Mimico Cruise



Photo by T. McFarlan



Photos by S. Fletcher





# 2017 Fifty Point Yacht Club Social Events

The season is well under-way, here are the next events:

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pot-Luck Beach BBQ & Dance Party  
There are no tickets to buy this year—pot luck only at the Beach Pavilion  
BBQ's will be available to cook your food

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Commodores Ball

We'll get these events up on the website calendar and each month in Scuttlebutt, we'll give details of the next upcoming event(s).



The Oakville Cruise scheduled for June 17-18 had to be cancelled due to high water levels on the lake. These cruisers were determined not to let a little high water spoil their fun and got together for a pot-luck dinner anyway! Here is a picture of the 'Faux Oakville Cruise Group.'

Picture by Nancy Verbunt

## 2017 Cruise Schedule

### *Royal Hamilton Yacht Club*

*July 15/16*

A short journey with lots of time to enjoy the outdoor pool and the Hamilton Harbour waterfront trail. On Friday July 14, participate in an optional “anchor night” at nearby Carroll’s Point.

### *Port Credit Yacht Club*

*August 5, 6 & 7*

Join us on our family cruise weekend with lots for the kids and adults too – outdoor pool, playground, great restaurant and beautiful trails along the lakeshore. See if you can spot Mike Holmes and his boat!

### *Oakville Yacht Squadron*

*August 19/20*

Back to Oakville for those who missed the first cruise to the area or just want to return with a view from the other side of the river. This self-help club has a full service kitchen for those so inclined.

### *Royal Canadian Yacht Club*

*September 2, 3 & 4*

Wrap up the season on the Toronto Islands with tons of activities for all ages. Bring your bike to enjoy all the islands or if you are feeling adventuresome head over to the clothing-optional beach. The club has an outdoor pool and a beautiful verandah to enjoy a hot summer evening.

## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT UPCOMING CRUISES

Our cruising schedule is going to be disrupted this summer because of the high water levels at many of the clubs we were planning to visit. We are looking at some alternate activities for situations where a cruise has been cancelled or postponed. We will keep everyone informed as we hear from the other clubs throughout the summer.

Sue Millar (G26) & Judie Galvin (G28)  
FPYC Cruising Directors



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# HELP WANTED

I have had the pleasure of providing Fifty Point Club Members with our monthly newsletter known as Scuttlebutt since my first edition in December 2012. While I have enjoyed this volunteer opportunity immensely, I am getting ready to head into retirement and I would like to free up some time to pursue other opportunities so it's time to hand the torch over to someone new with fresh ideas!

In short, I am looking for someone to take over Scuttlebutt soon and I am very willing to help with the transition, but time is running out **- October 2017 will be my last issue.**

Editing Scuttlebutt is a great way to get to know your fellow FPYC members and would be ideal for someone with a passion for photography or writing.

If you would like some more information on this opportunity, or think you might be interested in volunteering for this task, please talk to any member of the executive, or email me at [jayneherring9@gmail.com](mailto:jayneherring9@gmail.com).

*Jayne*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO HOLIDAYS THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUGUST ISSUE OF SCUTTLEBUTT!**





*Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!*

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