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5th Place Photo by John and Sue Fletcher
Oh buoy, there's a line up!

scut-tle-butt 1 a: a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use b: a drinking fountain on a ship or at a marine installation

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Commodore's Message



Here we are starting the month of May and boating season ramps up in earnest. There are already a lot of boats that have launched, and Paula and I have managed to spend a couple of nights on board, along with some other hearty fellow boaters! It is great to be back on the water.

We have had our first successful Social Event of the year on April 29. Mother Nature cooperated and granted us a brief window without rain so that we could once again get together and kick off the year. First and foremost, I want to extend a big thank you to the Social Committee, other Board members and all the other Club members that helped set up, organize, and clean up for this event. These things do take a lot of planning and time to prepare and I think they pulled it off in great style.

Of course, I also have to say thank you to all the members who came out and took part in the day. For such a dreary and cool day, we were so very happy to see so many people come out. All the planning and execution don't mean a thing if we don't have members participating. If Saturday is any indicator, I believe we are in for an outstanding season and people are ready to socialize together as a Club. Thank you all.

There was certainly a lot of activity at the table set up for Club apparel and the Membership cards were ready to be distributed. Thanks to those Board members for their help. And finally, thanks to the staff of Fifty Point Conservation for preparing the area and making sure we had BBQ's ready.

Remember that May 15 marks the last day for the Early Bird discount on your membership fee. As I've said before, I believe we offer the best value on the lake and you belong to a group of truly amazing people.

Please mark your calendars for our next Social Event on May 27, when we continue the fun with our New Members BBQ. This is a great event to meet and welcome our newest members to the Club. Let's have another big turnout and make them feel part of the Club.

Thank you again and see you at the marina!

Steve Burgin

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Scuttlebutt *Cruising Update*

Welcome back for what promises to be another great summer of cruising! With boats now in the water, the 2023 cruising season will soon be upon us. We have been busy over the winter putting together a great schedule which includes visiting some perennial favourites as well as some new destinations. There will be something for everyone!

Our season starts off with a shakedown cruise to Royal Hamilton YC on June 10-11. If you haven't had the chance to visit RHYC before, the club has excellent facilities including an outdoor pool and a great bar with an outdoor patio. RHYC is within walking distance to Bayfront Park and the many shops, pubs and restaurants along James Street.

Canada Day long weekend (July 1-3) will see us visit National Yacht Club in the heart of downtown Toronto. The dining room and bar features a large outdoor, wrap-around terrace with the best view of Lake Ontario, sunsets over the water and the city skyline. This cruise promises to be a memorable one and a great place to celebrate Canada's birthday!

On July 22-23, we will head the other way as we visit Dalhousie Yacht Club. DYC features a beautiful clubhouse and is within walking distance to many great restaurants and pubs with live music. Port Dalhousie's close location to FPYC and the beautiful sandy beach with shallow water also make this a great destination for families with young children.

The long weekend in August (5-7) brings the return visit to Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga. The club is located within walking distance of many trails, parks and the beautiful village of Port Credit. If you prefer to stay closer to the boat, the club's beautiful facilities feature casual, patio and fine-dining options. There is also a beautiful pool and several fire pits where you can gather with friends and enjoy an evening cocktail.

Finally, we will close out the 2023 season with a 3-day cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club from September 2-4. Nestled in the protected waters of Humber Bay, EYC is in close proximity to both the city and Toronto Islands. If you're looking for something to do while there, the Canadian National Exhibition will be in full-swing that weekend.

FPYC has a cap of 15 boats per cruise. To make cruises as accessible as possible to all members, registration for up to 3 of the posted cruises will be allowed. Selections will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will maintain a waitlist for cancellations for oversubscribed dates.

As in years past, if you want to guarantee a spot on one of the cruises, consider volunteering as a cruise captain. Check out the website fpyc.ca/cruises.html for further details.

Registration for all cruises will open on Thursday, June 1. Watch for an email earlier that week with further instructions.

In the meantime, don't forget to take advantage of the early bird rate for renewing your FPYC membership before May 15.

See you at the dock and on the water!

Ben Douglas (s/v Island Fever, J9)
2023 Cruise Director
FPYC

Membership Update

It's a "Great" time of the year. Many boats are already in the water with many more to be launched shortly.

We presently have 4 new members. Please extend a warm Welcome to...

Jonathan Bell & Sarah Robertson on D26

Jeff Robertson on B16

Robert & Francine Tremblay on F28

Blaine Betzold & Laura Millar on G23

We encourage you to invite your boat neighbours to join our club.

Early Bird Deadline is Fast Approaching!

Just a reminder that the early bird deadline for your 2023 membership is May 14/23
Don't miss this date as fees increase afterwards.

We have renewed our Members Perks Program with the following Companies

Pita Pit- 10%

Kelsey's-20%

Hangry Chicken-10%

Freshii-15%

DNA Pizza -10% on orders over 15.00

New This Year

Booster Juice- 15%

Sunshine Grill - 15% off

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

John Robinson

Art Veldhuizen

Membership Directors

Social Events Update - Save the Dates!!

The social committee is planning for another great year of events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

May 27 - New member's welcome party
D-dock Pavilion from 2-4 pm

June 24 - Sailpast details to follow

August 26 - Summer BBQ at the Beach Pavilion

November 4 - Commodore's Ball at Galileo Garden's, details will follow

Please watch for details on each event in Scuttlebutt as we get closer to the dates!

FPYC Social Committee



2023 Fifty Point Yacht Club Merchandise

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FPYC Apparel and Cooler Bag

The on-line store for apparel and the cooler bag will be open until May 7. Pick up will be at the New Members Welcome on May 27. Link to the on-line store: www.merchfund.ca/fpyc

FPYC Insulated Drinkware

The on-line store for FPYC insulated glassware will be open May 23 – 30. The drinkware will be laser engraved with the FPYC logo on one side as shown below. The member's boat name will be laser engraved on the other side (10 fonts to choose from). Orders will be ready for pick up at the marina on June 10. More details and the link to the on-line store will be emailed to members on May 22.



Drinkware Options:

Yeti:

- 20 oz. tumbler - \$90
- 10 oz. wine glass - \$80
- 12 oz. colster - \$80
- Colours: black, navy blue, seafoam, white, canopy green, high desert clay

Polar Camel:

- 20 oz. tumbler - \$55
- 12 oz. wine glass - \$48
- Colours: black, navy blue, seafoam, white, royal blue, red

Drinkware samples will be on display at the May 27 New Members Welcome.

Donna Shepherd
FPYC Director at Large

50 Point Flea Market

SELL, SWAP or Give away your surplus gear!

Boating & Fishing supplies, Tools, or Whatever!

WHEN: Saturday May 27, 2023

WHERE: "D"-Dock Pavilion

TIME: 0900 - NOON

COST: \$5.00 per table

(table proceeds to be donated to GAMRU)

****Reserve your table by May 25****

(Sign-up sheet inside office)



"Your trash may be another's bounty"

Getting To Know You...

Masego – Art and Fya Veldhuizen

You no doubt have passed our boat many times, heading out or back into our Marina. We are docked on J13, formally known as “Exile Island “.

We were introduced to sailing when we were in our 20’s sailing out of Point Albino on my cousins small motorless wooden sailboat. We both were hooked!

Years later, we started sailing on our own, with a great instructor, on a Shark (SNAFU) out of Sugarloaf Marina in Port Colborne. We quickly learned the fundamentals of sailing and joined in on race nights.

In 2006, we bought our first boat, a Catalina30 out of Wilson NY. She was named “Second Thoughts”, a name we knew had to be changed. Over the winter, we did a boat name search and compiled a list of names on our fridge. We practiced “hailing” each name to see how each name sounded. We decided on “Masego”, which is spoken by the “Bantu” tribe in Botswana, meaning “Blessings”. We are very blessed to have a sailboat.

We sailed Masego out of Port Dalhousie for 10 years. A year prior to coming to Fifty Point, we purchased our current boat, a Catalina34, and kept the same meaningful name.

Coincidentally, we sold our Catalina 30, back to the same owners we purchased her from in Wilson NY! Fya suggested they rename her “Second Chance”.

When we moved to Fifty Point, John Robinson and Betty VanKlink on “Intuition” were the only people we knew and have been boat neighbours for 6 years now. Betty said they joined the yacht club and immediately became involved on the board as a way to meet new people, she is correct! This will be my 5th year serving on the board.

Being members at FPYC, has enabled us to visit numerous yacht clubs on Lake Ontario, and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of each club.

Over the years, Masego has travelled to the Thousand Islands many times via the Canadian and US routes. Always an Adventure!

When we come home to Fifty Point, we are so grateful that this is our home port!

Drop in at J13 on “Exile Island” and introduce yourselves, we would like to meet our fellow boaters.

Art & Fya Veldhuizen

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Golden Globe Race

by: Garry Cooke

I would imagine that nearly everyone has heard of the original Golden Globe race which was sponsored in 1968 by the Sunday Times newspaper. The recognised sailor Sir Robin Knox-Johnston was the winner and only one to complete the race, the other 8 having retired, sunk or died. A recent movie about Donald Cowhurst shows the mental anguish this race caused, with his ultimate suicide.

The race was devised to create a non-stop un-assisted single handed sailboat race around the world, passing the great Capes in the southern Ocean, such as Cape Town, Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn and returning up the Atlantic to Europe.

On the 50th anniversary of the race in 2018, an Australian adventurer/sailor Don McIntyre resurrected the idea of sailing the same course in yachts of similar design as the 1968 vessels, using only navigation tools from that period such as sextants. No modern GPS or Chart plotters or other modern instruments were allowed. There were 18 boats entered and only 5 finished the grueling 9 month race. The winner of the 2018 race was a French sailor Jean-Luc Van Den Heede who was 73 years old at the start of the race.

The current edition of the race which started 8 months ago is nearing its conclusion. As I write this article there are three boats remaining in the non-stop division from the original 23. After 30,000 miles the two leading boats are only about 30 miles apart! The finish is estimated to be April 29th, with only 1000 miles to go to the finish line at Les Sables-d'Olonne, France.

The two leading boats are Kirsten Neuschaefer from South Africa and Abhilash Tomy from India. Kirsten was leading by about 1000 miles at one point, but she got stuck in the Doldrums coming North and Abhilash caught up with her. The third boat is skippered by Michael Guggenberger from Austria, and he is about 2500 miles from the finish.

Kirsten actually has support from Newfoundland and Maritime provinces where she had the boat re-outfitted for the race, so she has a strong following from the region. She has been honoured recently with a seamanship award for rescuing a fellow competitor in the race whose boat sank between Cape Town and Australia.

Check out the website and keep an eye on the sailing news for the conclusion of their race. I am hoping Kirsten can hang on to the lead, but in reality, they are all winners in this race: to accomplish a solo 30,000 mile non-stop voyage without modern equipment is something to be proud of.

<https://goldenglobrace.com/>



Kirsten Neuschafer and Abhilash Tomy the two leading contenders.



Footnote...the race finished on April 28th - Kirsten won and Abhilash came in second about a day behind.



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

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

MEMBER BENEFITS

SOCIAL EVENTS:

FPYC holds numerous social events throughout the year that you and your guests will be welcome to attend. Plans for 2023 include: Pre-launch BBQ, New Member Meet and Greet, SailPast and Dinner, Summer BBQ and Dance, ending the season with the Commodore's Ball.

Social Member Do not own a boat?

Early Bird Fee
\$65/year

After May 15
\$75/year

Membership Renewal

Early Bird Fee
\$225/year

After May 15
\$250/year

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES:

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

ORGANIZED CRUISES:

FPYC Cruise Directors plan and organize 5 to 6 reciprocal club cruises - includes free weekend dockage, fun-filled activities, potluck dinners and much more!

New Member

Early Bird Fee
\$260/year

After May 15
\$285/year
Includes Burgee

**MORE
FPYC
MEMBER
BENEFITS!**

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

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

Sponsorship Program - discounted space in Scuttlebutt for company advertising.

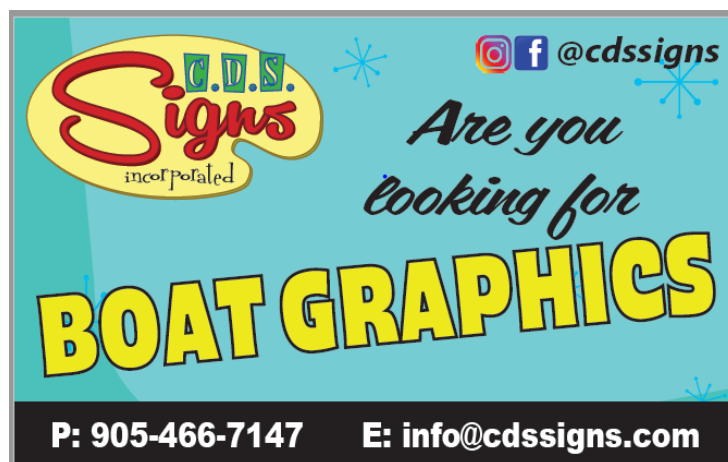
FOR MORE INFO: info@fpyc.ca MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: www.fpyc.ca

May Fun....!!



How long have you been a fishing guide?

Scuttlebutt Sponsorship



Just in Time for Cinco De Mayo!

(Recipe courtesy of AllRecipes.com)

Spicy Watermelon Margarita

Ingredients

2 cups seedless watermelon cubes

1 lime wedge

1 pinch kosher salt

ice cubes

1 ½ fluid ounces silver tequila

¾ fluid ounce orange-flavored liqueur (such as Cointreau®)

¾ fluid ounce lime juice

1 thin slice jalapeno slice, plus more for garnish

1 watermelon wedge

Directions

Puree watermelon in a blender. Wipe the rim of a margarita glass with a lime wedge; dip rim in salt.

In a cocktail shaker half-filled with ice, add tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice, jalapeño, and 2 ounces of the watermelon puree. Shake until very cold.

Strain into prepared glass. Garnish with watermelon wedge and jalapeño slice





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/>

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>