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9th Place Photo by Dave Allen
Fall....ing for Fifty

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



Hello everyone!

I think I blinked once too often and suddenly it's October, land of pumpkin spice and boat lift outs!

Once again, the marina is a bee hive of activity as we switch gears and start preparing for winterizing our boats. Rather than looking at this as a sad occasion though, it's a great time to look back and reflect on a season well spent. Time on the water; time with friends; visiting other marinas and enjoying a great lifestyle that we are fortunate to have.

As we roll into Thanksgiving, we can all be grateful not only for our families, but to reflect on time well spent at the marina and on the water. I'd like to send out a big thank you to the members of the Board for all their hard work and efforts to provide the members with some wonderful memories. We enjoyed some amazing Club Cruises and partook in some fantastic social events.

I was very happy to see that all of these events were well attended, so a thank you also goes out to our members. Your support and participation make all the work worthwhile and I think we have one of the best group of members on the lake

And we're not done yet! Remember to mark November 4 on your calendar and make a point of coming out to the Commodore's Ball. It's open not just for members, but guests as well. There's a delicious menu being served and some stellar entertainment to go with it. I look forward to greeting you all and spending an evening together celebrating our Club. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and I'll see you around the marina!

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

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- Membership Update
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of Fifty Point Yacht Club is coming up in the next few months 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.

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 a 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
- 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

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Bob Levo	Vice Commodore
Phil Kling	Treasurer
Mark Backer	Secretary
Art Veldhuizen	Membership
John Robinson	Membership
Ben Douglas	Cruising

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Vacant	Cruising
Paula Burgin	Communications
Donna Shepherd	Director at Large / Merchandise
Dan Paquette	Social
Kathy Belanger	Social
Peter Collins	Social

Join Zoom Meeting

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- +1 669 444 9171 US
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- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US

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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



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

THE 2023 COMMODORES BALL – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

Held at Galileo Gardens; 1223 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON – Doors open at 5:30 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM and live entertainment to follow.

Ticket Prices

Tickets must be purchased no later than Friday October 27

Members - \$70 per person

Member Guests - \$80 per person

Payment via etransfer to: treasurer50@yahoo.com

Price includes full dinner; one alcoholic beverage per person; dessert and entertainment. (Taxes and gratuity included)

Menu consists of:

Oven fresh Baguettes, with butter, Pepperoncino and Grated Parmigiano; Antipasto of Individually plated Grilled Vegetable Salad, bocconcini cheese, olive & prosciutto alongside a wedge of seasonal melon with an in-house balsamic dressing; Pasta, individually plated cannelloni and manicotti; Entrée of individually plated chicken rosemary, boneless skinless chicken breast served in a wine/mushroom reduction; Roasted Rosemary Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.

Dessert of assorted Italian pastries.

Tea and Coffee and soft drinks

Vegetarian meal option = Stuffed Peppers

Pescatarian meal option = Salmon alla Romana

This year, we are proud to bring back:

FIDDLESTIX *Extreme Fiddle Show*



Check them out at www.fiddlestix.ca

Fiddlestix is Ontario's premier Fiddle Rock Show and for over a dozen years have been performing hundreds of shows per year.

Featuring multi-award winning extreme electric violinist and Yamaha music endorsee, Steve Bowen. Fiddlestix combines a multitude of styles and genres with their unique sound creating what has been dubbed 'FIDDLE-ROCK' by Y108 Rocks Hamilton.

Fiddlestix has created their own sound as Steve Bowen and his fiddle take all of these styles to a whole new level of excitement.

Performing everything from Great Big Sea, Charlie Daniels to AC/DC and their own original music with their rock edge keeps the audience lit!

Fiddlestix never stops performing.

They have delivered thousands of larger-than-life performances to audiences across Ontario and the globe.

Fiddlestix was recently awarded The Readers Choice Diamond Awards for Best Entertainment 2020 Milton/Halton, 2021 Milton/Halton and Oakville, ON.

Headlining festivals such as Peterborough's Little Lake Musicfest, (in the company of Jimmy Rankin, Carly Rae Jepsen, Kim Mitchell) to performing a showcase performance for the 18th and 19th Phuket Kings Cup Regatta in Phuket Thailand and headlining the CNE East Coast Kitchen Party 2018 and 2019.

Fiddlestix has experienced everything from heralding the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Toronto with Gord Downie (Tragically Hip) to performing for the Canadian and American Ambassadors in South East Asia.

Fiddlestix never fails to mesmerize audiences of all ages.

New heroes needed for volunteer rescue corps

South Shore Search And Rescue is looking for heroes.

The volunteer marine rescue organization kicked off its fall recruitment program this week with the goal of landing at least 10 new members. "We are looking for capable, committed volunteers for our most important role: saving lives on the water," explained director of membership Matt Tulk.

Information sessions for interested applicants will be held over the next two months, Tulk says. The successful candidates will begin classroom training early in January with the goal of being ready to join a crew for the next boating season.

There is a need for volunteers to help on land, too, Tulk says. The group needs assistance with fundraising, community events and other activities where volunteers can pitch in.

South Shore Search And Rescue crews are on 24/7 stand-by during the boating season, ready to aid mariners in distress anywhere on Western Lake Ontario. The group maintains a rescue-ready boat at Fifty Point Marina and has already been dispatched to more than 30 rescue missions this season.

Tulk emphasizes the commitment that membership in the group represents.

"One evening a week during winter training becomes one evening a week of on-water training during the season," he explains. "In addition, members assigned to a crew are on-call one weekend each month, which usually means training or being on patrol each day during that weekend. Membership is a real commitment."

The group welcomes applications from individuals over the age of 18 years. Candidates must be physically able to function in a difficult marine environment and commit to obtaining their Transport Canada-approved Pleasure Craft Operator Card prior to getting on the water.

Interested individuals can contact Tulk through the website: <https://www.gamru.ca/contactus>. The group will host a series of information nights in the Stoney Creek area November 13, 20 and 27, 2023, to meet and share additional information on becoming a volunteer. Dates, times and location for information sessions in the St. Catharines area are also planned.

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.

Contact:

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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 everyone is hopefully aware, 2024 will be the 40th anniversary of Fifty Point Yacht Club. The board is looking at some very exciting options to help celebrate this milestone in style. One of the first things we thought we would need is a special club burgee so everyone on the water will know it's a special year for Fifty Point.

The board is inviting members to submit design ideas for an anniversary logo. Get creative and let's see your thoughts for a burgee. It may also be incorporated into anniversary apparel that will be made available for purchase next year.

Please submit your designs by the end of December 2023. The board will review all submissions and will have the final decision on the design.

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 - What You Need to Know About Gasoline

(Courtesy of BoatBlub August 2023)

If you think gasoline is not an exciting topic, try throwing a match into it.

Yes, gasoline can be an interesting subject, especially if you are a boater. Do you know how much one gallon of gasoline weighs? A lot of boaters don't. It weighs 6.1 pounds per U.S. gallon. This means, when you add 40 gallons of gas to your boat, you are adding over 240 pounds. If you are planning to take a full complement of passengers, adding 240 pounds of fuel could put you over the legal weight rating for your boat. It could also affect the boat's handling characteristics.

Another fuel related question is: should I completely fill my boat gas tank? The accepted answer is "No." As air temperatures increase, gas in a fuel tank will expand. This can cause overflow out air vents, allowing dangerous gas vapors to escape. Also, a boat's filler hose is not designed to hold gas. As you fill your tank, listen to the sound of the flow and stop when the sound increases in pitch. This should leave your tank a little over 90% full.

You may be asking, "can a full tank of fuel really change my boat's handling?" This will depend on where the fuel tank is located relative to the boat's center of balance (CB). The further the tank is mounted from a boat's CB, the more a full tank will result in a change in handling. And one handling concern that overweight will always create is longer stopping distances - albeit minimal.

You probably know that water weighs more than gasoline (8.4 lbs per US gallon). Your boat's bilge is prone to collecting small amounts of water and traces of gasoline. Because gas is lighter, it floats on top of the water and sits there evaporating into fumes. Any electrical wiring short or even a starter motor can create a spark that sets off an explosion. Hence the regulation to run your blower before starting the motor. While most boaters know to do this, remember that it is not only a smart safety requirement, it is also a legal one. Regular maintenance should include checking your bilge blower, fuel tank vent and filler tube. A bilge sock is a worthwhile investment, too.

What about ethanol gas in a boat? We have all heard that ethanol in gas can damage your boat engine. This is true. Since ethanol is an alcohol, it can dry out rubber engine components that it comes in contact with. So why do oil companies add it in the first place? The answer is simple -- they want to make more money, which is the main objective of every oil company. Ethanol is added to bring their fuel octane levels up to 87 or 89 with less refining. But there is more -- ethanol absorbs ten times the amount of water that gasoline absorbs. Fuel with absorbed water reduces the octane level of the gasoline, but as more water becomes absorbed a process called phase separation occurs, leaving two layers of liquid in your gas tank. A safe policy is to avoid ethanol fuel in your boat. Most marinas sell ethanol-free gasoline, which is one of the reasons marina gas costs more. For boaters who fill their tanks at road gas stations, remember to buy 'premium' gasoline, because high octane gas is ethanol-free in addition to being cheaper than marina gas.

Some weights to ponder:

Water - 8.4 lbs/US gal.

Regular Gasoline – 6.1 lbs/US gal. / 87 octane; contains 10% ethanol (E10)

Mid-grade Gasoline – 6.2 lbs/US gal. / 89 octane; contains 5% ethanol (E5)

Premium Gasoline – 6.3 lbs/US gal. / 91 octane; does not contain ethanol

Diesel Fuel - 7 to 7.7 lbs/US gal.

When you place anything into your boat, you should always know what weight you are adding. For most situations, the simplest way to remember fuel weight is that gasoline weighs about 6 pounds per gallon and is 25% lighter than water.

And keep the matches in your pocket.

October!!



- Name: October translates into “the eighth month” in Latin. ...
- Calendar: October is the 10th month on the calendar year. ...
- Birthstones: Tourmaline and Opal.
- Flower: Calendula (also known as Marigold)
- Horoscope Sign: Libra (September 23rd to October 22nd) or Scorpio (October 23rd to November 21st)

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Homemade Bread – Focaccia

(Recipe/photo courtesy of LCBO Food and Drink Autumn 2023)

1 envelope (8 g) instant yeast
4 cups (1 L) bread flour
1 tbsp (15 mL) kosher salt
1 3/4 cups (425 mL) lukewarm water
6 tbsp (90 mL) extra virgin olive oil, divided, plus extra for greasing hands
Butter for greasing pan
1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta
1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) Maldon salt
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped rosemary leaves
8 oz (225 g) seedless red grapes (see TIP)



1. In a medium-size bowl, whisk together yeast, flour and salt. Pour water overtop and stir until a shaggy dough forms.
2. Add 4 tbsp (60 mL) olive oil to a large clean bowl and scrape dough into bowl. Turn to coat in oil, cover and refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours (the longer the rest, the more developed the flavour).
3. Grease bottom of a 9 x 13-inch (23 x 33-cm) pan with butter. Using well-oiled fingers, pull opposite sides of the dough toward the centre of the bowl and punch down to deflate dough. Rotate the bowl 1/4 of a turn and repeat process several more times to create a ball of dough.
4. Turn out dough and oil into prepared pan. Give the pan a shake or two to centre the dough, and let rise uncovered in a warm spot for 2 to 4 hours or until puffy. Test by giving it a poke: if the dough holds the indent it's ready; if it springs back quickly, allow to rise longer.
5. Arrange a rack in centre of oven and preheat to 425°F (218°C).
6. Again with oiled fingers, dimple the dough by pressing straight down until you feel the bottom of the pan. While you're doing this, stretch the dough into the corners of the pan if necessary. Using roughly a tablespoonful at a time, dollop ricotta over the surface. Drizzle surface with remaining 2 tbsp (30 mL) oil, sprinkle Maldon salt and rosemary overtop. Arrange grapes in the form of decorative clusters overtop. Garnish with an easy-to-remove stem to complete the look, if you like.
7. Bake on centre rack for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden and crisp. Let cool for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Serves 6 to 8



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/>

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