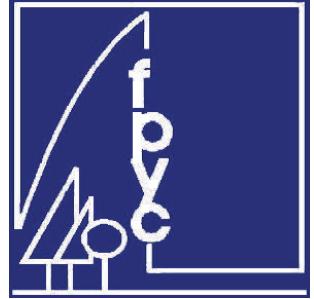


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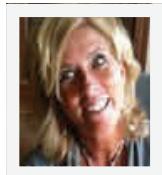
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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



June

Here we are three social events into the 2017 season and the weather is still deciding if it wants to behave like March or August and is throwing out a healthy mix of each just to keep us guessing. Amongst all the unpredictable ups and downs, our Pre-Splash BBQ, Sailpast and New Member Welcome events have all scored high points for weather.

For several years in a row we have had fine weather for Sailpast day and this year was no different. Starting with the traditional parade and blessing of the boats the weather was perfect or near perfect. I say “near perfect” only because a little more wind and a few less flies out on the water were needed for a full A+ rating. Back on shore, over 150 of you came out to enjoy the festivities. The wine and beer tents were a big hit with everyone. Many thanks to Heidi and the Marel Real Estate team for a great addition to our celebration. Happy hour was followed by another wonderful prime rib dinner thanks to Chef Gunter and to all of you for bringing such a fine spread of side dishes and desserts. I can say with certainty that we all ate well. Thanks for joining the celebration!

This past weekend was marked by a combination of heat warnings and the pot luck event to welcome our New Members. It was good to meet you all and I look forward to getting to know you better throughout the season. Thanks to the returning members (notice I don’t use the “O” word) who came out to help host the event. Fifty Point is a large marina and while we are a friendly group, it can take a long while to run into new members who are not close dock mates.

Next on the bill is the Summer BBQ on July 22nd. This will be at the beach pavilion again and we are in the process of lining up the live music. Mark this in your calendar, it is a great summer party at the beach. If the weather is like last year - warm with light a SW wind, I highly recommend you consider anchoring off the beach for the night and taking a dinghy ride to the party. Ann and I did that last summer, a night at anchor is a fine way to finish up the evening.

While the social program is off to a great start, plans are still in flux on the cruising side of the program. The first cruise, scheduled for the upcoming Fathers Day weekend, has been cancelled due to the continued high water levels. As you know, many clubs around the lake have docks under water and are short on, or at least very tight for space to accommodate their own boats, meaning no room for visitors. It seems likely that some of the other scheduled cruises will have the same problem. Keep checking Scuttlebutt and watch for those club emails to get the latest information on cruise status and the back-up options that are being considered for the weekends with cancelled cruises.

If you are planning a cruise this summer it is definitely a good idea to check ahead. The Council of Commodores is maintaining a listing of club status that includes any club who wants to provide their information. The current list is shown below, you can also find it on the LOCCA website at <http://locca.org/high-water-levels/>.

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Closed to Visitors Until Further Notice (Council Members)

Aquatic Park Sailing Club – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice.

Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice.

Bay of Quinte Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Bluffer's Park Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Boulevard Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Dalhousie Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Etobicoke Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Harbour City Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Highland Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Island Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Oakville Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Oakville Power Boat Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Oakville Yacht Squadron – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice.

Queen City Yacht Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Royal Canadian Yacht Club – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice.

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club – closed to visitors until floating docks are completed. No power or water.

Scarborough Bluffs Sailing Club – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice ... have floating docks but no services available.

Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Closed to Visitors Until Further Notice (non-Council Members)

Genesee Yacht Club (USA) – closed to visitors until further notice.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club – closed to visitors until further notice.

Tuscarora Yacht Club (USA) – closed to visitors (except in an emergency) until further notice.

Wilson Yacht Club (USA) – closed to visitors until further notice.

Open to Visitors

Fifty Point Yacht Club – floating docks are available but wall moorings cannot be used. Limited space for visitors ... call marina at 905-643-2103 to check availability. Reciprocal slips can be reserved.

Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club – have floating docks so none are under water – no shore power on docks at this time.

Lakeshore Yacht Club – have floating docks and power to them.

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National Yacht Club – have floating docks so none are under water - extreme caution is advised when accessing NYC due to the breakwalls being awash ... visitors are advised to avoid the club when strong southwest winds are forecast due to their exposed position.

Port Credit Yacht Club – have floating docks so none are under water.

Whitby Yacht Club – floating docks are available with all services restored to normal. Visitors should approach with caution as water levels remain high at the visitors' dock. Occasional partial flooding in parking lot.

Open to Visitors (non-Council Members)

Burlington Sailing & Boating Club / LaSalle Park Marina – floating docks with power and pump out.

Fairport Yacht Club – open for visitors with full facilities.

Olcott Yacht Club (USA)

Youngstown Yacht Club (USA) – guest moorings available (no docks), club facilities may be accessed by hailing the launch at CH 68 for rides to/from the club.

If any of you are heading east towards the 1000 Islands, I would appreciate hearing about the status of clubs and marinas in the area. In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather, watch out for those newly submerged hazards and greater than usual amount of flotsam out there. Go safe!

Stephen

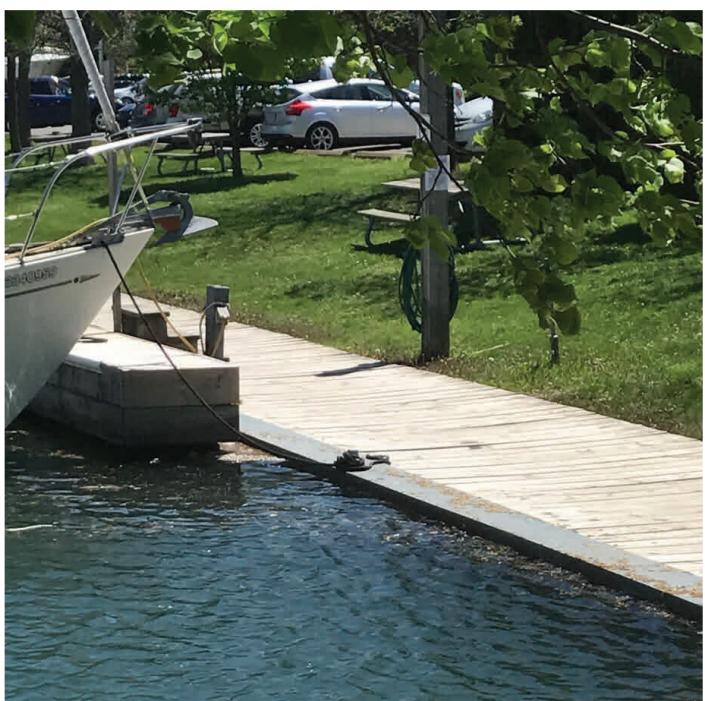
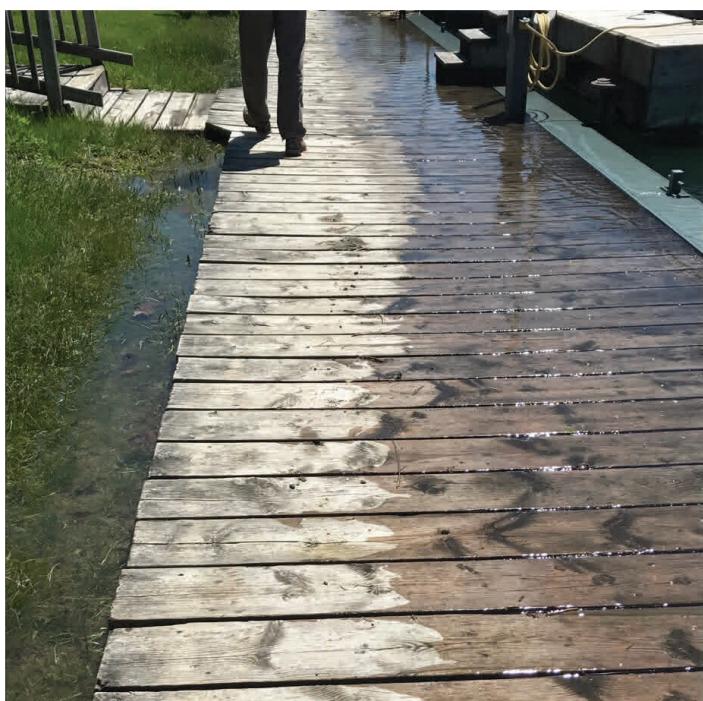


Sailpast 2017



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High Water... 2017



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2017 Fifty Point Yacht Club Social Events

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

Saturday July 22nd – Pot-Luck BBQ & Dance

Saturday November 4th – 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).



Hamilton to Host 11 Tall Ships from June 30 to July 2, 2017

The city of Hamilton will be hosting 11 magnificent Tall Ships in the Hamilton Waterfront during the RENDEZ-VOUS (RDV) Tall Ships Regatta at Pier 8.

Interested? Click here for some [more information](#)

Fireworks—July 1st

Hamilton Bayfront and Pier 4 Parks—10 pm

Toronto—Harbourfront and Ashbridges Bay Park—10 pm



2017 Cruise Schedule

Oakville Club

June 17/18 POSTPONED due to high water levels.

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.

Mimico Cruising Club

July 1, 2 & 3

Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in style. Wear your red and white and decorate your boat for the occasion. There promises to be lots of local fireworks displays for viewing (maximum 10 boats).

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.

The cruise to the Oakville Club has been indefinitely postponed. In lieu of the cruise we are planning a potluck supper and social event at Fifty Point. All club members and cruisers are welcome to attend. Meet at the picnic area across the road from E dock (look for the flags) at 5:00 pm this Saturday June 17th. Bring an item to share – appetizer, side dish, dessert or main dish. We hope to have some BBQs set up and the club will be barbequing sausages for all to enjoy. Bring your own drinks, plates and cutlery – don't forget buns if you prefer sausage on a bun!

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

Only
3
Issues
Left!

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!

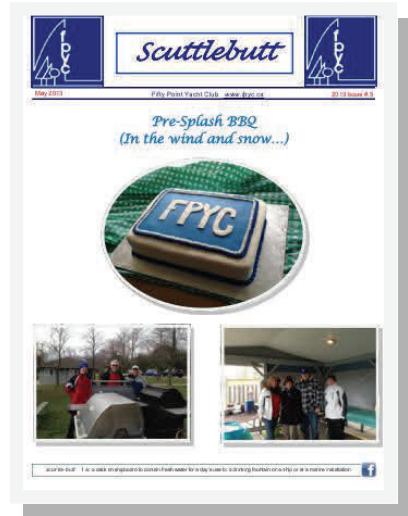
In short, I am looking for someone to take over Scuttlebutt soon and I am very willing to help with the transition, but time is running out [October 2017 will be my last issue.](#)

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.

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!

Click on the word BLOG below to go to each site...

Steve & Lise Denison (Boat—GaYa)
‘GaYa on the Move’
[BLOG](#)

Boat is on the hard in Florida.

Al & Laurie Pollard (Boat—Needfull Things)
‘Needfull Things’
[BLOG](#)

Boat is on the hard for hurricane season in Florida.

John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton (Boat—Nahanni V)
‘Nahanni V At Sea’
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In Guadeloupe





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5th Annual Boaters Garage Sale

Saturday, June 24th

9-11 a.m.

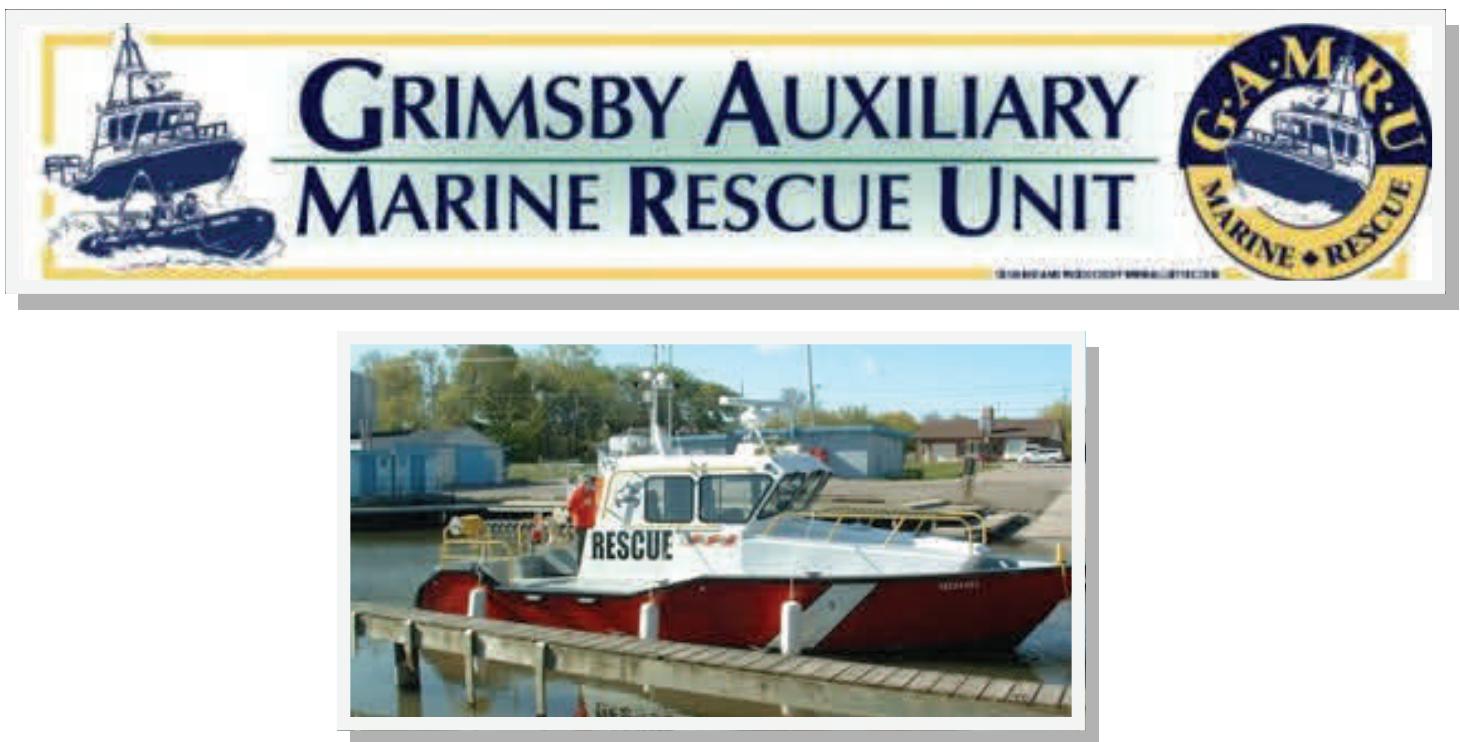
D Dock Shelter

Please let Nancy know if you would like to reserve a table for \$5 which will be donated to help GAMRU.





A black and white portrait of a smiling woman with long blonde hair, identified as Heidi Van Der Marel. To her right is the logo for MAREL Real Estate, featuring a stylized red building icon above the word "MAREL" in bold red letters, with the smaller text "M. Marel Real Estate (1988) Inc. Brokerage" below it. Below the logo is the address "384 Millen Road Stoney Creek, ON L8E 2P7". To the left of the address is the contact information: "T. 905.664.7900", "F. 905.664.8781", "E. heidi@marelrealestate.com", and the website "www.heidivandermarel.com". At the bottom of the card is a red banner with the text "RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SALES".



The top half of the image features the Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit logo. It includes a blue and white illustration of a boat on the left, the unit's name in large blue serif letters in the center, and a circular yellow and blue emblem on the right with the letters "G.A.M.R.U." and "MARINE * RESCUE". The bottom half of the image shows a red and white rescue boat docked at a wooden pier, with a person visible on board.

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

Meet your New Executive!

Bette Van Klink—Secretary

Hi, I'm Elizabeth Van Klink, FPYC Secretary. John Robinson and I sail Intuition, a Beneteau 352. We have been sailing for 16 years, this is the beginning of our third year at FPYC and we are on dock J14 – sometimes known as “Exile Island”. The FPYC cruisers will recognize me as ‘the lady who fell in the water’ last year on the Lakeshore Cruise!

Before we started sailing, we were avid bike riders and put a few thousand kilometers on our tandem bike, riding around southern Ontario. We were riding along the waterfront trail in Toronto one Saturday morning, and we stopped to admire the sail boats. John said ‘I've always wanted to own a sailboat’ and I said (without thinking about the consequences or knowing how much work is involved in owning a boat!) why don't you buy one? We found Intuition at National Yacht Club a few months later. We joined NYC and were on a mooring ball in the basin for 5 years. When we moved to Beamsville we tried, without success, to get a dock at Fifty Point. We docked instead at Dalhousie Port Pier Marina and were there for 8 years, and made some wonderful friends. In 2015 we moved Intuition to FPYC and love the tranquility of J Dock... it's like being at the cottage!

John and I share four children and four grand children ages 3 to 9, and they sure like to keep us busy! I also run/walk with a group of ladies – we call ourselves the Grimsby Shakers! We still enjoy bike riding, and travelling. I love to read, when you are heading out the channel into the lake you'll see me either sitting in the cockpit reading or cleaning something!

I hope to see you on a club cruise, or enjoying the many social events the FPYC committee has planned for this season.

