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Please let me know.....
Beautiful Day

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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Message from FPYC Board of Directors



Many thanks to members who completed the FPYC on-line survey! Close to 60 surveys were submitted which is a great response rate! The Board is currently summarizing the results of the survey and will be developing draft recommendations to be presented at the November 27 Annual General Meeting (please save the date!).

Thank you also to members who expressed interest in receiving more information on the duties and responsibilities of a Board member. You will receive an email from a Board member over the next week. If you have specific questions about a particular position, the Board member that currently holds the position will be in contact with you.

A number of members also volunteered to help out at future social events - thank you! The new Board may contact you next year when social events are being planned.

If you didn't get a chance to complete the survey but are interested in becoming a Board member or volunteering for future social events, please email info@fpyc.ca. As a reminder, the Board term is two years starting after the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Meetings are scheduled once a month (no meetings in December and July), and are held via Zoom.

Positions required for the next two year term are:

Commodore – 1	Cruising – 2
Vice-Commodore – 1	Membership - 1
Treasurer – Nomination Received *	Merchandise - 1
Secretary – 1	Social – 2
Communications – 1	Director-at-Large – 2

*Thank you to Phil King for volunteering!

In accordance with the FPYC Constitution, nominations will be accepted from the membership up to fourteen days prior to the AGM. A list of all nominees and the office to which they have been nominated will be sent electronically to all members eligible to vote for these offices seven days prior to the AGM.

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR COMPLETING THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY
AND FOR CONSIDERING A POSITION ON THE BOARD!**

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Social Report

Wow, this was one terrific summer! The weather cooperated every month and our Beach BBQ and Dance was a great finish! As we move into fall our next event is the Commodores Ball.

The Commodore's Ball is on November 5, 2022 at Galileo Gardens in Stoney Creek. Please mark your calendars with the date.

This year we have Fiddlestix for our entertainment. Fiddlestix puts on a fantastic show for you to watch, listen and dance to. Full details with Menu and registration has already been announced. It will be re-posted again. Please check it out at;

www.fiddlestix.ca

Thanks for all your cooperation looking forward to seeing you at the Ball.

Tom Dunmore
Social Director FPYC



So, you want to join the executive? Do you know what you are getting into?

Here are some of the issues I have run into being on the FPYC Executive as Treasurer.

1. People I had never met began to seek me out to give me money. Although I did not get to use the money myself, I met so many more wonderful boaters than I would have without that instant common connection.
2. I had to practice my newly learned accounting skills. I made lots of mistakes, then I learned a lot more about accounting with the tireless help of Brian Weber and Karen Maddeaux.
3. Meeting Tara Dinyer: She decided, over my first Zoom board meeting, that I seemed like a nice person. I'm not sure how she came to that conclusion from my tiny face on her laptop, but now I'm stuck with her as a friend.
 - a. With Tara comes her whole family, including the most helpful Olivia at the gas dock, Jeff with hilarious slippers, and Dani who has become my son's number one crew member.
 - b. Making a friend like Tara also comes with the added burden of meeting several other nice people who also like sailboats, plumbing, gin, and who are happy to go for impromptu Sunday afternoon sails just for the fun of it.
4. Being a cruise captain: Although this volunteer duty is open to members who are not on the executive, it often falls to the executive to ensure there is coverage. In this position, I once again got to meet many wonderful people from docks I rarely venture to, while visiting other lovely yacht clubs. The best part of this position is that I can just tell people to bring food at 4pm and "POOF", a huge spread appears before my eyes just as I finish tying up my boat.
5. Being inspired by the tireless work of the other Executive members such as: Donna who has raised so much for the club with her sales of apparel and glassware. Donna takes on these tasks like challenges and is always super cheerful and organized; Steve and Paula inspire with the long hours they must put in writing minutes, preparing the Scuttlebutt and keeping things organized in their roles. They too approach it all with a smile and always make everyone else's efforts seem most appreciated; Bill and Art were friendly faces we met while cruising far from home who despite their remote locations keep the cruises organized and the burgees distributed.

If you think this is all too much trouble for a volunteer position, consider this... Last weekend, we decided to BBQ with our good friends Neil and Jenny. We met them in the yacht club last year. During our dinner a group of people, some executive, some regular members, were having a movie night in the BBQ pavilion (I won't name names, but you know who you are!). Part of their movie night was to watch a montage of pictures and video from the previous summer. We got to peek into their summer memories and it was

amazing. We saw a group of people partying, playing, enjoying each other's company, on boats, on docks, beside the lake, in the lake, at pubs, eating, laughing, drinking, laughing, dancing, laughing, laughing and more laughing. While they watched it, they laughed again. It was joyful to see.

Some of their adventures were planned by the yacht club and some were not. But all of these laughing people were in the yacht club. I assume many of them met there. I too have made friends at FPYC. These are the kind of friends who helped us prep our boat for the first cruise of the season, who helped our son, Sam, launch his boat and learn how to race (great work!), who helped us get our boat winterized when life was hectic last fall and wish to travel with us in the winter. All of these friends are helping us to make great memories on boats, on docks, in the lake, beside the lake and everywhere. This is why we have a yacht club.

So, now that you know what you are getting into, do you still want to join the Executive?

Do you want to make great friends, go on adventures, while helping to launch many more friendships for FPYC members?



2022 Commodore's Ball

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUBS ANNUAL COMMODORES BALL
Saturday November 5, 2022 at Galileo Gardens

The Board of Fifty Point Yacht Club is very pleased and excited to announce that we have booked new entertainment for this years Commodores Ball.

This year, we are proud to present the Celtic-Rock band, FIDDLESTIX! A number of FPYC members were fortunate enough to see Fiddlestix perform at Mimico Yacht Club this summer. They put on a high energy, super polished performance that had the dancefloor packed for each and every song.

We are very much looking forward to the show and encourage all Club members to come out. We will also be opening the event to guests, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Check out Fiddlestix online at www.fiddlestix.ca



Lake Ontario has Decreased Below the Low Water Level Threshold that Allows the International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board to Implement Deviations

Date

September 23, 2022

Due to Lake Ontario water levels decreasing and falling below the Criterion H14 threshold this week, the International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board now has the authority to implement deviations from plan-prescribed flows beginning September 24. In accordance with the International Joint Commission (IJC) Directive and the [Supplementary Order of Approval](#) (December 8, 2016), the regulation plan needs to be followed until water levels reach any of the defined triggers, in this case low Criterion H14 threshold: *“In the event that Lake Ontario levels reach or fall below extremely low levels, the works in the International Rapids Section **shall be operated to provide all possible relief to municipal water intakes, navigation and power purposes, upstream and downstream.**”* The deviation strategy is authorized by the IJC’s [Directive](#).

To date, there have been no known or reported impacts to municipal water intakes or hydropower production. The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation issued a Notice to Shipping on [August 17, 2022](#) regarding speed restrictions at Galop Island and a Notice to Shipping on [September 9, 2022](#) regarding low water levels on Lake St. Louis. The Seaway Corporations and the Board are closely monitoring lower than average water levels both upstream and downstream of the Moses-Saunders Dam. Given these water level conditions, the Board has directed that Lake Ontario outflows the week beginning September 24 be set 100 cubic metres per second (3,532 cubic feet per second) below the flow specified by Plan 2014.

Lake Ontario water levels fell 1 cm (0.4 inches) below the applicable low Criterion H14 threshold for the end of week. It is important to understand that the threshold limits change weekly and are generally decreasing by 3 cm (1.18 inches) per week at this time of year. Lake Ontario water levels have also been dropping about 3-4 cm (1.18- 1.57 inches) per week which is near the average seasonal decline, and water levels remain within the historical fluctuation range. The historical average (1918-2021) for this time of year is 74.75 m (245.24 feet). The historical minimum for this week was recorded in 1934 when the water level measured 73.93 m (242.55 feet).

The water levels of Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence River are mostly dependent on the amount of water entering the system both from the local basin and the inflow from Lake Erie. The probabilistic forecast that is updated every week by the Board has

consistently shown a likelihood of water levels dropping below average and possibly reaching the low Criterion H14 threshold. As a result, the Board has continued to monitor water levels in anticipation of Lake Ontario water levels decreasing to a point at which the low Criterion H14 threshold would be triggered to allow the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board to implement deviations.

Although regulation of the outflows and deviations from the regulation plan may result in small increases to the lake levels in certain situations, the levels over the next 6 months will mostly depend on precipitation, evaporation, and non-controlled inflows from the upper Great Lakes. There is no method currently available to reliably forecast precipitation more than a few weeks into the future and thus decisions that are made by the Board can only be based on the most up to date current information.

The Board will continue to monitor conditions and the effects of the deviation strategy closely while simultaneously tracking weather forecasts.

Quick Facts:

- The International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Board can influence the outflow from Lake Ontario through implementation of regulation plans and deviations, but this influence is far less significant than the natural factors affecting the water levels. Regulation strategies that affect water levels on Lake Ontario change water levels by centimeters and inches not by meters and feet.
- The most recent forecasts for Lake Ontario levels are updated regularly and available on the Board's website at <https://ijc.org/en/loslrw/watershed/forecasts>
- Lake Ontario outflow changes are updated and available at <https://ijc.org/en/loslrw/watershed/outflow-changes>.
- Information on hydrologic conditions, water levels and outflows, including graphics and photos, are available on the Board's website <https://www.ijc.org/en/loslrw> and posted to the Board's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalLakeOntarioStLawrenceRiverBoard>.

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2022 Photo Contest!!! It's Time!!!

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

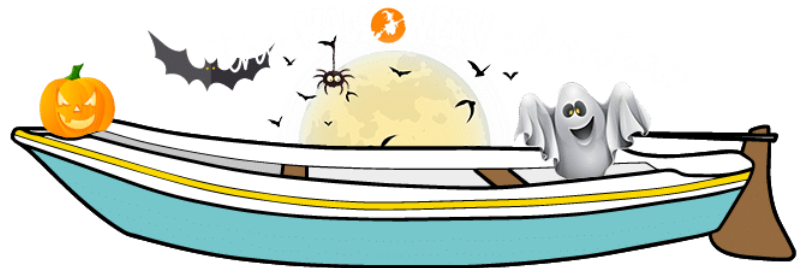
To keep everyone on the same page, please see the following simple rules:

- * Photos must be of a nautical theme, e.g. boats, water, marinas
- * Photos must be taken between June 1 and October 31 of 2022
- * Entries must be submitted by November 15, 2022
- * Editing is permitted but strong Photo-Shopping is discouraged
- * Entries to be submitted by e-mail to burginpaula@gmail.com

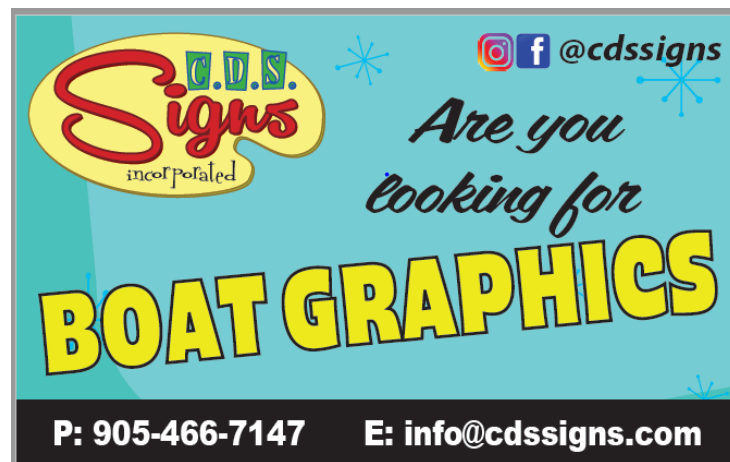
The winning entries will be featured on the cover of Scuttlebutt throughout 2023!



October Fun....!!



Scuttlebutt Sponsorship



Recipes from Your FPYC Board Members!

(Recipe courtesy of Bite Me More Recipes)

Zucchini Noodle Caprese

Ingredients

- 4 medium zucchini, ends removed
- 1½ cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup mini bocconcini balls

Pesto

- 1½ cups fresh basil, lightly packed
- 1 garlic clove
- ½ cup pine nuts
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup olive oil



Directions

Use your spiralizer to create zucchini noodles. Place in a large serving bowl with tomatoes and bocconcini. Set aside.

For the pesto, place basil, garlic, pine nuts, salt and pepper in a food processor. Pulse 4-5 times to chop the ingredients. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. With the machine running, slowly pour the olive oil in a steady stream until the mixture is smooth. Add the Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise and lemon juice, processing just until incorporated. Toss pesto with spiralized zucchini, cherry tomatoes and bocconcini. Garnish with fresh basil and serve immediately.



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

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



John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Steve & Lise Denison

<https://gayadenison5.blogspot.com/>

Off to the Bahamas – Updated Blog



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>