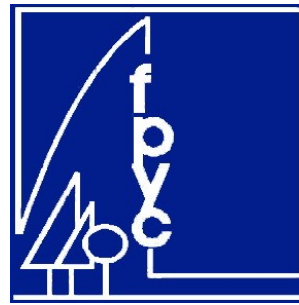


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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore

June



Excepting one or two small wrinkles, the season is off to a great start. On the upside of the scale we have SailPast, the New Member welcome, the opening of the FPYC lounge area, some truly glorious summer weather and sightings of beautiful new barbeques around the marina. On the not-quite-so-great side, for a host of reasons, I still don't have sails on my boat. But you don't want to hear about that stuff, so let's get back to the upsides.

The SailPast day kicked-off, as is now traditional, with Major David Leonard and the Grimsby Phantom Squadron colour guard with pipes and drum, leading the parade around the harbour. Everybody loves a parade and I can't think of a better way to herald the start of another season. The boats, and all who sail in them, were blessed by Reverend Lindsay. Another essential element of the day, as all of us have tales of adventure we love to narrate while safe on shore, times when, if we realized it or not, we probably drew on the "banked" blessing we received at SailPast to get us safely back to harbour. It was once again a true pleasure to take the salute and see all of you on the water, although for some reason the flies didn't get the memo that they weren't welcome. Fortunately, all the black spots and smears did wash out of Ann's pink pants. For dinner we savoured the magic of Chef Gunter who provided a rhapsody in beef, accompanied by an amazing array of appetizers, sides and desserts provided by all of you. Thank you all. And a special added thanks to our social directors Cate and Bill for pulling it all together. Great job everyone!

The week after SailPast featured the New Member meet and greet. Another day of perfect weather coupled with wine and appetizers and an opportunity to get to know each other. One of my favourite events. Thanks to all who came out and participated and contributed to the fine spread of food.

Spring is a busy time for boaters and especially if you provide a chunk of it to volunteer to the club. The social directors are now busy getting ready for the Summer Solstice beach party, this year featuring the live music of Big John and the Night Trippers (June 18th, be sure it is in your calendar and get your tickets soon. See page 9 for more information.)

Our first club cruise heads out this weekend, to Oakville. This is another start-of-season tradition and highly recommended by everyone who has joined in previous years. Also, you should all have your membership cards by now. If not, they will be with the Membership Directors, be sure to go and get them. To keep all of this running we have to be sure that funds are available, bills and dues are paid and members know all about what has happened and what is coming up. As I said, a busy time, the outcome of which is another great season for FPYC members. Please make a point of thanking the club executive and volunteers for all the hard work when you see them. We know it is appreciated, but hearing it firsthand does make a difference. The other thing that happens at this time of year is the confirmation of our reciprocal agreements with other yacht clubs. The welcoming of visiting boaters to our club and the invitation to visit and be welcome in return is a truly unique and special tradition that adds so much to our boating experience. A number of clubs have now adopted what we are calling "perpetual" agreements, whereby the extension of reciprocal privileges automatically continues from year-to-year unless we are notified otherwise. We have more than 70 clubs on our reciprocal list. This year I did send a letter to all of the clubs on our list to confirm the continuation our perpetual policy and provide clarification about FPYC reciprocal privileges.

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This was done because we became aware that some very outdated information was still in circulation. Below, for your information, is text of that letter. Please be sure, as you visit other clubs, to let people know that they can find the up-to-date information on our website. Now I am off to see about those sails. See you on the water.

Stephen

Text of the FPYC letter to reciprocal clubs:

Dear Commodore, Officers and Members,

The Flag Officers, Directors and Members of Fifty Point Yacht Club (FPYC) wish to offer your club members reciprocal privileges for the 2016 boating season and thereafter. We are pleased to enclose our reciprocal card for posting, which is in effect for future seasons unless notified of any changes.

Important note: It has come to our attention that 15 to 20 year old information regarding our reciprocal policy is still in circulation. Please refer your members to this letter and our web site (www.fpyc.ca) for the current policy.

In 2014, FPYC adopted an open and perpetual reciprocal policy, extending privileges to current members of all yacht clubs. FPYC reciprocal policy is as follows:

- Visiting boats must fly their club burgee and will be asked to present a current membership card.
- First night is free.
- We are not able to accept reservations for reciprocal slips.

FPYC is located within the Fifty Conservation Area. The Fifty Point Marina is owned and operated by the Hamilton Conservation Authority. FPYC rents slips from the Authority. There are approximately 300 slips in the marina. Not all boats are members of the yacht club; however, any available slip is open for reciprocal visitors on a first come first served basis. Fifty Point Marina is a popular boating destination, especially on holiday weekends, even so, it is very rare that slips are fully occupied and every effort is made to accommodate all visitors. If your boat length is over 38 feet, and you are planning a weekend visit, you may wish to contact the marina to inquire about expected availability of slips. Please note that if you do decide to reserve with the marina, this is not part of our reciprocal arrangement and you will be charged.

Our cruising members greatly appreciate the hospitality extended by other Clubs around the Lake. FPYC is pleased to welcome you to our club and to the Fifty Point Conservation Area. We wish you a safe and happy boating season and hope you consider Fifty Point in your summer cruising plans.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Middleton
Commodore
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Sailpast 2016

Club members enjoyed a wonderful day full of activities ending in a pot-luck dinner to compliment the amazing prime-rib served by Chef Gunter Lorscheidt. Great food and fun!



2016 Cruise Schedule

CLUB CRUISES UPDATE

Wow – what a great response to the club cruise sign-up! Some of our cruises are already full and wait listed. Please continue to sign up through our website <http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html> and we will notify you if a spot becomes available. The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Cruise has been designated as the Commodore's Cruise.

Oakville Club June 11/12

The traditional start to the cruising season. The club offers a pool, tennis, squash and badminton, dining room and bar. Downtown Oakville is a short walk away for shopping and dining out.

Lakeshore Yacht Club July 1, 2 & 3

Celebrate Canada Day in beautiful Colonel Samuel Smith Park – perfect for biking or hiking. The clubhouse has a great self-serve kitchen and lounge.

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club – COMMODORE'S CRUISE July 16/17

A short hop away with a great pool, children's play area and access to trails to Coote's Paradise.

Port Credit Yacht Club July 30, 31 & August 1

Play areas and pool plus dining room and bar for the adults makes this a favourite family friendly destination on the lake.

The Boulevard Club August 6/7

A favourite with Fifty Point members, this club offers multiple sporting facilities and outdoor pool. Downtown Toronto is a short taxi ride away.

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club August 20/21

Enjoy waterfront trails or a stroll through Bronte Village or the nearby beach. Boat length is limited to **35 feet or less** for this facility.

Etobicoke Yacht Club September 3, 4 & 5

Close the cruising season with first row seats to the Toronto International Air Show or enjoy the parkland and trails in the area.

All cruises will include a potluck appetizer social event. The long weekend cruises will also include a club-sponsored dinner – the main course is provided and other potluck dishes are encouraged. Volunteer Cruise Captains are required for the long weekends to coordinate the dinner and appetizer social events. All other cruises require a communications volunteer. Interested volunteers can email the cruising directors at any time fpyc.cruising@gmail.com for more information.

Sue & Nigel
Cruising Directors

New Members Pot-Luck

We had a wonderful turnout on June 4th to welcome our newest FPYC members with an appetizer pot-luck. Thanks to Social Directors Cate Baldwin and Bill Wickett for organizing this great event! (Photos by Cate Baldwin)



Christine's Galley

Vietnamese Shredded Chicken Salad



Serves 2 - 3 main dish salads or 4 side salads

For the Salad

2 heaping cups cooked shredded chicken
4 cups shredded napa cabbage (I used shredded romaine lettuce)
4 scallions, thinly sliced
1 cup grated or matchstick carrots
1 red bell pepper, sliced into bite-sized pieces
1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh mint
1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 cup chopped peanuts



For the Dressing

1/4 cup fresh lime juice, from about 3 limes
2 teaspoons Sriracha sauce
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons sugar
2 - 3 tablespoons fish sauce (I used 2)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Instructions

In a large salad bowl, combine all of the salad ingredients except for the peanuts.
In a separate bowl, combine all of the ingredients for the dressing; whisk until the sugar is dissolved.
Right before serving, toss the dressing with the salad.
Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with the peanuts. Serve cold.

*My Heart says Chocolate and Wine
But my Jeans say, For the Love of God Woman,
Eat a Salad*

UPCOMING FPYC SOCIAL EVENTS

Just a reminder to mark your social calendars for these upcoming club social events:

Saturday, June 18th – FPYC Summer Solstice BBQ & Dance
Saturday, November 12th – Commodores Ball

These events are on the website calendar and here are some details of the next month's upcoming events.

Summer Solstice BBQ & Dance

Date: Saturday, June 18th
Location: Beach side Pavillion
Time: 6:00p.m. – 11:00pm
\$20.00 per ticket

What it is: Welcoming the Summer Solstice! BBQ dinner includes steak or salmon (cook your own) and potatoes, salads and dessert. Enjoy a great dinner with friends then dance the night away under the stars to a live band. BYOB.

Tickets will be required and are \$20.00 per person available from Bill Wickett at billwick@gmail.com or at dock A19.

Cate & Bill
Social Directors



Tall Ships Challenge 2016

In the summer of 2016, Tall Ships America will once again bring a fleet of tall ships to the Great Lakes, as part of the Tall Ships Challenge, Great Lakes 2016 Race Series. The tall ships will race through all five Great Lakes making port appearances throughout the United States and Canada.



Host Ports & Dates

Toronto, Ont., July 1-3.
Fairport Harbor, Ohio, July 8-10.
Bay City, Mich., July 15-17.
Chicago, Ill., July 27-31.
Green Bay, Wis., Aug. 5-7.
Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18-21.
Erie, Penn., Sept. 8-11.
Brockville, Ont., Sept. 17-18.

For more information: [Tall Ships Challenge Race Series 2016](#)



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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN FPYC!!

Your FPYC membership is \$190 after May 1st and the price includes a burgee for new members.

Send in your membership form to Cindy Shrubb (her address is at the bottom of the membership form on the last page), or email Cindy Shrubb at pogo26@cogeco.ca or Brian Sommers at bsommers@sympatico.ca.

The club accepts e-transfers and complete instructions can be found on the membership page of the fpyc.com website.

Questions? See the FAQ on the website or ask any member of the executive for information.

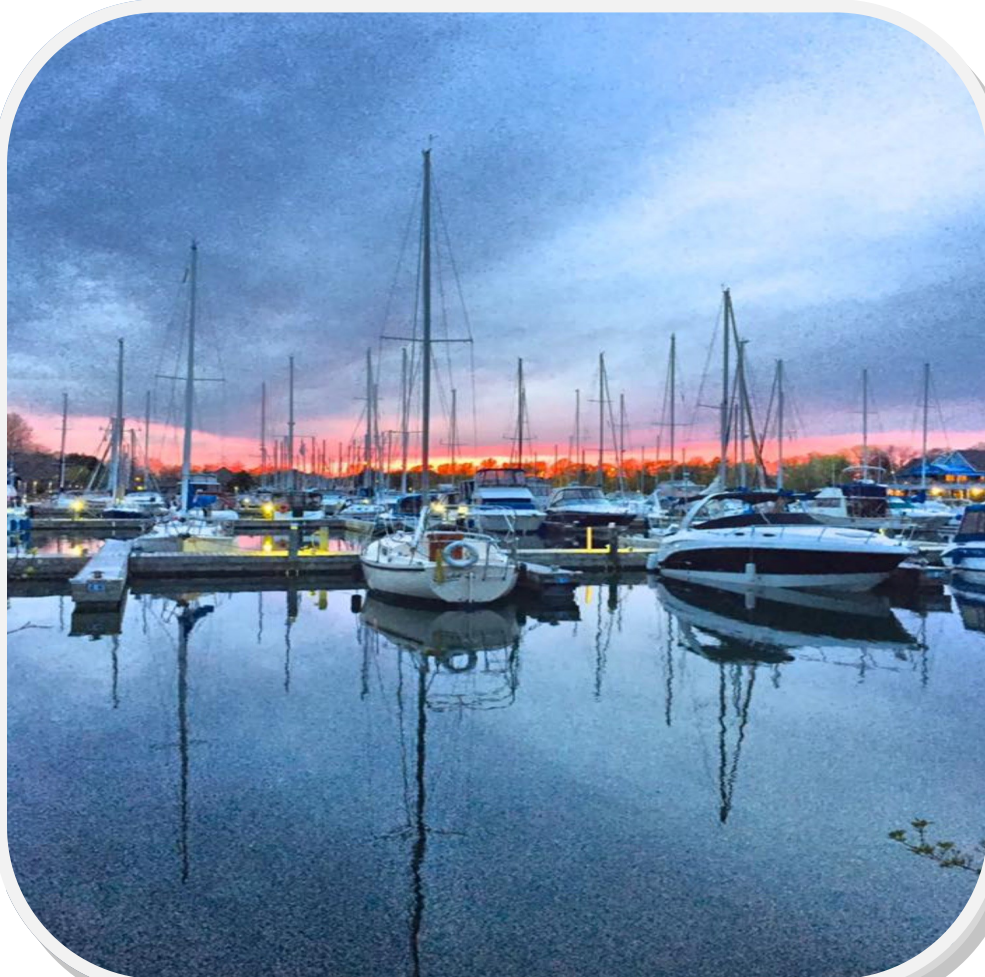


Photo by Jayne Herring

June Race Report

By Garry Cooke

FPYC YACHT RACING SEASON

The racing season has started, and we have had good winds and a good turn out from Newport, as well as some from Fifty Point. More are welcome to come out and join us every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

The first pursuit race was held after SailPast on Saturday May 28th and the wind turned out to be quite favourable, providing a nice windward-leeward course of about 4 miles.

The places for the winners were as follows:

First: Eclipse – Abbott 33 (G. Cooke)

Second: Patience – Hunter 340 (D. Galvin)

Third: Pogo – Nonsuch 26 (J. Shrubb)

Fourth: Chateau Newf – Edel820 (P. Charles)

The next pursuit fun race is Sunday June 12th at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the D-dock shelter. If possible, send me an email prior to the race so I can work out the start times ahead of time.



Photo prior to race at sail-past
(photo by Paul Charles)

Sailing Events: Sailboat Pursuit Racing

Pursuit style racing is a simplified fun style racing. Each boat is given their own start time based on the type of boat, the size of sail carried etc. The boats are handicapped by adjusting the start time, so that the boats although starting at different times (perhaps up to 5-8 minutes from the first to last boat) will finish relatively close together, so that the first boat to cross the line is the winner, the second boat is second etc. There is no need to wait for the results to be handicapped after the finish in order to determine the winner. You can see who is winning by the order of the boats crossing the line. We plan to use this format for races throughout the year. (check the website calendar)

Cold Water Boot Camp

Our very own Nigel Spink (G21) is offering his Cold Water Boot Camp again this year to members. Many of us took advantage of his knowledge and expertise and took the course last year. I would encourage everyone to sign up for this free course as Nigel taught us many new safety and rescue tips. This course could save a life in an emergency situation!

Nigel is offering the course on June 25 or 26th times and location to be determined. If you are interested in enrolling in this free course on either of those dates, please contact Nigel directly via email at nigel.spink@gmail.com to sign up.

Thanks for sharing your expertise with us Nigel!

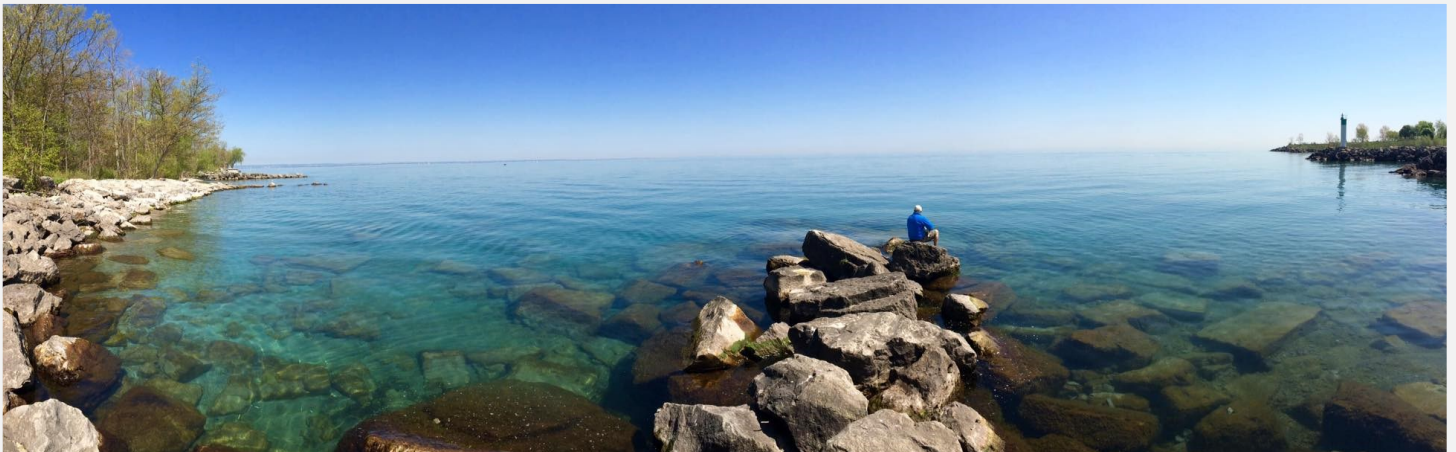
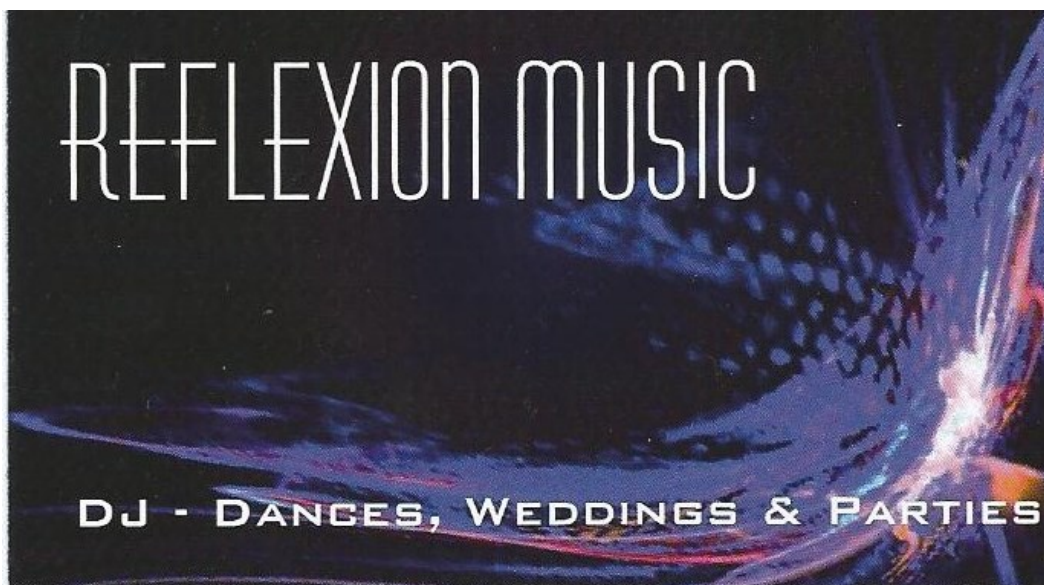


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Locker or Lazaretto?

By Bill Wickett

Power or sail, we all have some storage spaces on our boat, in or near the cockpit, aft or forward, maybe behind the anchor locker. Into this go assorted goodies. Could be fenders, extra lines, fold up bikes, cleaning supplies, spare life jackets, outboard motors, dinghy pumps, dinghies, SUPs, extra refreshments, kids, adults, wakeboards, tubes, adults on wakeboards, you name it. Sometimes the hatch closes by accident, and we are alone. In the darkness.

Around the marina you may have heard a variety of names used for this space. "Locker", "the cave", "His cave", "garage" (some really are!), "cockpit locker", "in law suite", "the hold", "the black hole", "the cellar", "the basement", "lazarette". What do you call that place on your boat? I was scrubbing out "that place" on our new to us boat and got to wondering about all the terms used. I think one of the most curious words is lazarette. Just what is it and what kind of word is that?

Las arête? My iPad wanted to auto correct lazarette to las arête at first. Sounds French but various online dictionaries told me it was Spanish for earrings. I guess some ships captains and crew did and do wear earrings. Doesn't seem to relate to a vessel's storage space.

On to thefreedictionary.com. This gets more interesting:

"laz·a·ret·to (lăz'ə-rĕt'ō) also laz·a·ret or laz·a·rette (-rĕt')

n. pl. laz·a·ret·tos also laz·a·rets or laz·a·rettes

1. A hospital treating contagious diseases.
2. A building or ship used as a quarantine station.
3. often lazarette A storage space below deck or between decks on a ship or boat.

[Italian lazzaretto : blend of lazzaro, lazar (from Late Latin Lazarus, Lazarus; see lazar) and dialectal Nazareto, popular name for a hospital maintained in Venice by the Church of Santa Maria di Nazaret.]"

The name derives from the biblical story of "Lazarus". On the old square-rigged sailing ships it was located in the bow of the ship. The original purpose was to store the bodies of important passengers or crew who had died on the voyage, (lesser seamen would be buried at sea). It was a large locker obviously, and was situated at the bow in order that the stench of rotting flesh was blown away from the vessel rather than across the decks. All that remains from these origins is that it is still generally the largest locker on a boat, and it's still known as the "Lazarette". A lazarette is usually a storage locker used for gear or equipment a sailor or boat-swain would use around the decks on a sailing vessel. It is typically found below the weather deck in the stern of the vessel and is accessed through a hatch if accessed from the main deck or a doorway if accessed from below decks. The equipment usually stored in a lazarette would be spare lines, sails, sail repair, line and cable splicing repair equipment, fenders, bosun chair, spare blocks, tools etc.

In modern shipbuilding and for powerboats of most sizes, the lazarette is the location of the steering gear equipment for the vessel. This area is particularly sensitive to flooding and damage, as the ability to steer during heavy weather is of the utmost importance to vessel safety. The lazarette also represents a vulnerability in that the large hull penetrations required for rudders and shafts for propulsion through the vessel's hull generally reside there."

Lots to think about while you are down there next time, or even if you just open the hatch to stow or retrieve something.

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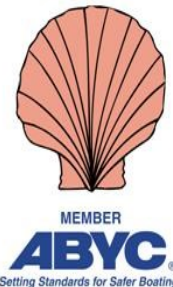
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