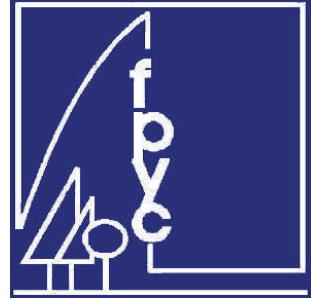


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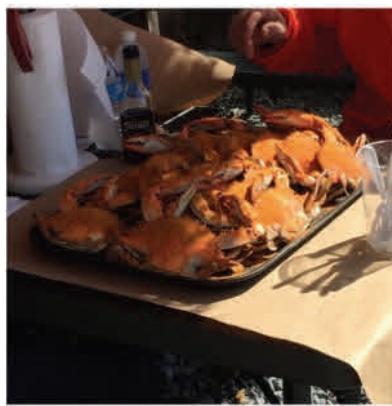


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# *From the Bridge...*

*Stephen Middleton, Commodore*



I feel like I've won a mini Halloween trick or treat lottery. On Saturday, I switched some priorities around, made my way over to the marina and finished preparations for winter. The boat is now covered and ready for the minuses and wind chills of winter. The day was perfect, a real treat. The feeling of having deftly avoided the trick comes from the fact that Sunday, the day I planned to wrestle the winter cover into place, saw the kind of wind that can turn boat covering into hang-gliding in the blink of an eye.

For most of us, looking after the boat is now reduced to checking in and maybe plugging in to top up batteries. The rest is all about waiting for spring. Oh, I know that there must be a number of you out there with winter boat projects lined up, and I hope that they go exactly as planned (although experience tells me that boat projects never do). And, as of last weekend, there were also a few of you that experienced a haul-out delay due to the high winds and have yet to complete those last jobs of the season. Whatever your current situation, don't forget that for FPYC there are still two big events left before we all switch over to full winter mode.

Next Saturday, is the gala event traditionally known as the Commodore's Ball. Now you can call it whatever you like, the commodore won't mind, but whatever you call it, the seventy or so FPYC members, who get together on November 7th are going to have a great time. Hope to see you there. If you just can't make it, email me a toast or pithy retort and I will be sure to include it in my after-dinner remarks.

The other event that you should really plan on attending is the Annual General Meeting. November 22, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Ingledale house at Fifty Point. It's like the Commodore's Ball, but without the food, drink or music. OK, it's actually not like the Commodore's Ball at all, but it is the meeting where you get to tell the Board of Directors just what we should be doing. How can you resist? Think about why you join FPYC. What is it that you value most? What should we be spending club resources and energy on? Is it our reciprocal relationship with other clubs, is it the cruises, or perhaps the social events? The board will be looking at, and presenting information about, member participation rates in each of those areas. This is a very good indicator of what you value, but it does not replace direct input. Come on out and make sure your voice is heard, or to use a more nautical turn of phrase, "come on over and get yer oar in"!

Of course if you really want to influence the club direction, you might think about getting actively involved in making it happen. We have a number of board members completing their terms this fall. Mike Shaw is finishing his service as Treasurer, Chris Almeida wraps up his time as Cruising Director and the aforementioned Commodore's Ball will be the finale for Gerri Waud's term as Social Director. I thank each of them for their great service to FPYC, it has been a true pleasure working with you all over the past year.

So, as you can see, we have lots of opportunity. Are you the type of person who would enjoy working with one or two other members, planning and managing the various club social events for next season? Let me know. Are you good with numbers and spreadsheets? We need a treasurer, in fact, under our club constitution, we can't operate without one. Want to know more about the role? Give me a call. Are club cruises the raison d'être for you? Want to help make them happen? Ditto!

Running a yacht club can be a challenge, but it is also extremely satisfying, and even more fun. Looking forward to working with you!

## *FPYC Members in Annapolis*

### *By Jayne Herring*

Every year on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend one of the largest boat shows in the world is held in Annapolis, Maryland. This year a group of Fifty Point boaters including David and Jayne (Enchantment, E5); George and Laura (Double Step, E7); Chris & Sara (Boa Vida III, E18) and Stephen and Cate (Island Fever, J8) all made the trip to take in the boat show and enjoy the beautiful town of Annapolis.

David and I had a beautiful, scenic 8 1/2 hour drive down to Annapolis and the route that most of us chose allowed each of us to enjoy the fall colours and scenery, while missing all of the large cities.

At the show we decided to buy a two-day pass and park at the Navy Stadium for \$10 per day which includes a shuttle bus that drops you off near the main gate. Some people opt to park at the school across the road where the parking fee is used to support school initiatives and this also allows you to make trips back to the car to drop off any purchases. This is a great alternative to the shuttle, but you need to make sure you arrive early in the day as the lot fills up quickly.

The boat show is huge and we spent several days crawling in and around boats, walking through tents full of boating accessories and just enjoying the atmosphere and amazing weather. During one of our rest periods I found myself sitting beside Bob Bitchin (editor of the now-defunct Latitudes & Attitudes magazine and his current magazine Cruising Compass). His last name was given to him by Cheech and Chong and he spoke of when he served as Evil Knievel's bodyguard during the Snake River Canyon days and he has sailed around the world several times. He certainly is a character (and a modern-day pirate?).



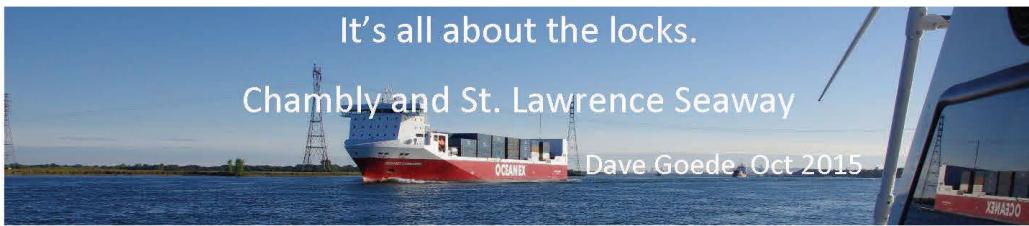
We were also able to enjoy several (strictly for the tin souvenir cups) painkillers made with Pusser's Rum, and they were wonderful and highly recommended.

During our time in Annapolis we were also able to visit the Naval Academy Museum where they had literally hundreds of replica boats and the Maritime Museum where you could learn about the life of a Waterman.

If you have been thinking you might like to go to the Annapolis Boat Show, I would highly recommend a trip and make sure you save some time to take in the sights and enjoy some of the great Maryland crab cakes and seafood.

This was our first trip to the boat show, but it certainly won't be our last!





In a very picturesque part of Quebec's south shore lies the Richelieu River connecting Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence. A meandering river that winds its way through a rural countryside and small towns of Quebec's south shore until the last turn leaves you in the bustling commercial port or Sorel, Quebec.

Along the way there one must travel through the Chambly and St. Oars lock systems before turning west and heading up the St. Lawrence Seaway back to Lake Ontario.

Helping a friend move a classic Richardson 46 with an aluminum hull made by the legendary Canadian Avro Corporation we completed this delivery during 5 days in September starting our trip in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC.

The Chambly/St. Oars canal system is a friendly affair, operated by Parks Canada throughout the summer months for pleasure craft travelling between the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain. This 68 Nautical Mile route is made up of 10 locks and combination of lift and bascule bridges. Given the limited hours of lock operations and speed limits set, this route is generally a 2 day affair. The ample tie up space at the entrances to each of the locks provide plenty of places to stop for the day and even wonder into some of the small towns for a restaurant meal or to re-stock supplies.



At times the canal system can be narrow though a minimum depth of 6'5" is maintained throughout. Most of the canal is protected from winds and currents which made this section of the passage very relaxing. Communications with park staff is timely and attentive with plenty of help provided to secure your vessel through the locking procedure.

Upon clearing the final lock at Saint-Ours, the remaining 10 nautical miles of the Richelieu River is wider and deeper than the Chambly canal, ultimately converging at the St. Lawrence river near Sorel, an industrial port town.



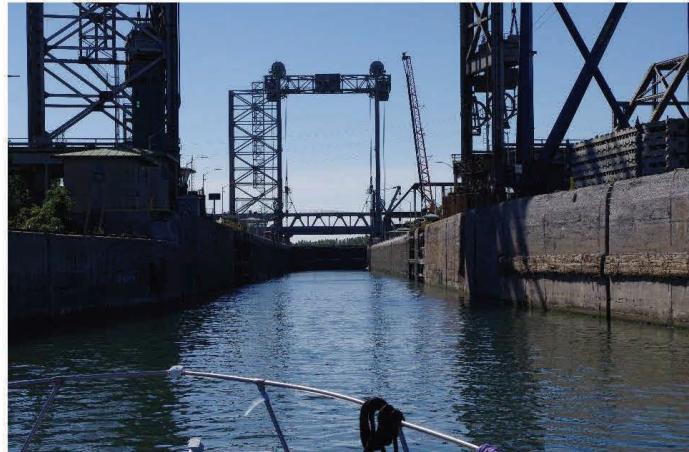
particularly around the port area of old Montreal. We were hailed by a sailboat unable to make any way against this current, requiring a tow to get them where they were going.

Passing a variety of vessels from small cruise ships to container ships heading the other way, the St. Lawrence is a busy waterway with plenty of activity to keep you always on the lookout. As you approach Montreal, the opposing current becomes very noticeable at time exceeding 6knts



*Montreal has an excellent marina downtown with great access to the restaurants and bars of Old Montreal*

The Locks of the St. Lawrence are nothing like the small and friendly Chambley/St.Ours locks. It is strictly business within the St. Lawrence as the freighters and recreational vessels have to co-exist within tight schedules. At the entrance to each of the locks there are docks to be used to call the lockmaster to coordinate the lock schedule. This is generally based around commercial traffic that may be coming from the opposite direction. It is easier and cheaper to pre-pay online for the locks prior to your transit, although the locks can be paid for at the entrance to each of the locks by way of a vending machine.



A minimum crew of 3 is required for the St. Lawrence locks as the current can be significant.  
Extra fenders and gloves are recommended.

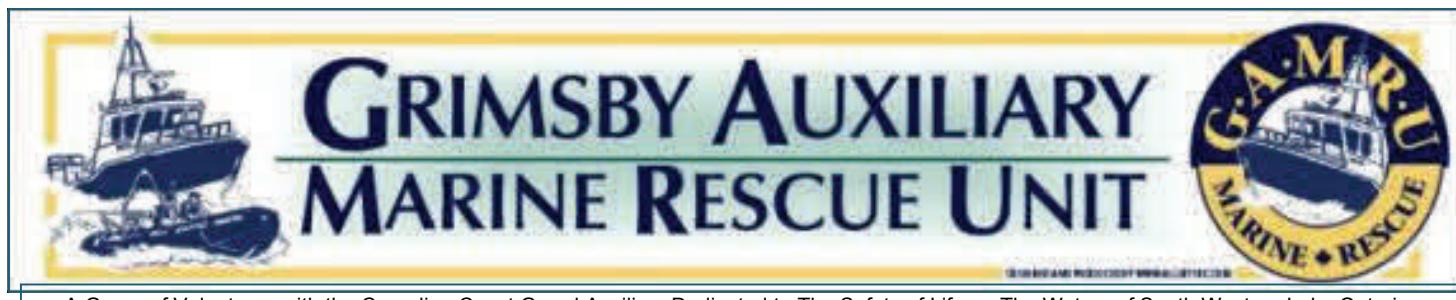


There are no overnight dockages allowed at the locks, it is therefore important to plan your route with the expected delays at the locks. Marina's along the route are sometimes scarce so giving yourself plenty of time and not expecting to cover great distances quickly seems to be the norm.



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# **Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, November 22, 2015  
**2:00 p.m.**  
Ingledale House, Fifty Point Marina

**All FPYC Members are encouraged to attend!**

**Additional meeting info will be posted on the website  
Prior to the meeting.**

## **November Race Report**

### **By Garry Cooke**

#### ***World Sailing Events: Americas Cup!***

The Americas Cup events are still underway, with the Bermuda series of the Louis Vuitton Cup being completed at the end of October.

The Louis Vuitton Cup is the pre-qualifier races which will determine the challenger for the Americas Cup, which will be hosted in Bermuda in June 2017.

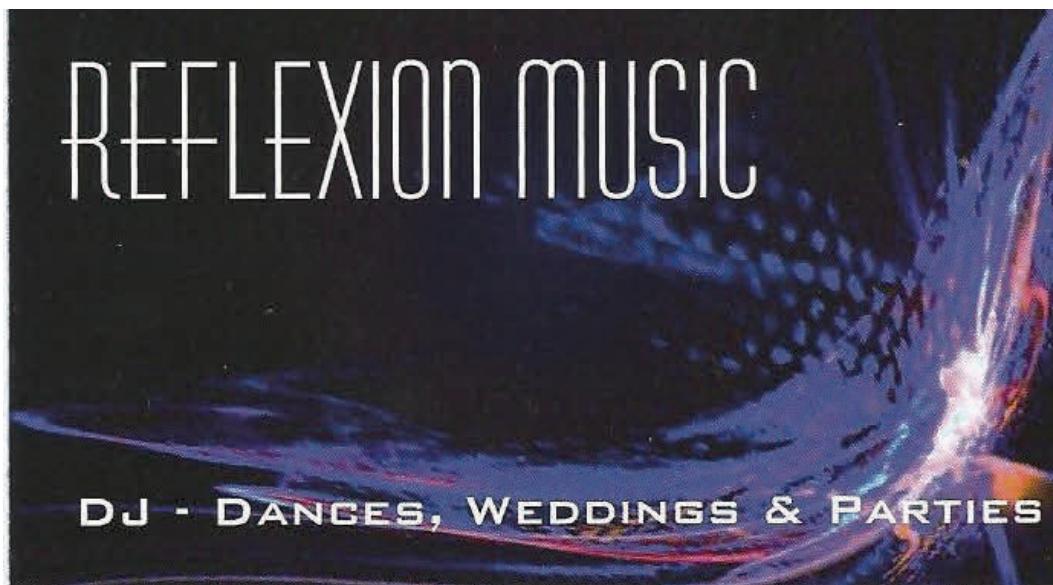
There will be another qualifier in Chicago on June 10-12, 2016. Check the web site for details:-  
<https://www.americascup.com/en/world-series-AC45.html>

Current standings overall are:

- 1: Team Emirates New Zealand
- 2: Oracle Team USA
- 3: Land Rover BAR (Great Britain)



**See Page 14 for information on Upcoming Pub Nights**



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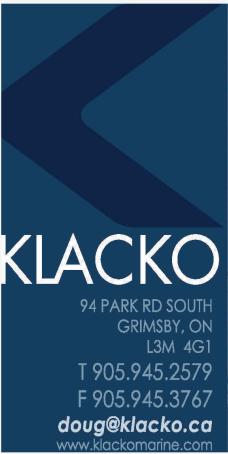
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# Christine's Galley

With Christine Nixon



## Apple Pie by Grandma Ople

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### Ingredients

1 pastry shell or enough pastry for a 9 inch double crust

8 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, sliced

1/2 cup unsalted butter

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

3 tablespoons of flour

1/4 cup water

### Preparation

Melt butter in saucepan

Stir in flour to form a paste

Add water, white and brown sugar and bring to a boil

Reduce temperature and let simmer

Place bottom crust in your pan

Fill with apples, mounded slightly

Cover with lattice crust

Gently pour the sugar and butter liquid over the crust

Pour slowly so that it does not run off

Bake 15 minutes at 425 degrees.

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## Join Us for Pub Nights!



We would like to run the social events through the winter months again, and perhaps entertain you with speakers, or update your boating knowledge, or just talk with other members of the club.

We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming winter season. I would like to start the first pub-night in JANUARY 2016, and would like to hear from members or non-members who would like to share something with the rest of the group.

(We are not running any pub night in November, because we have the Commodore's Ball and also the AGM in November).

Give me a call or e-mail me (*Garry Cooke, contact info at the front of the magazine*)



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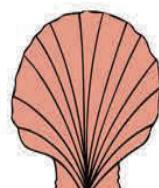
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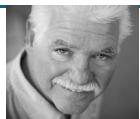
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