



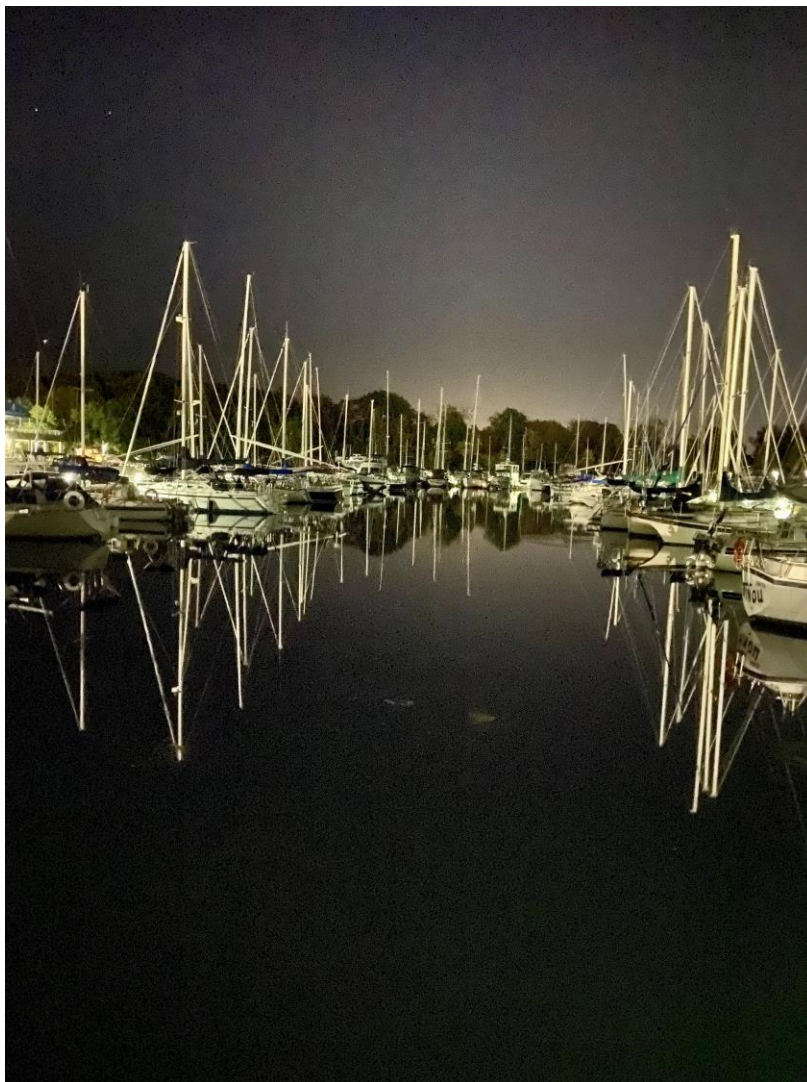
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Commodore's Message



Well, I think the countdown to launch day is officially on! Summer mooring invoices have been sent out and Nancy has told us that the first day of launch is April 15th. On hearing that, and combined with the weather we've been experiencing, I'm sure a lot of you are like me and already thinking about when that stretch wrap or tarp can come off and we can start prepping for the season! With the days getting longer and longer, the excitement begins to build as we think about once again, being back on the water!

The Fifty Point Conservation Area is holding the first event of the year that will be the start of our mutual 40th Anniversary on March 29. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and perhaps meet some new ones.

And speaking of 40th Anniversary events, this issue of Scuttlebutt is loaded with news provided by all of our Board Directors that will give you a taste for what's coming up this year. I congratulate and thank the entire Board for their work and efforts in coming up with some exciting events where we can celebrate our Club and boating community. This is going to be a fantastic year to be a member and I believe it proves that our Club offers incredible value. And of course, you get to hang out with some of the nicest, friendliest people on the lake.

Before signing off, I will once again remind you that the Board has several positions open, and is faced with a number of people who may be completing their term at the end of the year. Being part of the decision-making process and seeing the Club succeed is very rewarding. Please consider taking on a Board position and ensure the Club continues grow and be one of the best deals going. Feel free to contact me if you would like any information or to discuss options.

See you at the marina!

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

- Announcing the 40th Anniversary Burgee!!
- Membership Update and Membership Perks Update (new!!)
- Social Update
- Merchandise Update
- Flea Market Announcement
- Fifty Point Marina Open House
- Scuttlebutt Sponsorship - Updated!
- Recipe - Leprechaun Bait
- Items of Interest - Updated to include water level information



INTRODUCING THE FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

40TH ANNIVERSARY BURGEE!

The Board of Directors is very pleased and excited to present the winning design entry that has been selected to become our Club Burgee for the 2024 season. The Board thanks all those who submitted a design. We also want to extend congratulations to the winning designer, who wishes to remain anonymous.

The burgee will be 12" x 18" in size and be made as a 2-sided flag. That is, essentially 2 flags will be stitched together so the image is presented correctly when viewed from either side. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, the double flag design increases durability.

This **limited-edition** burgee will be available to purchase by members for \$22 each.

Flags are currently being produced and should be available by Mid-March.

Membership Update

ANNOUNCING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2024

The Board of Directors has reviewed membership fees for 2024 and they are as follows:

New Members fee (includes Club Burgee)	\$305
New Members fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$280
Returning Members fee	\$270
Returning Members fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$245
Social Membership fee	\$85
Social Membership fee <u>Early Bird before May 1</u>	\$75

We are all very aware of price increases in pretty much everything we purchase these days. The Board has, and will continue, to take steps to review our costs to the Club and do what we can to minimize their effect. We have worked very hard to keep the fee increase as low as possible.

This increase is the first in 2 years and was needed. We hope that the events we are working on as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary will reflect the exceptional value you receive as a Club Member. Fifty Point Yacht Club is home to one of the prettiest settings on the Lake; has some of the friendliest members going; and offers the best bang for your boating dollar.

Thank you all for your continued support and membership.

You can send your membership payments via etransfer to: treasurer50@yahoo.com





Members Perks Program

New to the Perk Program

GTHN Boat Polishing - 10% off services for members!

We are a local mobile boat detailing company that offers washing, compounding, polishing, and waxing services to bring the shine back to your boat. We use high quality products and pride ourselves in doing great work. Attention to detail is top of mind and we strive to provide great customer service. Please contact us for a free quote!

gthnboatpolishing.ca

gthnboatpolishing@gmail.com

289-698-5909

Pita Pit- 10%

Kelsey's-20%

Hangry Chicken-10%

Freshii-15%

DNA Pizza -10% on orders over 15.00

Booster Juice- 15%

Sunshine Grill - 15%

Marine Doctors - 10% off labour

Members must present their cards in order to receive the discounts.

SUMMER BBQ AND DANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

JULY 27, 2024

This year, in special celebration of our Club's 40th Anniversary, the Board and Social Directors are very happy and pleased to announce an exciting change to our Summer BBQ and Dance.

It will still be held at the Beachfront Pavilion as in past years, but instead of members bringing their own dinner and cooking, to commemorate this special occasion, the Board has arranged to have dinner provided by PigOut Catering, **at no cost to members**. You can check them out at:

www.pigout.ca

But wait, there's more! In addition to an outstanding meal, we will also be providing live entertainment to continue the celebration into the evening!

This will be a wristband event and you won't want to miss out. Further details will be coming, so keep an eye on your email and future editions of Scuttlebutt!

Social Update

FPYC SOCIAL EVENTS 2024

Save the dates:

April 27th - Pre Launch BBQ at the "D" Dock pavilion. Catch up with friends after a long winter.

May 25th - New Member Potluck "D" dock pavilion with a Buy, Sell and Trade, Flea Market style event in the morning

June 22nd - Sailpast - Join us for a special 40th anniversary celebration - Details will follow

July 27th - Summer BBQ and dance - Beach pavilion

November 2nd - Commodore's Ball. Venue and entertainment TBD

The Board is looking forward to another great year of activities. Further details will follow. Be sure to add the dates to your calendar.



LET'S HAVE
FUN

Fifty Point Yacht Club Merchandise Update

40th FPYC Anniversary Logo and 2024 Merchandise

We are excited to celebrate Fifty Point Yacht Club's 40th anniversary! In recognition of this milestone, a 40th anniversary logo is being designed and will be offered on all merchandise this year. The 40th logo design will be included in the April Scuttlebutt and in a Mailchimp notice later this month.

The on-line store for apparel and the cooler bag will be open from April 22 to May 5. Samples and sizes will be displayed at the April 27 Pre-launch Barbecue. Orders will be ready for pick up at the May 25 New Members Welcome.

The on-line store for insulated drinkware will be open from May 6 to 17. Samples will also be displayed at the barbecue and orders will be ready for pick up at the New Members Welcome.

Many thanks for your interest in FPYC merchandise!

Donna Shepherd
FPYC Director at Large

STAY TUNED!

50 Point Flea Market

SELL, SWAP or Give away your surplus gear!

Boating & Fishing supplies, Tools, or Whatever!

WHEN: Saturday May 25, 2024

WHERE: "D"-Dock Pavilion

TIME: 0900 - NOON

COST: \$5.00 per table

(table proceeds to be donated to GAMRU)

****Reserve your table by May 23****

(Sign-up sheet at the Conservation office)



"Your trash may be another's bounty"



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY FPYC!

Become a member of the most affordable and friendly Club on the lake, with or without a boat!

MEMBER BENEFITS

SOCIAL EVENTS:

2024 is a milestone year marking FPYC's 40th Anniversary! Plans for the milestone celebration include: Pre-launch BBQ, New Member Meet and Greet, Sailpast and Dinner, Summer BBQ and Dance, and the Commodore's Ball. Details and more events will be announced in Scuttlebutt, on the FPYC website, www.fpyc.ca, and MailChimp!

New Member

Early Bird Fee
\$280/year
After May 1
\$305/year
Includes Burgee

Membership Renewal

Early Bird Fee
\$245/year
After May 1
\$270/year

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES:

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

ORGANIZED CRUISES:

FPYC Cruise Directors will be organizing 4 - 5 reciprocal club cruises - includes free weekend dockage, fun-filled activities, potluck events and much more!

Social Member Do not own a boat?

Early Bird Fee
\$75/year
After May 1
\$85/year

**MORE
FPYC
MEMBER
BENEFITS!**

Partnership Perks Program - discounts year round at participating stores and restaurants in the Fifty Point area.

Marketplace - free advertising space to sell personal items in FPYC's monthly newsletter, Scuttlebutt.

Sponsorship Program - discounted space in Scuttlebutt for company advertising.

FOR MORE INFO: info@fpyc.ca MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: www.fpyc.ca

ON BEHALF OF THE
FIFTY POINT STAFF,
PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR
UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE



As we are Celebrating **40** spectacular years!
Fifty Point Marina Centre
FRIDAY MARCH 29
1-4PM

CAKE
REFRESHMENTS
APPETIZERS
PRIZES
CLEAN MARINE TABLE

Enjoy some delicious treats,
connect with your fellow boaters
and
help us begin celebrating
this milestone year!



Great Lakes ice coverage reaches historic low....

(<https://research.noaa.gov/2024/02/13/great-lakes-ice-coverage-reaches-historic-low/>)

NOAA researchers at NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL) report that they've seen a steady decrease in ice coverage across the Great Lakes, which has reached a historic low.

Together, Great Lakes ice coverage was measured at 2.7 % on February 11, 2024.

Coverage on each of the lakes was measured as follows:

Lake Superior 1.7 %

Lake Michigan 2.6 %

Lake Huron 5.9 %

Lake Erie 0.05 %

Lake Ontario 1.7 %

Lakes Erie and Ontario are basically at – or tied with – their individual historic lows for the date, making both essentially ice-free.

"We've crossed a threshold in which we are at a historic low for ice cover for the Great Lakes as a whole," says GLERL's Bryan Mroczka, a physical scientist. "We have never seen ice levels this low in Mid-February on the lakes since our records began in 1973."

A sandy beach is dotted with chunks of ice. The waves are hitting the beach and there is no ice out on the water.



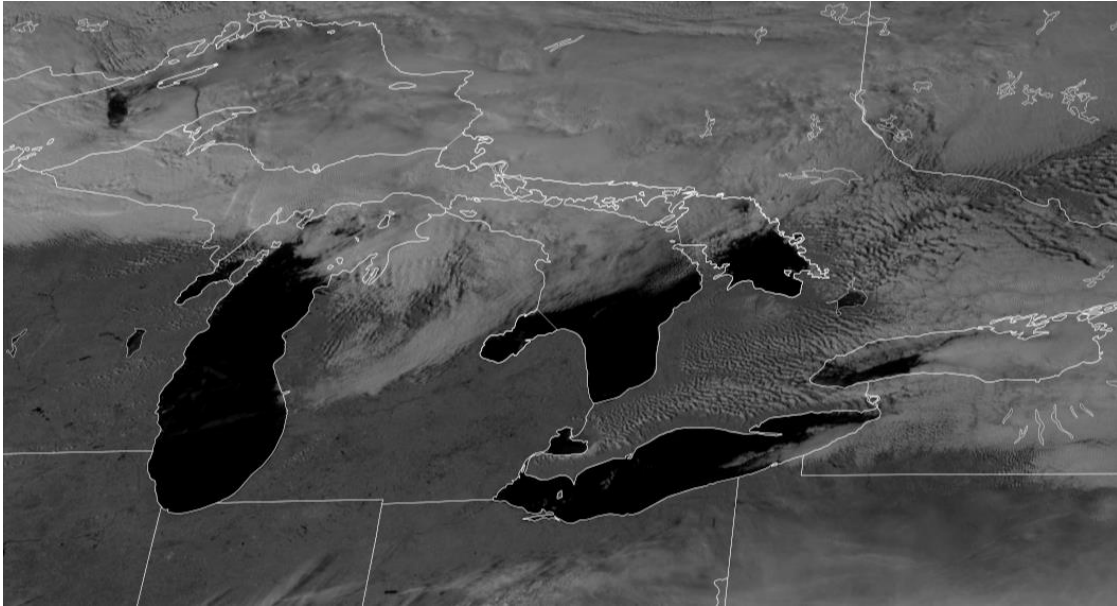
Lake Michigan just north of Muskegon on February 11, 2024. Although chunks of ice dot the sandy beach, there is little-to-no ice coverage on the lake. Often in February ice would be many inches thick at this same location and the waves would be well off shore. Credit: Jen Day/NOAA

The current winter season (2023-24) began with very warm air temperatures, resulting in slow ice formation. January 2024 did see some periods of cold, but they were not sustained long enough to allow ice coverage to increase with our current year peak reaching between 15-20% coverage during the third week of January. Maximum ice cover for the year usually peaks in late February or early March and, on average, the Great Lakes experience a basin-wide maximum in annual ice coverage of about 53%. [Check out this Q&A with GLERL scientists that goes into more detail about the causes and impacts of this year's low ice cover.]

Communities around the lakes have strong economic ties to the ice levels and the changes in ice cover can have big impacts on the people living there. Many local businesses in the area rely on ice fishing and outdoor sports which can only happen if the ice is thick and solid. Some fish species also use the ice for protection from predators during spawning season, and there's increasing

evidence that the ice plays a role in regulating many biological processes in the water. Shipping schedules are heavily impacted by the formation of ice, as well.

The absence of ice can also make the shoreline more susceptible to erosion and increase the potential for damage to coastal infrastructure during the winter months due to high winds and waves. Thick ice often acts to dampen the large wave action and protect the shoreline. Lack of ice cover can also increase lake effect snow.



Visible imagery from NOAA's GOES-16 satellite taken February 12, 2024. Credit: NOAA

In concert with the U.S. National Ice Center, NOAA obtains, produces, and delivers environmental data and products for near real-time observation of the Great Lakes to support research on ice cover changes and decision making at various levels.

The relationship between ice cover and Great Lakes water level fluctuations is complex, explains GLERL researcher Lauren Fry. "Evaporation happens when there is a large temperature difference between the air and water," says Fry. "We tend to see the highest evaporation rates during the fall and early winter when the surface water is relatively warm and cold blasts of Arctic air enter the basin."

People are often surprised to learn that much of the evaporation on the Great Lakes happens while ice is forming, she says. Fry compares it to the difference between the way a warm cup of hot chocolate on a cold day evaporates as steam, whereas a cold glass of ice water on a warm summer day results in condensation.

To view up-to-date information on ice, visit the Great Lakes node of Coastwatch.

Media contact: Alison Gillespie, alison.gillespie@noaa.gov, 202-713-6644.

ARE YOU LEGAL?

Restricted Operator Certificate (Marine)

A legal requirement, it's the law

ALL BOATERS SHOULD KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY USE A VHF RADIO

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Three Consecutive Thursday Nights

Registration cutoff date March 17, 2024 (books must be ordered)

Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

Cost: \$125.00

Includes Instruction, Text, Exam, and ROC Card

Book Online

www.boatingcourses.ca

Need help? contact:

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Leprechaun Bait

(Recipe/photo courtesy of delish.com)

2 c. corn chex
1 c. pretzel twists
1 c. Lucky Charms
1/2 c. green M&M's
12 oz. white chocolate chips, melted
1 tsp. green sanding sugar

Directions

Step 1

In a large bowl, combine Corn Chex, pretzels, Lucky Charms, green M&M's, melted white chocolate, and green sanding sugar.

Step 2

Mix until totally combined, then transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet and spread into one even layer.

Step 3

Freeze until firm, about 20 minutes, then break into pieces and serve.





Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Items of Interest

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

GAMRU

www.gamru.ca

Canadian Yachting

<http://www.canadianyachting.ca/>

Government of Canada - Water levels forecast

<https://tides.gc.ca/tides/en/water-levels-forecasthttps://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/water-overview/quantity/great-lakes-levels-related-data/levelnews-great-lakes-st-lawrence/january-2024.html>

Sail-World

<https://www.sail-world.com/Canada>

Sail-World Cruising

<https://www.sail-worldcruising.com>

Spartan – Ocean Racing & Training

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

POWER BOATING CANADA

<https://powerboating.com/lake-ontario/>

Get My Boat

<https://www.getmyboat.ca>

Sail Canada

<https://www.sailing.ca/>

Press - Star Sailors League

<http://finals.starsailors.com/>

Ontario Sailing

<https://ontariosailing.ca>