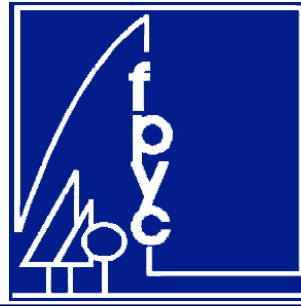


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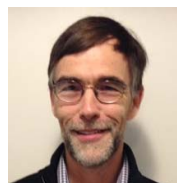
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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore

Spring at Fifty Point



“Washing and Buffing and Painting, Oh My!” “Washing and Buffing and Painting, Oh My!” I could go on... (with sincere apologies to all the Wizard of OZ fans out there). Yes, this is the time of the aching back, cramping shoulders and the oh so attractive bottom-paint- freckle complexion. All of the above symptoms are often accompanied by the excruciating impacted wallet.

To be a boat owner in this climate must be a passion, maybe even a calling. Viewed through any other lens it looks like insanity. Just like calculating the total amount of interest paid on your home mortgage, figuring the cost per actual day of use of your boat (in \$ or effort) is a pit best given a wide berth.

So why do we do it? Allow me, as a sailing buff, to wax philosophical. While there are many components to the complete answer, I find it mostly in those perfect moments under sail, and sometimes... occasionally... rarely... the jackpot of a perfect day. The sails fill, the boats heels to the wind, the mind is totally focused on the balance between boat, wind and water. No matter what thoughts or worries were playing and replaying a second before, they disappear in the moment. Once, on a perfect day, the moment stretched to an 11 hour run from Cobourg to Port Credit.

There are so many other things that balance the work and cost of boat ownership, and they don't require mast or sails, or for that matter, a Zen state of mind. Having the ability to cast off and head out of the harbour for a day on the water, a weekend at another port, or a cruising holiday puts us all among the most fortunate people on the planet. Then there is the return to home port, sharing tales of perfect moments and high adventure - all boaters have a selection and are always ready, given a glass of something and almost no encouragement at all, to vie for the prize of most harrowing story.

Add to all that, the club social events. Those of you who made it to the Pre-Splash barbeque have already begun to realize this benefit. With our appetites whet preparing boats for launch and the bonus of a sunny spring day, add the burgers and hot dogs, so perfectly cooked by John and Gunter...spectacular! Thanks to Gerri for organizing and to everyone who helped out and joined in.

Whatever it is that you include in the credit column of your boat ownership balance sheet, you know it when it happens. That flash of realization, “It doesn't get any better than this!” It happened just now when I realized that the Commodore is done waxing.

Welcome to spring at Fifty-Point.



SAILPAST

May 23, 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast in the D Dock Shelter	<u><i>Tickets Are Required</i></u> (See Page 19)
11:00 a.m.	Grand March begins at J Dock	
11:20 a.m.	Blessing of the Boats by Rev. S. Lindsey	
1:00 p.m.	SailPast Commences Saluting Commodore **	
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Dinner at the D Dock Shelter	<u><i>Tickets Are Required</i></u> (See Page 19)

Please note that tickets are required for both breakfast and dinner.

Tickets are only available to FPYC members who have already renewed their membership for the 2015 season although tickets can be purchased for guests *Tickets will be available until May 19th only from either Brian Weber (F17) or Jayne Herring (E5).*

If you prefer to email to order your tickets please see the email addresses for Brian and Jayne on Page 2.

Please do not be disappointed as we **will not** have tickets available after May 19th so that we can purchase enough food for our members in advance of the dinner.

*****SailPast on the lake is subject to weather conditions. If the weather fails to cooperate, the Commodore will conduct the SailPast by dinghy in the marina basin at 1:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.***

Get your FPYC Baseball hat!



Stay tuned for more information,
but we will be offering
FPYC baseball hats for sale to members

Pricing and final details are still being determined,
but we will only have a
limited number available.

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Race Report - May 2015

By Garry Cooke

World Sailing Events: *Around the World race!*

The Volvo Ocean (around the world) race has left Brazil, and they are currently heading towards Newport (USA). The yachts in this around the world event are a one-design class, so all the yachts are the same with the same sail inventory at the start. Some teams have damaged some sails, such as team SCA, which definitely puts them at a disadvantage. For the other boats, the result of the one-design class, is the racing is very, very even. At the moment for instance, there are only about 20 miles between first and last after travelling 2000 miles!

(<http://www.volvooceanrace.com/>)



The boats in the Double handed Barcelona World race have now finished.
The results are as follows:

- 1: Cheminées Poujoulat; B Stamm – J Le Cam.
- 2: Neutrogina; G. Altadill – J Munoz
- 3: Gaes Centros Auditivos: Anna Corbella - G. Marin.
- 4: One Planet, One Ocean: A. Gelabert – D. Costa
- 5: We Are Water; B. Garcia – W. Garcia
- 6: Renault Captur; J. Riechers – S. Audigane.
- 7: Spirit of Hungary; N Fa – C. Colman

Retired due to forestay failure.

- 8: Hugo Boss : Alex Thompson – P. Ribes

(<http://www.barcelonaworldrace.org/en/>)



Sailing Events: Around Home:

FPYC Race Report May2015

As mentioned earlier, if you wish to race and receive a handicap measurement, please contact me so that I can help with your sail measurements. We will be measuring sails at 9:00 am on Saturday May 9th. (*please contact me to confirm*)

For PHRF all spinnakers and mains will need to be measured this year, due to changes in the rules. It is easier to measure your main sail prior to attaching the sail to your boat, since the sail will need to be stretched out on the grass.

Racing on Tuesday will start on Tuesday, June 19th with Newport YC. If you wish to race you will need to register with me. Thursday Pursuit races will start on Thursday June 4th.

We will run a Saturday pursuit race in May, and I will send out a notice prior to that. If you wish to participate in Thursday's racing, you will need to register with me.

Pub Nights 2015

Pub nights have concluded this year, with the last one in April covering basic rules of the road for power boats as well as sail boats, together with the simple rules applied to pursuit style racing. We will be starting up pub nights again after the boats are back on the 'hard'!

Garry Cooke (*see contact information on page 2 of Scuttlebutt*)



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We Are Now Accepting E-Transfer for your FPYC Membership Fees

There will be a service charge applied to the senders account, typically \$1.50.

Following are general instructions.

1. Log into your online bank account.
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3. Add Mike Shaw to the recipient list.
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5. Select account and amount of funds being withdrawn.
6. Choose or select a security question and answer as requested.
7. Confirm transfer and send.
8. In a separate email to **mbshaw@cogeco.ca**, provide completed Membership Form and answer to a security question.

We are still accepting cheques as well as payment mailed to the address on the membership form found on page 20.



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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 paulcharles@cogeco.ca



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.

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|-----------------|--|
| May 16, 17 & 18 | Port Dalhousie Yacht Club
Enjoy an early start to the cruising season a short distance away from Fifty Point during the May long weekend. |
| 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 information will be provided prior to the cruise. |

Sign Up Today!

Please sign up for cruises through the Fifty Point Yacht Club website <http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html>. 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 (<http://www.fpyc.ca/cruisecaptain.html>) 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.

Sue Millar & Christopher Almeida
Cruise Directors



Upcoming Events

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						Port Dalhousie Cruise
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Port Dalhousie Cruise	Port Dalhousie Cruise					Sailpast
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Coming in June...

June 6	Appetizer Pot Luck for <u>all</u> members (to welcome our new members)
June 13-14	Oakville Cruise
June 27-28	Port Credit Cruise

You are invited...

All members of FPYC are invited

To welcome our newest members

at an

Appetizer Pot-Luck

To be held on

Saturday, June 6th

In the picnic

Area across from F Dock Shelter

(a rain location will be determined)

*please bring your favourite appetizer,
drink and lawn chair*

and join us in welcoming our new club members.

looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Officer of the Day

Paul Charles - paulcharles@cogeco.ca

Think back to the high points of visiting other clubs around the lake. What made you feel warm and welcome? OK, after the wash-rooms! 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



Orange Sesame Noodles with Grilled Shrimp

Sauce

Combine first 7 ingredients in bowl:

- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 3 T soya sauce
- 3 T peanut butter
- 2 T toasted sesame oil
- 2 tea freshly grated ginger
- 2 tea grated orange zest
- 1/4 tea cayenne pepper

Pasta

- 10 oz noodles (I like angel hair noodles)
- 1 cup snow peas
- 1 carrot, cut matchsticks
- 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 T toasted sesame oil



To Prepare:

Boil noodles

Before draining add snow peas and carrot, let cook 30 seconds

Drain and toss with orange juice mixture, set aside

Brush shrimp w sesame oil and grill over med-hot coals 3-5 mins

Arrange pasta on plates and top with shrimp

Variation:

Omit the shrimp if you want to make a vegetarian option, or top with grilled chicken strips, pork or steak.

*Everything you see I owe to spaghetti`
Sophia Loren*

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or

Jayne Herring
(at dock E5 or jayneherring9@gmail.com)

Tickets can also be purchased for guests – \$5.00 for breakfast and \$25.00 for dinner

Children under 5 are free for dinner and children 6-12
are only \$10.00 each

Please note that tickets are only available until May 19th



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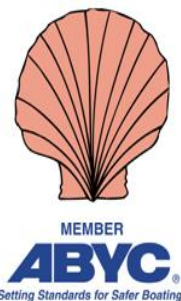
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Meet Your Executive Cruising Director Sue Millar

Hi everyone! My husband Gunter and I own "Spirit", a 34' Beneteau sailboat, docked at G26. This is our fourth summer at Fifty Point.

My love of sailing was passed down to me from my grandfather and father. At a very young age I was out on the water in Grandpa Millar's 26' boat "Phantom" which he kept at the National Yacht Club in Toronto. My grandpa built this boat himself with help from my Dad and his brother.



My sister and I with Dad on Phantom, 1962.

My father starting his sailing journey when he built a 16' Comet as a teenager. In 1951 he built his first Star class boat "Spook" and many others over the years including "Demon", "Goblin" and "Hocus Pocus". Are you starting to understand how we came up with the name Spirit? Dad was a serious racer and a member of the RCYC. He competed in, and won, many regattas around North America. Many of my summer holidays were spent on a spectator boat watching what I thought were boring races with a bad case of sea sickness!

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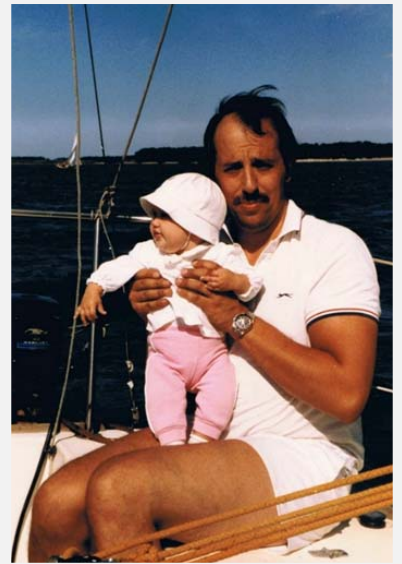
*Meet Your Executive
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Spook in 1951

I learned to sail on the Star (sort of – it was a bit scary) and then Albacores at the junior club, along with Lasers and various other boats that Dad collected. In the 1980's Dad switched from the Star class to a J-24 which he kept at Pier Four. This is how Gunter was introduced to sailing as he was recruited to crew for Tuesday night races in the Toronto harbour. Gunter and I have 2 daughters, Megan and Kelly, both born during this time in Toronto.

Gunter with Megan on the J-24 in 1985

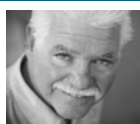


After Toronto we lived in London Ontario for 13 years and moved to Cambridge in 2006. At some point Gunter and I realized there was more to sailing than racing – the cruising life! This led to many weekends looking



at boats all over southern Ontario until we finally found ours in Midland. She was trucked down in October 2011 and launched the following spring. We joined the yacht club and went on our first group cruise that summer and have never looked back. I encourage everyone to sign up for a group cruise this season – you won't regret it!

We have made so many close friends here and have had many adventures on group cruises and extended trips around the lake and to the Thousand Islands. Looking forward to seeing you out on the lake this summer!



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