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5th Place Photo by Steve Burgin
Skyline and sailboats

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Commodore's Message



They say that April showers bring May flowers, so here's hoping that old adage holds true! A good stretch of Spring weather is taking its time to arrive, so fingers crossed that the month of May brings on the sunshine and warmer temperatures. As expected at this time of year, the marina is humming with activity and there are a lot of boats in the water. Thanks to the marina staff for their efforts at the boat launch, and also for ongoing work in preparing the marina for the coming season. There's always a lot to do after a long winter and we appreciate their diligence in making the marina a place we feel good about calling our second home.

I want to thank everyone that came out to take part in our Pre-Launch BBQ! And a big thank you goes out to our Social Directors, Dan Paquette and Peter Collins for their work in preparing; to Donna Shepherd for setting up an awesome display of Club clothing apparel; to John Robinson for manning the membership table and handing out cards and signing up members and to all Board members and friends who assisted in creating a successful event. The forecast wasn't the best and we started out with a light rain, but good fortune smiled on us once again and the heavier rain held off. We were caught a bit off guard and ended up a bit short of food, so our apologies for that. Live and learn and next year we will be better prepared. The Board appreciates so many people coming out to show their support for the Club and to kick off our 40th Anniversary Year celebrations.

I also want to thank and welcome our 2 members who have volunteered their services to the Board. Please join me in welcoming Diederik Kloosterman, who joins us as a Cruising Director, assisting Ben Douglas and Mark Fischer, who will be taking on the role of Membership Director, along with John Robinson. It's very appreciated to have help on the Board and that Diederik and Mark have stepped in to assist. Thank you both.

There are more celebrations to come this month! Inside Scuttlebutt, you'll find information on our New Members welcome, being held on May 25. On the same day, there will also be the Fifty Point Flea Market. These are both great events and always make for a fun day. We look forward to your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you there.

Safe boating and see you at the marina!

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

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FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

40TH ANNIVERSARY BURGEE!

The burgee is 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.

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
Returning Members fee	\$270
Social Membership fee	\$85

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

GTHN Boat Polishing - 10% off services

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.

Social Update

FPYC SOCIAL EVENTS 2024

Save the dates:

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.

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**



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME POTLUCK!
MAY 25, 2024 FROM 2PM TO 4PM AT THE D DOCK
SHELTER

This traditional event to welcome our new members to FPYC! Come out and meet our new members and catch up with friends. Current members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. New members just come out and enjoy!!!
Let's hope the weather cooperates, but we go rain or shine.
Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 25th!

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"

SUMMER BBQ AND DANCE

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!

COMMODORE'S BALL

The Social Directors are very excited to announce that there is a new venue for the Commodore's Ball, being held on November 2.

After an absence of a few years, we will be returning to the Ramada Beacon located at Jordan Harbour.

We visited the facility a few weeks back and were very impressed with the renovations that have taken place and are continuing. The Grandview Ballroom has been totally renovated and is a beautiful room offering near floor to ceiling windows that overlook the lake and marina.

Besides the Ballroom, guest rooms have also been totally done over and now offer new furnishings and updated bathrooms. Members will now have the option to stay overnight after the evening's celebrations and the room rates will be discounted for us.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Fifty Point Yacht Club Merchandise Update



INTRODUCING THE FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

40TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO!

The Board of Directors is very pleased to present the 40th anniversary logo! A huge thank you to graphic designer, Karen-Anne Love, for creating the logo for the yacht club!

Members will have the option of including the 40th logo on all merchandise purchased this year. See the merchandise article for more details!

Fifty Point Yacht Club YETI Drinkware

The on-line store for YETI drinkware will be open from May 22 to May 31. Members will receive an email on May 22 indicating the store is open.

Drinkware will be laser engraved with the FPYC logo on one side and the member's boat name, or alternative name, on the other side (see engraving sample below). There will be 12 fonts to choose from. Members can also choose either the regular FPYC logo or the 40th anniversary logo. Members will receive an email when drinkware is available for pick up at the marina (within two weeks of placing your order).

Images of the 4 options are below. All options are available in 4 colours - white, black, seafoam and navy (as shown below). Samples will be on display at the New Members Welcome on May 25.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Shepherd at donnashepherd5@gmail.com

Options and Prices (includes HST):



Rambler Tumbler with MagSlider Lid - 20 oz.

\$88.00



Coffee Mug with MagSlider Lid – 14 oz.

\$88.00

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Wine Glass with Magslider Lid – 10 oz.

\$75.00



Water Bottle with Chug Cap – 18 oz.

\$88.00

Sample engraving on YETI Rambler:



Thank you for your interest in FPYC YETI drinkware!



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

Fifty Point Marina

Clean Marine Update



Thank you, Fifty Point Winter Storage Customers. Just so you know, there were 127 Shrink Wrap Bags picked up two weeks ago. The weight was 2,380lbs minus a little water. So far, the Shrink Wrap recycling program has kept 1 ton of plastic from the landfill. Such a great start and our next bag pick up is soon! Customers and staff have been working diligently to make this program work and we greatly appreciate your support and efforts! Thank you!!

You may have noticed that our washroom and shower lights are now motion censored. Just a small step in the right direction by preventing unnecessary energy consumption.

In the next few weeks, you will see a change to our garbage/recycling locations. We will be implementing three recycling/garbage depots around the Marina. Our focus will be on educating customers on our new and improved recycling program and reducing the amount of waste generated. By raising awareness, providing information, signage and engaging individuals, our Clean Marine goal is to reduce waste and support a safer and healthier marina. Stay tuned!

We are proud of the fact that the clean marine initiative continues to be well received and adopted by the boaters of Fifty Point Marina. Care in working with and proper disposal of hazardous materials, shrink wrap, energy efficiency and now our new and improved recycling program, all contributes in keeping our waters and environment safe and clean for all of us and our children. So thank you!

Nancy Arnold



Boating at Night

(courtesy of theboatblurb.com)

Some boaters will drive their boats in the darkness of night. Some won't. My purpose in writing this blurb is to encourage those who do not boat at night to give it a try. A late-night cruise is not only a different side of boating, it can be an enjoyable and unique experience. So let's put a little adventure back in your boat.

More importantly, by becoming familiar with night driving techniques you will never be caught without experience when the need arises. Frequently, a boater's first attempt at night boating is not by choice. Perhaps you stayed longer than intended at your daytime destination and now you find yourself at the helm in an uneasy situation.

Being comfortable driving your boat after dark has many advantages. Firstly, it will obviously increase your use of the boat. The daytrip destinations you are used to taking can be extended because you won't be limited to daylight boating.

Opportunities to boat to more places will increase both your boat use and fun factor. Simply being on the water at night can be a relaxing experience, without the heavy traffic and a hot sun. I don't need to point out the romantic side of casual cruising with a loved one on a starlit night. If nothing else, night boating is a change of pace from your usual travel routes by land, in a car.

Of course, not every safety director will tell you to go boating at night. Visibility is a key ingredient to driving anything, and when you restrict that -- things can get tricky. Any problems that occur will turn serious more quickly and there are fewer boats on the water to help. But providing you take some basic and logical precautions night boating can be as safe as travel by road. As reference for those wanting to safely enjoy night boating, consider the following:

Know the Water

If you get lost on your lake in the daytime, think twice about heading out at night. The more familiar you become with a body of water, the easier it is to navigate at night. Should disorientation set in, one identifiable object can put you back on track. But not every night boating situation is on a familiar lake. There can be occasions when you are travelling in a larger boat to a distant destination. In these circumstances you need to closely study the applicable charts before departing on the route and note any areas that need special attention. Your equipment needs will also vary.

Legal requirements

For the most part, nautical rules are the same at night as they are during the daytime. Regulations include the normal gear, such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, anchor paddles, flares and horn or working sound device. Lights must meet regulations and be fully operational. Tip: Navigation lights not regularly used may not immediately work due to corrosion, but leaving them on for a few minutes can often burn the corroded connection back into service.

Knowing the latest weather forecast is also a night boating must. Strong winds produce rough water and signal changing weather conditions. Should an incident occur, you could be held liable if you did not obtain a current forecast. It is also your responsibility to know of any areas where there are reduced speed limits in effect from sunset to sunrise.

Basic Stuff Checklist Prior to Departure

It's always a smart idea to perform a pre-trip checklist before every trip. Here are some items that you may not need onboard for day cruising but become vital at night.

- 1) Two spotlights: One is enough, but one will always malfunction when needed.
- 2) Flares: Use sparingly and only in emergencies not just because it looks pretty.
- 3) Compass: This simple device is still the best way to maintain your orientation.
- 4) Snacks and water: Even at night, you can suffer from dehydration.
- 5) Glowsticks: One for each passenger, making it easier to find a person in the water.
- 6) Anchor: If you lose power, you don't want to drift onto a rock.
- 7) Cell Phone: Can be your best friend providing it is charged.
- 8) Fuel: Check that the indicated fuel level is more than you think you need.
- 9) Warm clothing: Night boating is always 15 degrees colder than you figured.
- 10) Bug spray: In mosquito season, this can avoid the need for a transfusion.
- 11) Plan 'B': Imagine what could go wrong and come up with a solution in advance.
- 12) Electronic navigation equipment: See below.

Electronic Equipment

Today's wide selection of navigation equipment can provide you with an extra set of eyes. As a serious boater, you may already have one or more of the following: GPS/chart plotters, detailed electronic cartography, advanced radar, thermal imaging, and night-vision scopes. This latter item amplifies light through a scope and is ideal for navigating near shorelines and into harbours. Some effective brands can be purchased for under \$300.

Yacht owners will testify that for cruising applications a back up model for each electronic device is a good idea. Backups have saved me on several occasions from that feeling in your stomach when your chart-plotter screen goes black. A more current electronic item that I find interesting is the automatic information systems, or AIS. On big water, an AIS system displays traffic within about 40 nautical miles of your boat. Click on a traffic icon and using transceivers the screen will read out the type of boat, its direction, its speed, its destination and sometimes who owns it.

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Very slick for under \$1,000. Note: On small lakes AIS will not be effective because small boats are probably not signed up on the program.

Operational Considerations

While running at night, there are a number of driving tips that will enhance safety and confidence. Always operate at a speed that will allow you to stop quickly. Don't push the "stand-on" rules for right of way. When you see another boat in your vicinity, "give way" or even stop until any possibility of collision has passed. Use your spotlight sparingly to locate reflective markers or specific objects, because the beam can temporarily blind or disorientate other drivers as well as yourself.

Four eyes are better than two, so ask for a volunteer and appoint them to work with you at the helm. Explain to them what to look for and how to advise you of obstacles, traffic, and markers. Turn off all unnecessary lights to save your night vision and possibly confuse other boaters.

Sounds at night are easier to identify than in daytime, and what you hear can be helpful. Listen for engines, horns, water sounds and voices. Ask your passengers to speak quietly and turn down the radio.

Larger boats should periodically adjust their GPS and radar settings to suit the course ahead. Set your depth alarm to advise you of any notable reductions in water depth. Of course, your VHF will be set on channel 16.

When begin your night boating adventures, with nights that have a bright moon. This will provide the practice you need without the risks. Remember, your passengers are your top priority. Try not to lose any and never look nervous.

Third honour for South Shore marine rescue volunteers

BEAMSVILLE, Ont. — The dramatic rescue of eight persons from a turbulent Lake Ontario in 2022 has earned the volunteer crew of South Shore Search And Rescue its third honour in the space of a year.

The five members of D-crew who plucked four children and four adults from the lake on July 24, 2022, were recognized by the Town of Lincoln at a special ceremony at the regular Council meeting April 15, 2024. A certificate recognizing the efforts of the crew was presented by Deputy Mayor Anna Murre.

"On behalf of Council, I want to say thank you, and for the people that you rescued, I can't imagine how overwhelmed they were when they saw you coming to their aid," Murre told the crew who were on hand for the award. "Thank you for your service to our community."

In September, 2023, the crew was awarded the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Medal of Merit for their efforts that day. In January, 2024, they were given the Stearns Rescue of the Year award from the Canadian Safe Boating Council for that mission.

It was a blustery summer day when the crew answered the call for what they were told were four people in distress in high winds, east of Fifty Point harbour. What they found was seven people — including the four children — clinging to three paddle boards. They recovered the frightened victims and treated them for exposure to the cold water. On the way back to the base, the alert crew spotted someone in the water: a young man had been pitched from his personal watercraft and knocked unconscious. He was also recovered and given first aid.

The entire mission took 106 minutes and saved eight lives. It is the largest rescue ever conducted by the volunteer agency.

Immediately following the Lincoln presentation, some crew members headed to the boat to continue training. The volunteers' rescue vessel, GAMRU 240, was put into service for the 2024 season earlier in the day. The boat and its rotating crews will be available 24/7 through the boating season.

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

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BIRDS OF PREY SHOW

PLEASE JOIN US!

WHEN: Sunday May 19th

TIME: 4pm

WHERE: D Dock Parking Lot

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Mild Mexican Chicken with Citrus Salad (Recipe/photo courtesy of lcbo.com)

CHICKEN

6 to 8 bone-in chicken breast halves, preferably air-chilled
¾ to 1 cup (175 to 250 mL) coarsely chopped yellow cooking onion, about 1 medium
2 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
2 tbsp (30 mL) peanut or olive oil
1 tsp (5 mL) oregano, preferably Mexican
1 tsp (5 mL) cumin
1½ tsp (7 mL) salt
1 tsp (5 mL) paprika, mild or hot
½ tsp (2 mL) freshly ground black pepper
¼ cup (60 mL) freshly squeezed lime juice

SALAD

2 large oranges
2 ripe mangoes
2 tbsp (30 mL) seasoned rice-wine vinegar
2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
1 large garlic clove, minced
¼ tsp (1 mL) Dijon mustard
12 cups (3 L) lightly packed baby salad green mixture
½ cup (125 mL) chopped fresh coriander (cilantro)



Directions

- 1 Pull off any clinging fat but leave skin on chicken; place snugly in a 9 x 13-inch (3 L) glass baking dish. Place onion, garlic, oil, spices and seasonings and lime juice in a food processor or blender. Whirl until finely chopped.
- 2 Spread onion mixture over chicken flesh and skin. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or up to half a day.
- 3 When ready to grill, preheat barbecue until hot.
- 4 Place chicken on grill, bone-side down. Immediately reduce heat to as low as possible.
- 5 Grill for 35 to 50 minutes (depending on chicken size), turning occasionally and rearranging so all chicken browns evenly. Finish skin-side down for the last 10 minutes to crisp the skin. An instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part should read 165°F (73°C).
- 6 Meanwhile, section oranges by removing outer rind plus attached pith with a sharp knife. Then, holding fruit in hand over a large bowl, cut between inner sections leaving rubbery membrane behind and allowing sections to fall into bowl. Squeeze juice from membranes into bowl with sections.
- 7 Peel and cut mangoes into slices. To make citrus vinaigrette, measure out ¼ cup (60 mL) orange juice from bowl. Stir with vinegar, olive oil, garlic and Dijon; set aside along with sections.
- 8 When ready to toss salad, drain remaining juice from sections. Whisk vinaigrette; toss with greens. Portion onto plates; dividing equally, drizzle with any remaining vinaigrette in bowl. Top with orange sections, mango slices and chicken. Serve right away scattered with chopped coriander.



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>