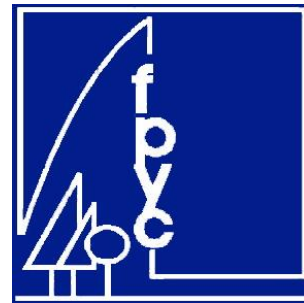


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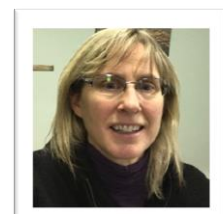
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## *Commodore's Message*

Hello Everyone,

The count down is on as we have only six weeks left!!

Many exciting events are planned and some new positive changes are coming our way including the restaurant. We still have no update but we are sure the City and The Conservation are working diligently in finding the perfect fit for the beautiful spot it is. Please ensure you have marked in your calendars the dates for our up and coming club events and some great Club cruises booked. Hopefully this year's club cruises go a little more as planned in hopes of good weather.

According to the Government of Canada's website for ocean and fisheries [www.tides-marees.gc.ca/C&A/bulletin-eng.html](http://www.tides-marees.gc.ca/C&A/bulletin-eng.html) currently the water levels in Lake Ontario are above average and are about the same level as it was in March 2017. But there is hope as the projection for the up and coming boating season is much less than the 2017 levels, so lets keep our fingers crossed that the projection becomes reality and we can all enjoy a long and safe boating season.

Please don't forget to renew your membership before the first event. The forms are available on the website.

See you soon.

SINCERELY,

Jason Kirk



## *New Executive Introductions*

Karyn Maddeaux, Treasurer  
Dean Maddeaux, Membership

Hello there fellow Fifty Point Yacht Club Members. We are Dean & Karyn Maddeaux and have recently joined the team of Executive Board Members of FPYC. Karyn works in the Accounting world, so she has taken on the role of Treasurer and Dean recently retired from Sales, so he will be working with Chris Pollard on Membership. We have a 34 Ft. express cruiser (named *Mad A'Boat You*) at G17.

Our boating lives started about 14 years ago when we bought our first boat, a 28 Ft. Four Winns. I remember that day like it was yesterday. Being brand new boaters, we had no idea what boating life would be like, but found a whole new world of excitement on the water.

We caught the bug of the boating life when we used to spend occasional weekends on our friend's boat at Bronte Outer Harbour Marina in Oakville. While there one weekend, we found what we thought would be our dream boat at that marina, and to our friends' surprise, moved it to Fifty Point on the day it was launched. Understandably, we fell in love with the beautiful park setting at Fifty Point and not for a split second have we ever regretted that move. As can often happen, two-foot-itis set in not long after!

Our very first day at Fifty Point we wanted to join the Yacht Club. Being new boaters, the concept of being in a Yacht Club was very appealing to us and we wanted to be "part of the group". Dean was so excited to get a burgee and secure it to the bow of our boat, which after chasing Betty Lou around for a day, we finally got.

Speaking of Betty Lou, we have her and her husband Brian Munro to thank for our boat name. Over drinks one evening in The Landing Restaurant our first year in 2005, it came up that we were struggling to come up with a name for our boat. She asked us our last name and Dean always tells people that even after over 40 years of marriage, "we are still on our honeymoon". They suggested *Mad a'Boat You* and the rest is history. Our second boat was *Still Mad a'Boat* and our current boat is *Always Mad a'Boat You*.

In the past 14 years, we've been to dozens of other clubs and marinas on Lake Ontario, as well as a couple of trips further away on the Trent System and Georgian Bay. Each time we venture out to new ports, we always find Fifty Point to be the best marina around (which we tell Nancy all the time) and are ultimately happy to return to our familiar slip amongst friends at Fifty Point, even though we do love being able to get reciprocal slips at some great marinas, as it's fun to see new places.

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## Scuttlebutt

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Since being at Fifty Point we have made some life long friends whom we socialize with not only during boating season, but over the winter months. We have even vacationed with these dear friends on some of our annual trips to warmer weather in January and February. This to us is one of the many great benefits of the club, meeting new friends.

We are both looking forward to our new roles with the Yacht Club and making 2018 the best boating season yet.

If you're finding yourself going for a walk to get an ice cream, or going to the beach and passing G dock, please stop at G17 and say hi.

Dean & Karyn  
Mad a'Boat You





# FIFTY POINT

## YACHT CLUB

Become a member to the best & exciting club on the lake with or without a boat!!

### WHY JOIN?

#### SOCIAL EVENTS:

FPYC holds numerous social events throughout the summer months that you and your guests will be welcome to attend. Our Social Committee plans a Spring Splash, Sailpast, a Summer Barbecue and, of course, the Commodores Ball at the end of season.

**social member**  
**Do not own a boat?**  
**\$55/yr**



#### RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES:

Your 2018 membership will provide you with reciprocal privileges at over 75 Yacht Clubs around Lake Ontario.

#### ORGANIZED CRUISES:

FPYC Club Cruise Directors plan and organize 6 to 8 reciprocal club cruises include free weekend dockage, fun-filled activities, pot luck dinners and much more!

**new membership**  
**Own a boat?**  
**\$205/yr**

more reasons

- RESTAURANT
- CONSERVATION PARK
- BEACH
- GAS DOCK
- VOLLEYBALL
- PADDLE BOARDING
- BOAT LESSONS

- ONE OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE CLUBS ON THE WATER
- GREAT NETWORKING

- TONS OF BARBQUES
- KITCHENETTE
- SHOWER FACILITIES
- PAVILLIONS
- UBER EATS
- WINERIES NEARBY
- FRIENDLY PEOPLE

**CONTACT [INFO@FPYC.CA](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)**

## **From your Membership Committee**

We will have a table at the Pre Launch BBQ on April 28<sup>th</sup> for memberships. You can also renew or become a new member on line at [www.fpyc.ca](http://www.fpyc.ca) with e-transfer payment an option. Membership cards are required for the Sail Past dinner so don't delay, it will be here before you know it.

Dean & Chris

## **Save the date from your FPYC Social Committee**

**Pre Launch BBQ: Sat. April 28, 2018**

A fun event to kick of the season. Get together with friends and enjoy a BBQ.

**Sail Past and Dinner: Sat. May 26, 2018**

Season kick off event.

**New Member Potluck: Sat. June 9, 2018**

All members are invited to come out and welcome new members to the club.

**Summer BBQ and dance: Sat. July 21, 2018**

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Events are constantly being updated on the FPYC website calendar as well as in Scuttlebutt each month. Stay tuned for details for these fun get togethers.

By: Kim Short

## **Fifty Point Yacht Club Apparel** - Available at Pre Launch BBQ



T-Shirts: \$10.00

Sweat Shirts: \$20.00

Drink Sleeves: \$1.00



### World Sailing Events:

#### **Volvo Ocean Race & Clipper Ventures Race around the World:**

The Volvo around the world race had a stopover in Hong Kong before heading to New Zealand. Prior to the finish in Hong Kong one of the Volvo Ocean Racers collided with a fishing vessel resulting in the sinking of the fishing boat and the death of one of their crew. The details of the crash investigation have still not been released. The damage to the bow of the sailing boat was extensive and the boat had to be shipped by cargo vessel to New Zealand for repair. The repairs will apparently be finished for the March start of the Cape Horn leg of the race.

(At the time of me writing this, the fleet is scheduled to arrive in Auckland at the end of February).



This is actually the second incident for team Vestas. In the last race around the world the boat hit a reef, and the boat had to be rebuilt.

The Clipper Venture fleet is currently in China having just finished the leg from Australia. Check out the websites below for details. There is some good video footage on these websites of both Clipper Ventures and the Volvo Ocean Race also.

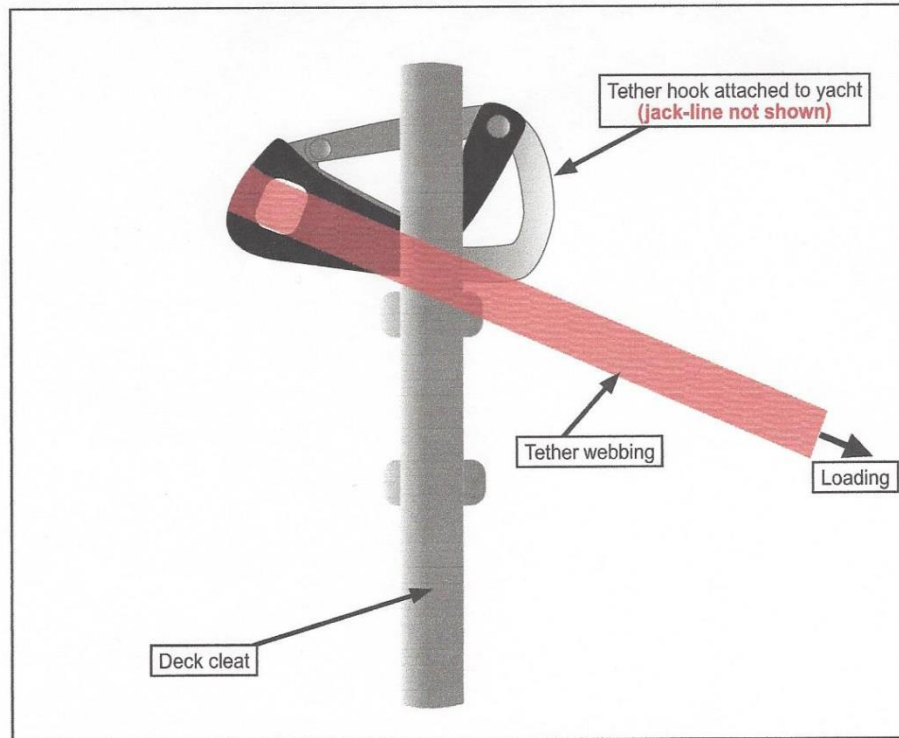
Check out the action and videos on the website <https://www.volvooceanrace.com> and <https://www.clipper-ventures.com/>.





### **Safety Harness and Tethers:**

There was recently a death of a sailor on the clipper Ventures race, caused by the failure of a tether hook, resulting in him being swept overboard.



**Figure 1:** Tether hook under deck cleat



**Figure 2:** Example of a tether hook and a tether hook after lateral loading

*{excerpt from report MAIB safety Bulletin SB1-2018: CV30}*

The cause was the side loading of the clip, when it got snagged under a mooring cleat. The clips are designed for about 2000kg load in a direct pull. It was found from tests that failure occurs in side loading at less than 200kg. It should be noted that when a person falls against life lines etc, the force exerted is considerably more than your body weight.

It is therefore important that your arrangement of jack lines is such that there are no areas where this could happen to you. (see report from United Kingdom Merchant Ship Marine Accident Investigation Branch(MAIB SB1/2018) January 2018)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a535cfe40f0b648c72358ff/SB1\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a535cfe40f0b648c72358ff/SB1_2018.pdf)

As I discussed last year in an issue of Scuttlebutt, the tether should be short enough or the jackline placed in such a position that you cannot fall out of the boat (ie beyond the lifelines) because if you are being dragged in the water, you can drown at even a relatively slow boat speed.

When I am sailing solo, I usually use the short tether on the double tether line, and only use the long tether when I am crossing the centerline of the boat with the tether attached to the jackline on the opposite side.

Even when you are sailing as a husband/wife team, you are basically sailing solo when one of you is below making tea or going to the head. Don't forget to "clip on", especially on the longer cruises or rough days sailing over to Toronto!

*Garry Cooke*



Dalhousie Yacht Club  
Present  
ONTARIO SAILING UNIVERSITY

Racers, racers, racers! Mark **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018** in your calendars. We will be welcoming Thomas Fogh for a full day of racing seminars. Thomas is a well-known athlete and coach with top three World Championship results. He was a member of both the National Sailing Team and the Ontario Sailing Provincial Team. Thomas is a certified Sail Canada Coach and has coached at the Pan Am Games, Canadian Youth Championships as well as many Canadian and North American Championships.

Open to all members and non-members. Invite your friends, bring your crew.

**Seminar Topics:**

1.) Start and Race Strategy – Thomas Fogh, Ontario Sailing Coach

This seminar will focus on ways to prepare for a start and strategies around the race course. For starts, we will look at how to prepare and making a game plan. We will also look at crew roles and three main parts to the start. Race strategy will look at both upwind and downwind concepts to better understand a race course.

2.) Sail Controls and Sail Shape – Thomas Fogh, Ontario Sailing Coach

This seminar will look at all the different aspects that affect a mast and sails. Then we will look at how we can use these different aspects to affect our sails and tuning.

Cost - \$75.00 plus HST, various lunch specials will be offered in the Sunset Dining Room at DYC.

Sign up at <https://ontariosailing.ca/registration-forms/>

Location – Dalhousie Yacht Club, 74 Lighthouse Rd., St. Catharines, Ont.

Directions can be found at [www.dalhousieyachtclub.com](http://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com)





**Dalhousie Yacht Club**  
**Learn to Sail 2018 Spring Sailing Courses**  
**All courses open to members and non-members.**

Our first course, **CANSail Basic Cruising Theory**, will start March 3rd and will take 12 hours to complete. This can also include your PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card) if needed. Please let us know if the PCOC is required as there is an extra charge and extra information involved. The practical portion of the course will be scheduled once boats are launched. Your own boat or the club Kirby's can be used (a minimum amount of students on board will be required).

March 3rd - 12:00 to 6:00  
March 10 - 12:00 to 3:00  
March 11 - 12:00 to 3:00 - Exam day!

Cost - \$275.00 (practical will be 18 hours and cost \$400)

Information can be found here:

[https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic\\_Cruise\\_March\\_31\\_2017\\_effective.pdf](https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic_Cruise_March_31_2017_effective.pdf)

The second course will be **CANSail Basic Coastal Navigation Standard**. This introductory course offers basic knowledge of navigation theory and is the initial course in a comprehensive set of courses offered by Sail Canada on vessel navigation.

April 7th - 12:00 - 6:00  
April 14th - 12:00 - 6:00  
April 15th - 12:00 - 3:00 Exam day!

Cost \$390.00

More information can be found here:

[https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic\\_Coastal\\_Navigation\\_March\\_31\\_2017\\_effective.pdf](https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic_Coastal_Navigation_March_31_2017_effective.pdf)

Course number three will be the **ROC(M)**

ROC stands for Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate and is required by anyone using a marine VHF radio or other marine radios (each person on the boat who will use the radio needs their own card). There are significant fines if you are found using a VHF or marine radio without your card. In addition, if you received your ROC card before the new Digital Selective Calling was introduced, then you are encouraged to return and get your DSC endorsement for your ROC card. All new VHF radios are now being sold with a DSC function that will greatly enhance rescue personnel's ability to assist you in an emergency. Understanding this technology and how to operate it can, in some circumstances, mean the difference between life and death.

April 26 - 6:00 - 9:00  
April 28 - 12:00 - 3:00

Cost \$85.00

Registration will be via <https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/sailing-school>.

Please contact Jason Smyth at [dyc.club.vice.comm@gmail.com](mailto:dyc.club.vice.comm@gmail.com) with any question you may have and to let us know you're interested. Thank you.

## Items of Interest

**FPYC is not endorsing these sites but they may be of interest to our Club members.**

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Dear Sailors,

For over 30 years, [Class Afloat - West Island College International](#) has provided young sailors with the opportunity to earn high school or university credits while sailing a majestic tall ship - the blue water sailing adventure of a lifetime!



Once again, we are proud to offer \$25,000 in [Young Sailor Scholarships](#) to help make this opportunity possible.

The Young Sailor Scholarship is available to grade 11, 12, Gap Year and 1st-year university students interested in spending a semester or year at sea with Class Afloat. Our students earn academic credits while sailing to 22+ ports on 3 continents.

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### **SPARTAN**

Ocean Racing & Training

<https://www.spartanoceanracing.com/>

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### **Marine Diesel Engine Theory and Maintenance Course - PORT CREDIT**

This ONE day course is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of how your Marine Diesel engine operates and how it should be maintained.

Course fee is \$ 250. includes HST and your own copy of " Marine Diesel Basics " by Dennison Berwick.

(\$230. if only one text required, required per couple.)

ONE day course available on – Feb. 3,4,10,11, March 3,4,10,11 - 2018

To register contact Craig Morley @ [aquafacts@gmail.com](mailto:aquafacts@gmail.com). or Office 519-768-3438 - Cell 519-933-3205

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### **[On the Way to Here](#)**

Reflections on Things that Matter by **Phil Small**

This book covers a great deal of ground spiritually, philosophically, and emotionally. The subject matter is often weighty, yet it doesn't feel like that at all, no small feat when discussing the origins and cycles of life, birth and death, and everything in between.



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

**Steve & Lise Denison**

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