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Orange Fantasea

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Commodore's Message



Hello everyone!

Greetings to all of our members and welcome to November!

It's quite likely that the majority of you now have your boat out of the water and located safe and sound on the hard. Cleaning out; winterizing and putting on winter covers or stretch wrap, bring a close to the boating season and the countdown begins until launch day!

While boating season may be finished, we move into a new seasonal series of events and there will be no lack available activities. Some of us will travel; some will take up projects that get neglected when boats are in the water, and many will enjoy watching a cavalcade of sporting events available to us. Baseball, football, hockey and more provide lots of opportunities to cheer on your favorite team and bring some excitement into the home. And don't forget the Boat Show coming up in January.

Depending on the time of publication, we are either just getting ready for our Commodore's Ball or it has just finished. Either way, I want to thank everyone that purchased tickets to support this event and I'm confident it was another success put together by the Board and especially, the Social Directors. Timing is everything and I don't think we realized at the time that we picked the time change weekend. A little bit of fortune where everyone gets to enjoy an "extra" hour the following morning after celebrating the previous evening. A big thank you to everyone that helped make this event happen from planning the menu, to booking the band, to keeping track of payments and meal choices, there are many details to be taken care of. We have a dedicated group of people serving on the Board along with friends that make all this happen, so we can enjoy some spectacular get togethers.

Speaking of dedicated Board members, our General Meeting will be coming up on November 26. We are still looking for volunteers to help fill some open vacancies we have. At this time, we're looking for a Vice Commodore; a Membership Director and a Cruising Director. Please consider taking on one of these vitally important roles and help to keep our Club running smoothly and constantly improving. You'll get to work with a great group of people and take pride in providing a Club that members can be proud of.

And finally, remember that 2024 will be our 40th Anniversary! We're looking to see your artistic side and help design an anniversary logo that we will use for a special burgee and to adorn our selection of boating wear. Look for details in this issue of Scuttlebutt.

Stay safe and I hope to see you all on the Zoom call for the Annual Meeting.

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

- Notice of Fifty Point Yacht Club Annual General Meeting
- Membership Update
- Photo Contest Time!
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- November Fun
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- Recipe - Gnocchi with Roast Chicken, Bacon, and Kale

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of Fifty Point Yacht Club is coming up on November 26th so please continue to watch for more details.

In advance of that meeting, the Board of Directors wishes to announce upcoming vacancies to the Board and welcomes members to apply for these roles.

The following opportunities are available:

- 1) Membership Director – encourages growth to the Club by promoting membership; keeping an accurate membership list and assisting the Club as may be needed.
- 2) Cruising Director – investigates possible opportunities for Club Cruises and organizing those cruises with member Clubs; also assists the Club as may be needed.
- 3) Vice Commodore – assists the Commodore and acts as the Commodore in the Commodore's absence; also assists the Club as may be needed.

To keep the Club growing, exciting and valuable, assistance is needed. These positions are all vital to the function of the Club and are very rewarding. Besides gaining satisfaction in seeing successful events unfold, you get to work with an exceptional group of people! Term of office is 2 years.

Please contact any Board Member if you'd like further details or would like to put your name forward.

NOTICE OF FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

HELD VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Notice is hereby given on this date, October 16, 2023, to all members in good standing of Fifty Point Yacht Club, that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held via ZOOM conference call at 2:00 PM, Sunday November 26, 2023.

AGENDA

- 1) Opening Remarks
- 2) Review of 2023
- 3) Reports
 - Social
 - Membership
 - Cruising
 - Reciprocals
 - Communications
 - Merchandise
 - Fifty Point Marina (presented by Jonathan Roberts)
- 4) Finance
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Financial Statements
- 5) Board of Directors
- 6) Outlook for 2024
- 7) Other Business
- 8) Adjournment

PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

Steve Burgin	Commodore
Vacant	Vice Commodore
Phil Kling	Treasurer
Mark Backer	Secretary
Vacant	Membership
John Robinson	Membership

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Ben Douglas	Cruising
Vacant	Cruising
Paula Burgin	Communications
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Dan Paquette	Social
Peter Collins	Social

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81225892555?pwd=eldwM1JFWFVpcklaVmpWYUlabDZtZz09>

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- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US

Meeting ID: 812 2589 2555

Passcode: 534269

Please mark this date on your calendar and the Board appreciates your attendance. This is an important meeting to confirm Board Members, as well as review the financial health of the Club. Additionally, we review the past year and provide our outlook for the coming year.

Attendance will be monitored to verify all on the call are current members.

Membership Update

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%
Marine Doctors - 10% off labour



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

John Robinson
Art Veldhuizen
Membership Directors



2023 Photo Contest!!! It's Time!!!

The contest is open to all FPYC members and it's easy and fun.

To keep everyone on the same page, please see the following simple rules:

- * Photos must be of a nautical theme, e.g. boats, water, marinas
- * Photos must be taken between June 1 and October 31 of 2023
- * Entries must be submitted by November 15, 2023
- * Editing is permitted but strong Photo-Shopping is discouraged
- * Entries to be submitted by e-mail to burginpaula@gmail.com

The winning entries will be featured on the cover of Scuttlebutt throughout 2024!



SHOW YOUR CREATIVE SIDE!

As noted in October's Scuttlebutt, 2024 will be the 40th anniversary of Fifty Point Yacht Club! To commemorate this milestone, an anniversary burgee will be created.

The Board is inviting members to submit designs for an anniversary logo and burgee. The Board will be reviewing opportunities to incorporate the anniversary logo on 2024 apparel.

Design guidelines:

- The anniversary logo shall be included on the burgee
- The burgee can be a maximum of 3 colours (including the background colour)
- The burgee can be a triangle or rectangle shape (maximum 13"H x 19"W)

Please submit designs by December 31, 2023 to info@fpyc.ca The Board will review all submissions and will have the final decision on the design.

If you have any questions, please email info@fpyc.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!



Canadian Power & Sail Squadron Hamilton Squadron 2024 Course Schedule



Navigation and Boat Handling (Part 1) Formally called Boating 2

Start date: January 11, 2024 Early bird discount until December 29th

Course length: 6 Thursday nights

Start time: 1900, 7 p.m.

Location: Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

Navigation and Boat handling (Part 2) Formally called Boating 3

Start date: February 22, 2024 Early bird discount until February 09th

Course length: 6 Thursday nights

Start time: 1900, 7 p.m.

Location: Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

Restricted Operators Certificate Marine (VHF)

Start date: April 11, 2024 Early bird discount until March 28th

Course length: 3 Thursday nights

Start time: 1900, 7 p.m.

Location: Macassa Bay Yacht Club, 80 Harbour Front Drive, Hamilton

Register for classes at BoatingCourses.ca

Registration now open

Need assistance ronwarby46@gmail.com

Getting To Know You...

We'd love to see your story here....



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

#QuickTips - Understanding the 'Pivot Point' in Your Steering

(Courtesy of BoatBlub October 2023)

Road vehicles steer with the two front wheels. When you go around a corner, you are aware that the back of the vehicle follows a path on the inside of the curve. In other words, if you steer around a corner with the front wheels close to the curb, your back wheels will run over the curb. Because boats steer differently than cars, most first time boaters have a little difficulty catching on to close quarter steering.

Power boats with stern steering have what is called a "pivot point." This point is usually located one third aft of the total boat length, measured from the bow. Because the steering action is applied at the stern of the boat (unlike the front wheels on a car), the propeller initiates the turn by pushing the stern out and in the opposite direction of the turn you are making. But at the same time your new heading points in the direction you desire, so the turn is accomplished and your stern follows around in the new direction. You need to be aware of this pivot point in boats when turning. With the pivot point located where it is, when you turn your boat left, your stern will swing right, outside the turning circle made by the pivot point and you are in danger of having the stern of your boat clip an object on your right. Vice-versa when you turn right. In summary, on a car, your rear end follows inside the arc you steer but on a boat, the rear end follow to the outside of the arc you steer. Therefore, when maneuvering in close quarters it is important to leave sufficient space on the outside of your turn to make the turn safely. Remembering that your pivot point is one third aft from the bow will help you anticipate your turning radius and maneuver accordingly.

There is one more thing you should know about the pivot point in your power boat. When you are backing up, the pivot point moves aft to one third of the boat length from the stern. So when backing out of a slip, be careful not to turn too soon, or your bow that will be swinging outside your pivot point could strike the dock.

Understanding your "pivot point" can eliminate much grief around other boats and when docking.

November!!



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Gnocchi with Roast Chicken, Bacon, and Kale
(Recipe/photo courtesy of foodandwine.com)

- 1 (6-ounce) bunch Lacinato kale
- 6 thick-cut bacon slices
- 1 small (about 8-ounce) red onion, thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
- 1 (1-pound) whole rotisserie chicken, pulled into 1-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
- 1 pound potato gnocchi, or one (1-pound) package refrigerated or frozen potato gnocchi
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest (from 2 lemons)
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ ounce Parmesan cheese, shaved (about 1/4 cup))



Directions

Remove stems from kale, and chop stems (you should have about 3/4 cup); chop kale leaves (you should have about 6 cups). Set chopped stems and leaves aside until ready to use.

Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium until crispy, about 8 minutes, turning halfway through cooking time. Remove skillet from heat; do not wipe clean. Transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate; let stand until cooled, about 5 minutes. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces; set aside.

Heat bacon drippings in skillet over medium. Add onion and kale stems; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened and kale stems are lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in kale leaves, and cook until wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add chicken, and toss with onion and kale; cook, stirring occasionally, until heated through, about 2 minutes.

While onion and kale are cooking, bring a large pot of boiling salted water to a boil over medium-high; add gnocchi, and boil until gnocchi float to the surface, about 3 minutes. Drain well. Add gnocchi to chicken mixture in skillet, and toss. Stir in lemon zest, salt, pepper, and reserved bacon. Divide gnocchi mixture evenly among 4 bowls, and top evenly with Parmesan

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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>