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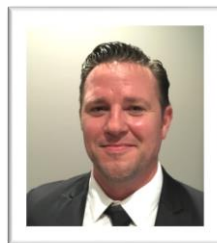


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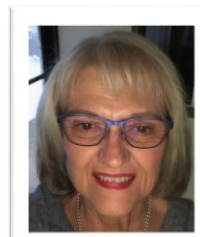


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Commodore's Message



Hello Everyone,

Well we made it to May 2020 and now as we look on to the summer there has been and will be continuous change in this year of adjustments and change or the year of the Pandemic. So the Club hopes all members are safe and healthy, not just themselves but their Families near and far. The club has members working in the Health community and others working within essential services but we also have members that have been hurt by the shutdowns and some will have to make decisions that will change their life ashore and on the water. So Join me in thanking the workers still working and also to say to others please stay strong and if we can help we will. It might be a nod of the head but it could be, can we help get your boat ready (when we get to that point). We want all members to be back with the club and we are working to that end.

As you all know there has been delays and will be changes up to when boats are launched and then there will be change as we adjust to the social distancing rules at the marina. We do not have full knowledge of how they will be changed but from what we know there will be changes in how we enjoy our life at the marina.

This club is based on the social and family atmosphere that has built up over many years - before my time and I hope long after I have moved on from this position. So the volunteer executive has worked hard in planning a year which three months ago was altered course permanently for this year and we were forced to change and adapt quickly and make many decisions that are hard for us all. Ideas that the board had and was putting in place - many things we have done traditionally and we all enjoyed and some new things.

To finish we as the board get to know how and when the boats will launch and vacation travel changes along with marina restrictions, the Club is looking at many angles to maintain membership levels including adjusting the membership fees to maintain the club for 2020 and be vibrant and looking forward to 2021. So please stay tuned as we develop plans and keep everybody informed as to the many changes we have all been forced to make.

I hope to see all as we work in the boat yard (when allowed) and launch and then walk docks to say hi, cannot shake hands but will nod and wave.

Thank you for being members to a great club.

Thank you

Doug Galvin
Commodore

From the Vice

Well another month has come and gone and things still appear as they are definitely coming about to being unknown.

Well if you can follow that statement, please tell me what it means. This Covid 19 virus still has a hold on many countries. We are still unsure as to how things are going to progress within the province. We have all received e-mails from Hamilton Conservation Authority related to matters at the marina. It appears that they are not expecting an early end to social distancing.

For many of us, we are still wondering if our boats will see or are going to see the water this year. Many of us are talking about the drop dead date we want to see the boat in the water. However, are we going to be able to travel, visit with friends or use facilities? Many clubs around the lake are delayed getting boats in the water if at all. Some clubs have notified us that while social distancing is in place they may not allow visitors. It appears everything is up in the air and we are in a wait and see situation.

If our boat does sit on the hard all Summer there are many questions that we need to resolve related to our boats. How will we deal with the potential for mold? Is there some maintenance I can do to get the boat ready for next year?

Stay tune on this matter as hopefully, we will better know in the next few weeks. Once the 'Powers to Be' start to give us more information.

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB, things are no clearer for us. We have looked at a worst case scenario regarding our standard operating expenses. These expenses are costs that we incur before boats even hit the water. They include such things as insurance, post office box, website management and dues. The dues are for organizational memberships that help keep us up to date with government regulations and Commodores at other yacht clubs. It should be noted that the FPYC Board is not remunerated and we even cover some expenses.

This said the Board approved an interim membership fee, which assumes boats will not hit the water and covers most of our operating costs. It is hoped that last year's members will renew their membership at the interim fee. Please read the membership Committees article to find out more information.

We all recognize that this is an unusual year. We are all making decisions on the fly as information becomes available to us. Some decisions may require FPYC to look outside the box and how best to navigate within our current constitution.

Stay and travel safe so we can all enjoy your Fifty Point Yacht Club.

Brian Weber,
Vice Commodore

A Note from Our Social Directors

Well, I'm sure most are past their original lift in dates, and we still don't have a definitive answer as to when that will happen.

On the positive side, it's worth noting that initial discussions for re-opening the Province are taking place. The same goes for cities and municipalities.

Plus, we are now seeing the rewards of isolation and social distancing in reduced numbers of new daily infection rates. This comes in the face of increased testing, so that is very good news.

So, while we don't have any new dates or even a good guess of an event schedule, be assured that we will be ready to go as soon as we get the green light. Still hoping for a season, albeit a shorter one and we'll pack as much into it as possible.

Keep thinking positive thoughts!

A Note from Our Membership Committee

We hope that you and your family are doing well. Given the challenging times we are living in, the Board of Directors has been discussing and making decisions about this year's boating season. We have reviewed membership fees, fixed operating costs and potential club activity this summer and have concluded that a reduced membership fee is appropriate this season. As such, the Board has approved a 2020 interim fee of \$75.00 (vs. the regular fee of \$210.00). The social membership fee will be \$25.00 (vs. \$65.00) which is the standard 30% of the regular fee.

The interim fee will allow us to fund fixed costs such as insurance, association dues, post office box fees and website management. Members who have a credit of \$50.00 for the pub/trivia night may apply this payment to the interim fee. Members who have paid the full fee will receive a refund (or credit) of \$135.00. Please contact Judie Galvin, Treasurer, at treasurer50@yahoo.com to make arrangements.

Until further notice, please continue to use your 2019 membership number to access the Members Only section on the FPYC website. New members will receive a membership number by email (many thanks for joining!).

The 2020 membership form with payment details is posted on the FPYC website, www.fpyc.ca. If you have any questions or comments, please email Donna Shepherd at donnashepherd5@gmail.com and/or Sam Slade at sammyslade1972@gmail.com

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Club! Stay safe and healthy!
There will be better times ahead!.



2020 Fifty Point Yacht Club Apparel

The Board is pleased to offer FPYC apparel again this year! Social distancing could likely be with us throughout this season, but we can look good from a distance! All items from 2019 will be available (at the same price), and we have added a few new items this year including women's, men's and youth dry fit UV 40+ protection shirts in short and long sleeves, an adult unisex hooded full zipper sweatshirt, a youth hooded sweatshirt and white hats.

Given social distancing, we have developed an on-line store for easy shopping. The on-line store will be open from May 25 to June 7. All members will receive an email on May 25 indicating the store is open. You will simply open the link to the on-line store provided in the email, open the FPYC logo and the apparel will be posted. A description of each item and a sizing chart will be included.

The apparel will be available by June 30. The orders will likely be curbside pick-up at our apparel supplier in Stoney Creek. Members can also choose delivery to their home address (a fee will apply). If social distancing is not as strict by the end of June, we may have pick-up at the marina. Time will tell and we will advise by email the last week of June. If you have any questions, please email info@fpyc.ca

ITEM (New items for 2020 shown in red)	COLOUR(S)	PRICE
Women's Short Sleeve V-neck T-shirt	White and Navy	\$ 30
Women's Long Sleeve Hooded Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 40
Women's Vest	Navy	\$ 70
Women's Golf Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 50
Women's Windbreaker Jacket	Navy	\$ 50
Women's 3-in-1 Jacket	Navy	\$145
Women's Dry Fit UV 40+ V-neck Short Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 35
Women's Dry Fit UV 40+ V-neck Long Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 40
Men's Short Sleeve T-shirt	White and Navy	\$ 30
Men's Long Sleeve Hooded Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 40
Men's Vest	Navy	\$ 70
Men's Golf Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 50
Men's Windbreaker Jacket	Navy	\$ 50
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Men's Dry Fit UV 40+ Short Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 35
Men's Dry Fit UV 40+ Long Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 40
Youth Dry Fit UV 40+ Short Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 25
Youth Dry Fit UV 40+ Long Sleeve Shirt	White and Navy	\$ 30
Youth Hooded Sweatshirt	Navy	\$ 50
Unisex Hooded Sweatshirt	Navy	\$ 55
Unisex Hooded Full Zipper Sweatshirt	Navy	\$ 55
Adult Hat	Navy and White	\$ 30
Youth Hat	Navy	\$ 20

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BOOM Program Update

In consultation with Ontario Sailing, the Board of Directors have decided that based on these uncertain and challenging times, the Learn to Sail Program will be cancelled this summer. With social distancing being a part of our lives, likely for a number of months to come, we do not see the viability of gathering in groups. It is very unfortunate as we were looking forward to another successful year.

Thank you to those who submitted registration payments. Refunds will be processed within the next few days.

Stay safe and healthy!

May Joke

Question - How many boaters does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer - None, because the right size bulb isn't on board; the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand; and the mail order house has them on back order.



News from GAMRU

New custom rescue boat coming for South Shore volunteers

GRIMSBY, Ont. (April 24, 2020) – An ambitious plan to buy a new, purpose-built rescue vessel has paid off for the volunteers of GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue.

A new Stanley 26 CR S&R boat customized to the needs of the volunteers was ordered this week from Stanley Aluminium Boats of Parry Sound, Ontario. The new vessel is expected to enter service for the 2021 boating season, the leader of the volunteer group announced.

“This is the culmination of several years of fund raising and the end of a long, arduous selection process,” Unit Leader Bob Gordon told donors to the three-year campaign. “This is a great moment for our organization.”

The 26-foot, centre console boat will feature a full suite of modern navigation and communication equipment and be powered by a pair of Honda BF225 outboard engines. When fully in service, the boat is expected to have a top speed in excess of 40 knots and a cruising range of more than 220 nautical miles.

“We believe the design offers the speed, range and seaworthy characteristics we demand in a rescue boat combined with the deck space, equipment storage and crew safety we need,” said Gordon. Among the safety innovations for the volunteer crew is the use of shock-absorbing seats.

The boat could have a working life of 20 years, Gordon added.

Final price for the vessel and its equipment is expected to be within the \$240,000 the volunteers raised for the project.

Funds were raised from business, institutional and private donors over a three-year period. Contributors from the institutional sector included the highly respected Wise Guys Charity Fund and the Niagara Community Foundation, while local businesses like NRB Inc., Fabris Inc. and Stonehouse-Whitcomb Funeral Home were major contributors. Grimsby native and marine industry pioneer Blair McKeil, founder of McKeil Marine, was instrumental in the fund raising, Gordon said. Individuals from the community and South Shore Search And Rescue members also contributed to the fund.

Gordon expressed the volunteers’ heart-felt thanks to the donors who brought the project to life. “It was important to share this news with the many generous donors who supported this effort from the earliest days and through the long periods when it appeared we weren’t making much progress,” Gordon told the donors. “Your encouragement and financial support during this time was invaluable. To you, our sincere thanks.”

The selection process looked at nearly two dozen boats from Canada, the U.S. and New Zealand before settling on the Stanley. The new boat will replace the aging Zodiac Hurricane 630, which will see another year of service in 2020 alongside the volunteers’ 34-foot steel cutter once the 2020 season begins.

GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue responds to rescue calls in western Lake Ontario, serving the communities along the south shore from bases in Fifty Point and Grimsby. More than 30 active volunteers maintain the two fully-equipped rescue vessels and train year-round to maintain the skills and readiness to be effective on the water. GAMRU is a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and a registered charity.

A technical drawing of the new boat is available.

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Karyn's Kitchen

Hey Fellow Boaters and Friends. I hope that you and your families are keeping well during these challenging times. Since we can't be at our boats ☺, many of us have lots of extra time on our hands, but I know that many of you don't. I would like to say a sincere thanks to those of you still working in essential services, we so much appreciate you all. THANK YOU!!!!

With the extra time on our hands these days, I am watching lots of cooking shows, looking for new inspirations for meals. One of those shows is CHOPPED and making our dinner the other night was like my own version of that show. Like many of you, I have been doing online grocery orders and sometimes just about out of many items, including fresh veggies. It was that limited supply of ingredients that led to this recipe. For lamb lovers, you should really enjoy this, but I know many don't like lamb and it works very well with any of your favourite ground meats. I encourage you to mix up a batch of the Seasoning Mix, it has some great flavour combinations that go well with many dishes. Fingers crossed that we will get to see all of you soon, in the meantime stay safe.

Karyn



SHEPHERD'S PIE (2020 version)

- 1 lb ground lamb
(if you don't like lamb, you can substitute beef, or half beef/half pork)
- 2 tbsp olive oil (reserve half)
- ½ large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- ½ cup red wine (optional)
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ½ tbsp Seasoning mix (see below for recipe)
- Vegetable mixture (I used diced carrots, celery, zucchini, peppers and broccoli)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Mashed potatoes (enough to cover meat/veggie mixture to about 1 to 1 ½ inch thick)
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp parsley
- ¾ cup feta cheese

Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in frying pan, add ground meat. Sprinkle with seasoning mix. Stir and add onions, sauté a few minutes and add minced garlic. Cook until meat is brown and add tomato paste. Cook about 2 minutes, then add red wine and Worcestershire sauce. Allow to reduce for a few minutes. Spread cooked meat mixture evenly in greased pan, for 1 lb meat I used a loaf pan.

In same pan, add another tbsp olive oil and add chopped vegetables. Season with salt and pepper and Sauté on low-medium heat until cooked through. Spread evenly over meat mixture.

Prepare mashed potatoes and add parmesan cheese and parsley. Spread over vegetable mixture. Top with crumbled feta cheese.

Bake in 350 degree oven for about half an hour, until meat is bubbling slightly and feta cheese starts to brown.

Seasoning Mix - (you can modify this according to your taste) – Use ½ tsp of each and mix well. You can save the rest for future use for this or other recipes. (garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, ground rosemary, thyme, season salt, celery salt, tsp pepper, savoury (or Italian seasoning), mint, oregano)



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

<https://sunspiritmillar.blogspot.com/?m=1>



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Canadian Yachting

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

Sail-World Cruising

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