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## From the Bridge...

## Stephen Middleton, Commodore



The boating season is now officially underway. Even the weather has acknowledged it. The boats are blessed and crews are ready. I know this because I saw it first-hand while taking the Sailpast salute. And let me just say, you all look absolutely marvelous out there!

For those who missed it, I wish you a wonderful season and hope to see you at the upcoming events. The rest of you, I know, had a great day. We started off with a first-class breakfast and followed that with the parade, lead by the colour guard, drum and pipes of the Grimsby 62 Phantom Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets. A brilliant combination of stirring sights and sounds.

Being on the water for Sailpast as Commodore is a unique experience, and a personal first. Riding at anchor and receiving the salute from the procession of boats was unforgettable!

Back on land, we had the first of our "Cold Water Boot Camps". Working through how you would handle a crew-overboard emergency on your boat, before you have to do it for real. It just makes so much sense, yet many of us simply don't get around to it. This session generated lot's of discussion and the intention by at least one group to get together on the water to practise what they had learned - once the lake warms up a bit that is.

Then it was dinnertime. This year catered by The Landing restaurant. I know everyone was hungry and I could see for myself that the food went down well. Thanks to Albert and crew, and I hope we can continue to build the relationship between the club and The Landing. It is a great venue, steps from our boats, and we all can all benefit from a good relationship.

So, all-in-all, a very fine day. Room for improvement next year? Absolutely. I have already received feedback from a number of you about what you really liked and what can be improved for year. Thanks for sharing your ideas and I look forward to hearing more.

None of the above would have been possible without a lot of time and effort on the part of club members. From the printing, distribution and tracking of all of the tickets, to the planning, provisioning and logistics of providing enough breakfast for 120 people, it is no small task. Invitations and arrangements were made for the colour guard, the blessing of the boats, and feeding 160 people for dinner. The enthusiastic help getting it all together, organizing, serving and cleaning up on the day is great to see. I don't list all of your names here for two reasons: the first is that I would be sure to miss someone and feel awful. The second is that some of you just prefer to help out where you see the need and don't want to be on any list. So, my sincere thanks to all of you. None of this happens without you.

So, moving on to the rest of the season, what's next? The June weekends have a lot to offer:

We have the New Member meet and greet on June 6 from 4-5 pm. In response to your input, this year we are opening the event to all FPYC members. The format is an appetizer pot luck and we are asking returning members to bring their favourite appetizer to share with our new dock mates.

June 13 is the Oakville Club cruise - now a firmly established tradition.

June 20 is the Summer Solstice BBQ at the beach pavilion. Come out and for steak or salmon and an evening of music by the lake. See Ann Middleton, dock F24 for tickets. Ann will be around the docks for the next two weekends and you will definitely be able to find her at the New Member pot luck on June 6th.

As you can see, lot's to choose from. Having trouble deciding? Save yourself the effort and just do it all. After all, it's a short season!

Stephen

## **Upcoming Events**

# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Appetizer Potluck
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Oakville Cruise
14 Oakville Cruise	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer BBQ (tickets from Ann Middleton)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Port Credit Cruise
28 Port Credit Cruise	29	30				

## Coming in July

July 11 FPYC Anchor Cruise

For more upcoming events preview the calendar on our website here

# RegattaDelSolAlSol 2015 Sailing from St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Florida to Isla Mujeres, Mexico Dave Goede April 2015

This past April, I was asked if I wanted to sail in the RegattaDelSolAl, an annual sailboat race that has run since 1964 between the St. Petersburg Yacht club, Florida and the Club de Yates, Isla Mujeres, Mexico. I joined the crew of Midnight Sun, a Hunter 37 in Bradenton Florida and raced for 5 days across the Gulf of Mexico.

#### Skippers Meeting -April 23

The forecast calls for very light winds and high pressure sitting over the west coast of Florida coast for the next few days. A very slow start to the race is predicted. Last minute preparations are under way to get the boat ready for the 450 Nautical Mile race. Food and drinks are loaded onto the boat but it appears the refrigeration is not working properly. Packing plenty of ice just in case.

#### Day 1 – Race Day

5 minute warning gun goes off at 10:00 am sharp. Countdown sequence begins, we are in a very good position and are able to get good clean air for the start.

Light winds settle in which makes sailing out of Tampa Bay a very slow process. Once clear of the Sunshine Skyway bridge, a 15kn. South wind fills in and we are finally sailing comfortably. By sundown, the winds have completely died and we are sitting 20 miles off shore within eye-site of 5 other racers going nowhere. Around midnight the South wind returns and we are back sailing in very comfortable conditions. The plan is to sail as close to a straight line to Mexico as we can, but always trying to stay slightly below the rhumb line as we know the current near Mexico (Yucatan Channel) will be fairly strong and pushing us back up into the Gulf, and off our course.



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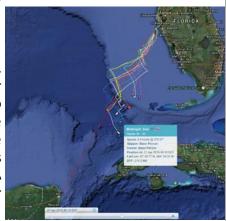
#### Day 2

Good, steady South wind are allowing us to sail pretty much exactly on course. We are now looking for a warm water current that is generally found above Cuba. If handled correctly it can be used to pull us a little further south and get us positioned for our entry into the Yucatan channel. Once again, the wind drops out completely around sunset and we drift around for a few hours. This time, no other boats are in sight. A bird decides to fly over and sit on the rail for a while, I am told, this usually not a happy story as birds this far off shore often are disoriented and lack the energy to fly all the way back to land. The wind finally returns around midnight and we are off sailing once again, the warmer water has brought along the phosphorescence and with

every wave the water has a magical glow

#### Day 3

South winds build throughout the day. This is not a common occurrence here, as there is generally a prevailing East wind, which would make this a faster more comfortable sail. With the wind direction and large swell we need to keep working south, as we do not want to get pushed too far North into the Gulf of Mexico. The Refrigeration never worked properly and now the ice we packed has all since melted in the 34C sunshine. Most of the food we packed is spoiling pretty fast, so what doesn't get eaten, will be fish food very soon. A small pod of dolphins swim alongside for a few miles, but soon are on their way unimpressed. with our progress.



Sailing south below the rhumb line

### Day 4

Nasty conditions all around. The current passing the Western edge of Cuba is strong, leading to a fairly significant swell of around 10 -15ft. Occasional waves hit us from the side, breaking over the bow and soaking anyone in the cockpit. We have pretty much thrown out anything that was once edible so water and granola bars look like the menu for the balance of the race.

#### Day 5

After a great overnight sail, the end is in sight. Overnight, we sailed a little too far North and it appears that we will arrive in Mexico around 10 miles North of the finish line. This will add some additional time as we will need to sail South along the shore to finish. Everyone is exhausted and little mistakes are easily made.

#### Race complete

We are the 3<sup>rd</sup> boat in the fleet of 15 to finish. There are significant variations

in boat performance, a handicap system (PHRF) is therefore used to level the field and make all boats competitive. We correct our standing to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our fleet and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Five days of sailing, 450 nautical miles, and a second place finish. A good showing given the challenges and now we are off to enjoy the lovely island of Isla Mujeres,













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## Race Report - June 2015 By Garry Cooke

Racing on Tuesday started on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> with Newport YC. If you wish to participate in racing for the rest season you will need to email me at FPYC.Racing@gmail.com .

Thursday Pursuit races will start on Thursday, June 4th and you are required to register prior to the event via e-mail, or I can be found at dock D11 onboard 'Eclipse'.

The pursuit style races are more casual, friendly type racing, without the stressful start line. Every boat receives their unique start time, thus avoiding the congestion at the start and races will typically take an hour to hour and a half.

Plan to leave your Dock at 6:00 pm in order to be at the start line at 6:30 pm.

I have posted notices on the board, and also instructions on the website.

Some boats are looking for crew members, so if you wish to race drop me a line and I will try and place you on a boat.



## Grimsby 62 Squadron

In Sept 2005, the Grimsby 62 Squadron started with just 22 cadets. Today, it is the largest Air, Army or Sea Cadet unit in the Hamilton/Niagara area with over 115 cadets enrolled and participating in the program. Out of 115 Air Cadet Squadrons in Ontario, 62 Phantom Squadron was recognized as the Top Air Cadet Squadron in the Province for 2012-2013 at the 2013 Air Cadet League Annual General Assembly.

The purpose of the Air Cadet program is to develop in youth the attributes of Leadership, Citizenship and physical fitness. The cadet program offers challenges, friendship, travel and adventure opportunities to all members enrolled in the program.

Do you know any young people who are 12-18 years old, interested in adventure and unique opportunities?

The 62nd meets on Friday nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mountain Ridge Community Centre located at 105 Mountain Road in Grimsby.

## **Cold Water Boot Camp Sessions**

On Saturday, May 23rd and May 31st club members participated in two 'Cold Water Boot Camp' sessions where we learned about cold water rescue, crew overboard drills and the proper way to throw a floating heaving line. It was a very informative session and we wish to thank Nigel Spink, who along with his wife Becky, are new FPYC members. Nigel is Crew Captain and a Search and Rescue Instructor with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary unit in Oakville (TOWARF) and we are grateful that he is sharing his expertise with club members!



## Welcome to FPYC

Please join us in welcoming GAMRU to Fifty Point! The GAMRU boat will now be using Fifty Point as their home port. More information to come in next month's Scuttlebutt, but drop by and say welcome!







A Group of Volunteers with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Dedicated to The Safety of Life on The Waters of South Western Lake Ontario.

## FPYC Photo Contest

## 2015

## **Tara Dinyer & Paul Charles**

Get out your camera! It's time to get ready for the 2015 Fifty Point Photo Contest. The contest is open to all members and it's easy.

- There are a few rules but they are simple:
- Photos must be of a nautical theme, e.g. boats, water, marinas
- A brief description or title would be helpful
- Photos must be taken between March 1 and September 10 of this year
- Entries must be submitted by September 15
- Editing is permitted but strong Photo-Shopping is not encouraged
- Photo files must be at least 2 megabytes (so as to show well when enlarged)
- Entries to be submitted by e-mail to <u>paulcharles@cogeco.ca</u>



## FPYC Cruising Update

#### Club Cruises 2015

We are excited to announce the following club cruises for the 2015 season. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Fifty Point Yacht Club boaters at some of the finest clubs on Western Lake Ontario.

June 13 & 14	Oakville Club Always a favourite with an outdoor pool and a short walk to the charming town of Oakville.
June 27 & 28	Port Credit Yacht Club Outdoor pool, children's play area and parkland for walking or biking.
July 11 & 12	Anchor Cruise at Carroll's Point A beautiful anchorage tucked away from Hamilton harbor.
Aug 1, 2 & 3	Smuggler's Cove, Niagara River At least five moorings are available for larger boats and a standby list will be created for any moorings that become available.
Sep 5, 6 & 7	Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto Island Enjoy the last cruise of the season at this beautiful and historical club. Facilities include a swimming pool and access to the Toronto Islands parkland. We are currently confirming the requirements for obtaining a Toronto Harbour permit and more

## Sign Up Today!

Please sign up for cruises through the Fifty Point Yacht Club website <a href="http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html">http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html</a>. This is a fillable form which gets sent automatically to the cruise directors. If you are signing up for multiple cruises, please indicate in the notes section whether the number of people coming is the same for each cruise and, if you are able to volunteer for cruise captain for one of the dates. We are looking for cruise captains (<a href="http://www.fpyc.ca/cruisecaptain.html">http://www.fpyc.ca/cruisecaptain.html</a>) for all cruises except the Port Credit Yacht Club. We will contact you by email a few weeks before the cruise date to verify your interest.

information will be provided prior to the cruise.

Sue Millar & Christopher Almeida Cruise Directors



## You are invited...

<u>All</u> members of FPYC are invited

To welcome our newest members

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## Appetizer Pot-Luck

To be held on

Saturday, June 6th **4-5 p.m.** 

In the picnic
Area across from F Dock Shelter
(a rain location/date will be
Determined if necessary)

please bring your favourite appetizer, beverage and lawn chairs and join us in welcoming our newest club members.

## Officer of the Day

## Paul Charles - paulcharles@cogeco.ca

hink back to the high points of visiting other clubs around the lake. What made you feel warm and welcome? OK, after the washrooms! It was probably a local member who approached you and asked if you have found everything, if you need any help or who just welcomed you to their club. Many clubs run an Officer of the Day Program and I think each one is widely appreciated.

We at FPYC have had a program in place for a few years now and although there has been much positive feedback from members and visitors it is hard to get volunteers to commit to a half a day at the marina where you welcome guests, perhaps help them to tie up and answer any questions they might have. I, personally, have met many very nice people in this way and have felt I was of some help.

In the past we have posted a schedule and encouraged people to sign up. Our thanks to all of you who signed up year after year, however, many members "meant" to sign up but didn't quite get there. Well, this year I am

going to make it easy for you as I will be dropping by and asking you to help with the program. Our important weekends are those during which we have a reciprocal cruise so, if you are not going on the cruise you might want to think about it.

Many thanks to Jeff & Cindy Shrubb, Vern & Lenore Lowe and Brian & Ruby Weber for volunteering already!

So, when you see me approaching you on the dock or at the spring barbecue, don't hide, you'll know what I want!



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## Christine's Galley

With Christine Nixon



## BBQ Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus

#### Ingredients

6 ounces sliced prosciutto, halved horizontally 1 pound asparagus, trimmed Olive Oil Salt and Pepper

#### Instructions

Whisk together:

Olive oil and Salt and Pepper

Drizzle mixture over trimmed asparagus, toss to coat Wrap each stalk w prosciutto like a corkscrew. Grill on sheet of aluminum foil for about 4-6 minutes each side



"I always cook with wine. Sometimes I even add it to the food" W.C. Fields



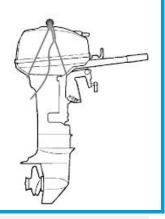


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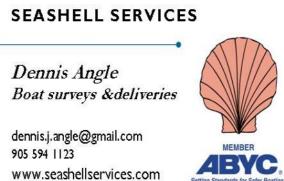
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