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If you would like to volunteer in any area please e-mail the director and let him or her know. The board is a small group and your participation in any way will be appreciated.

From the Bridge

Brian Weber, Commodore Kids Back in School



With the "kids" back in school many feel it is the end of summer and the near end of boating season. However if one remembers last year, September continued with great weather and many continued to boat. I am hopeful we will see a repeat of last year's great weather so that we can continue to enjoy the boating season well into the fall.

If you missed Nancy day (officially Customer Appreciation Day hosted by The Hamilton Conservation Authority), you missed a great time. We had about a dozen dinghies in a no motor pirates' poker run. We all had a great time despite the cool weather to start the day. This was followed up by a great BBQ lunch. The afternoon saw a balloon toss, a bocce tournament and the marina customers defeat Nancy and her staff at volleyball. Thanks to Nancy for a great day of fun filled events and wonderful prizes.

This year, there was a lot of discussion as to whether Peaches 'n PHRF sailing regatta would proceed. This was not the first event the Executive has discussed about cancelling during my time on the Board.

Early in the spring your Board of Directors had several discussions about the holding of the Peaches 'n PHRF racing regatta. Concerns were expressed about the complete lack of volunteers coming forward and also about the potential of big financial losses should the event be hit by bad weather. In order to run the event your club had to commit to \$1,100 in expenses that would not be recovered were the event cancelled at the last minute. At the same time, it seems to be acceptable to register for this event at the last minute, i.e. the Friday before the event thus making it near impossible to predict the needs for food, beverages, goody bags and prizes.

For social events on the other hand, we cut off ticket sales early enough to pay for only the food and beverages that will, in fact, be used.

One week before the event we had zero registrations. The event organizer also told us we had a limited number of volunteers, which included me and a few other Executive members. Many excuses were stated as to the rationale for these facts. Therefore, it only leads one to believe that there is little interest in the event. Otherwise registration would be there for Peaches 'n PHRF and volunteers would be coming forward.

Fortunately, some cost containment was done. We did eventually end up with 20 registrants many of whom registered as late as the day of the race. Thanks to the small group of volunteers who did step forward to help with the event. Special thanks go to Fred Koornneef who graciously donated the corn and Mike Vandervaart & Angela Fischer for providing the BBQ and dessert.

Committing amounts of monies with what appears to be apathy in ANY event is way beyond my comfort level. We are well aware that the Board is charged to be fiscally responsible and prudent with club monies.

If we are to continue with the Peaches 'n PHRF regatta, we will need a much bigger volunteer commitment from the members particularly the racing contingent in the club along with a revised plan that will greatly reduce our exposure to financial losses.

All said, congratulations to Nick Ehlert and Paul Psutka for winning their divisions.

The club cruises ended with the Commodore's cruise to IYC. The cruise was well attended with about 14 boats and 38 people in attendance. This brings the end to another year of club cruises. This year the club made all the cruises but DYC. We will look forward to another successful year of cruising in 2013.

HELP!!! We need to fill the Executive for next year. Mike Shaw and Garry Cooke are the only two Executive members who have a year left in their term. I have agreed to stay on as Commodore unless anyone else is ready for the challenge. We need Cruising, and Membership Directors, a Vice Commodore, Secretary, Social Coordinator and a Director who will liaise with the volunteers. We will attempt to scout out someone to fill the various roles. But time is of the essence so do not be shy, speak up. If interested, please let me know personally or drop me an e-mail at wrstedy@gmail.com.

Past Commodore Heads South

Ron Taylor, Commodore of Fifty Point Yacht Club from 1993-94 and 1996-97 and his wife Lynne have begun their year-long retirement adventure of sailing America's Great Loop aboard Northern Spirit, a Beneteau 331.

After a summer in Northern Georgian Bay and the North Channel they have continued on to Lake Michigan, planning to arrive in Chicago in early September. From there they plan to make their way through the rivers, lakes and canal systems to Mobile, Alabama, arriving in early November when the hurricane season usually ends. They will then cross the Gulf of Mexico, spend Christmas in Key West and the winter months in the Bahamas. In April, they will begin their return trip, travelling back to Florida and north on the Atlantic coast to New York City, through the Erie Canal



back to the Great Lakes. You can follow their progress at: www.sailblogs/com/ member/ northernspirit.







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Timeless Favourites Around the Thousand Islands

As we travelled around the Gananogue area this summer we discovered this radio station. The music was great and the ads were few. It was just right for a quiet evening anchored off and island.

Schedule of Events 2012

Commodore's Ball October 20

This year at The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club!

Annual General Meeting

November 18, 1 P.M.

Ingledale House



Commodore's Ball 2012

The Commodore's Ball this year will be held at the

beautiful Royal Hamilton Yacht Club located

at the foot of MacNab Street in Hamilton. On October 20th we will gather for drinks at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. We have excellent choices available for dinner and after dinner we will dance to the DJ sounds of SM Sound.



Ticket are again just \$60 per person so mark your calendar and let us know how many tickets you would like to have!

Survey Says...

In an effort to increase participation in the Commodore's Ball this year and to appear those who complain (mostly men) about getting dressed up,



i.e. wearing a shirt & tie or a party dress, it was suggested that a masquerade might be a good change. We sent out a survey and you responded 75% saying we should stick to the more formal setup for our year end Ball. So get out your best suit, a tux if you have one, buy a new dress, and most of all ATTEND the Commodore's Ball.

You'll be glad you did.

The Island Cruise

The last cruise of the season was The Commodore's Cruise to Island Yacht Club. Island is a delightful venue in a secluded area of Toronto Islands just across from Hanlon's Point.

Thirteen boats headed out, some on Friday and most on Satur-



day, and while the wind was variable the sailors were able to sail at least part of the way while the power boaters had a smooth, enjoyable ride.

Commodore Brian Weber and his First Lady, Ruby, hosted the event and we

were treated to a steak dinner with roasted potatoes and wonderful potluck salads







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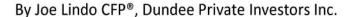
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What have you done for me lately?





One common trait among fans of professional sports teams is that their support is tied into the team's success. Witness the Toronto Blue Jays. In the 1990s when they were the leading their division, it was hard to get a seat in the SkyDome. Now at the bottom of their division, the stadium is only half full.

I mention this as humans we have this "what have you done for me lately?" attitude, and especially when it comes to investment advice. There are several reasons behind this - easy access to too much information, need to feel that we are getting wealthier by the day, and media hype which generates fear and euphoria. As well we are barraged by industry advertising telling investors that they can get better results by switching to their firm.

Since early 2011 the stock market has registered a loss of almost 20%, due primarily to concerns about a sovereign default in Europe. If you needed all of your money during this time, this would be devastating, but if you have 10 years or more before you need your funds, this may be nothing more than a period of frustration. Yet during such times we find that investors take the "what have you done for me lately attitude", looking for someone to blame for their poor results with a false belief that they are the only ones suffering. This often results in irrational behaviour by making changes in advisors or with their portfolio at the worst possible time.

The key to investing is to take a long term view, which may well be for the rest of your life, unless the funds are earmarked for a specific purpose before you pass away. By seeking qualified competent advice and having a plan, and recognizing the actual timeline you expect your funds to be invested, you most likely will achieve success as an investor. Just make sure that you are on a winning team for the advice.

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The 2012 Photo Contest

The season is coming close to an end and so let's get those photos contest entries in.

Cut-off for entries is September 22.

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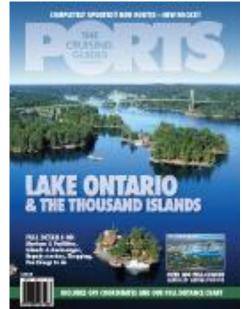
Ports is a Great Book but...

Brian Weber

If you were like us you rushed out to buy a new copy of the Ports Book because your other one was getting old. It is difficult to keep this book up to date as there are always things that will change from year to year. It should be remembered, however, that the Ports Book is only a guide and that changes can happen after it goes to print.

During our travels this summer, we noted a number of errors particularly in the mileage pages. For example, it shows 85 miles to Toronto from Bluffers. On some trips it may feel that far but the old book shows 8 to Toronto and 5 to Ashbridges so it appears that the numbers may have been combined. Also the mileage is

shown as 94 from Ashbridges to Humber Bay. Getting out and traveling about, we also found that





the mileage from Sodus and Little Sodus to Waupoos are incorrect in any book we have seen. With many of us using Chart Plotters, we may be well advised to verify the distances before heading out.

At Oak Orchard, Point Breeze Yacht Club is no longer the last yacht club up river. They are now located by the bridge on port side going up river at Lake Ontario Parkway. There are still facilities at the old location.

however, they are quite dilapidated. You will also need to follow your depth sounder travelling that far up river as it gets quite shallow even in the middle of the river.

Willows Yacht Club in Braddock Bay closed as the water is quite shallow and only accessible to smaller boats.

Genesee Yacht Club can now accommodate larger boats as they have an agreement with Shumway Marine next door.

Prinyer Cove now appears to have a small 'marina' with mooring balls. There are still a few small places to anchor without tying up to one of the balls.

If anyone knows of any other errors, we would appreciate knowing. We plan to forward the errors to the editors of Ports.

Fall Boat Planning.

Waste Tanks:

"SHOCK TREAT" your Head

On one of the last runs of the season, do your waste holding tank a favour and "Shock Treat" the entire head system.

Simply pour one 900ml bottle of Head-O-Matic, Shock

Treat #4025 down the toilet and flush through to the holding tank.

This mixture will slosh about and automatically help de-scale the walls and ceilings of your holding tank to ensure a cleaner last pump out. It also helps clear the lines to the tank and makes spring commissioning much easier. Available at all leading local marinas.

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You can also whistle clean your freshwater system with Head-O-Matic Fresh Tank 1KG #4031. After haul out, thoroughly dissolve ½ bottle Fresh Tank crystals in a 20L pail and pour into fresh water tank, through deck fitting. Fill tank to top with fresh water hose and allow the solution to sit for an hour or so. Drain or pump out the tank to municipal sewage and do a thorough rinse.

Review the last few issues of Scuttlebutt for:

- * Battery Equaliser #4826 to easily automatically de-sulphate batteries and have healthier batteries in the spring. Good gift for "Boys with Toys" www.batteryequaliser.com
- * Head-O-Matic Tankette # 4106 units for auto treatment of head on each flush and ALL waste system lines, including harbour intake line, that causes most of the marine head odour problems. Great winter or spring project. Simply cut intake line and clamp Tankette into the $\frac{1}{2}$ 'intake line. Done! Great Christmas gift!

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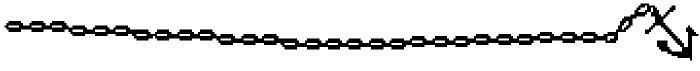
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Andrew Robichaud Receives National Honour

Andrew Robichaud, entering Grade 10 at Ridley College, was recognized by Minister of Veterans Affairs Steven Blaney in London on July 30th for his outstanding commitment to the remembrance of Veterans. Andrew wrote, produced and narrated a documentary on the life of his great uncle, the Honourable Daniel J. MacDonald, former Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada. The documentary also featured the Second World War contributions of Andrew's grandfather and other uncles. Andrew spent more than a year researching and creating his project. Since its release in May 2011, Mr. Robichaud's documentary has been seen in schools and organizations throughout Canada. United States and France.

Andrew is the son of FPYC members Ann



Marie and Rick Robichaud of D dock. Unfortunately you may not seen much of Rick & Ann Marie this year as engine troubles have kept their boat out of the water.



"Nancy Day" Another Great Success

Officially known as Fifty Point Marina Customer Appreciation Day,

Nancy Day just gets better every year. It started a few years ago as a volleyball game between the boaters and the staff and it has now expanded to a full day of activities supplied free of charge to the boaters of Fifty





Point.

This year's activities started out with a dinghy poker run organized by Karyn & Dean Maddeaux. The participants didn't need to worry about the light rain as the competition for the poker cards and the water guns

carried on board made sure everyone was soaked.

Lenore Lowe won the prize for the best poker hand and John Stuart won for the best outfit.



Lunch was a barbecue at D dock and then came the balloon toss and the bocce tournament. The ever popular volleyball game was played in the afternoon and the sun came out in full force. Earl Brewer officiated and that seems to have helped the boaters win the game! Everyone had fun!



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Are you an active member?

Are you an active member – the kind that would be missed; Or are you just content to say your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd; Or would you rather stay at home, complaining long and loud?

Do you give up a little time and help to make things click; Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the "clique?"

There's quite a program schedule that means success is done, And it can be accomplished, with the help of everyone.

So come to the meetings and help with hand and heart; Don't be just another member, but take an active part.

Think it over, member, are you right or wrong?

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Christine's Galley

EASY CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Heat 1 cup heavy cream 1 to 1 ½ mins

Combine in blender, about 30 seconds: 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 tsp vanilla

1 egg

Pour heated cream slowly into blender (food processer)
Until smooth

Pour into dishes and chill Garnish with whipped cream and strawberries





Jordan Galleon

Ever wonder about that once proud now derelict sailing ship at Jordan Harbour as you motor along the Queen Elizabeth Highway?

Here is a little trivia about this "Ghostly Galleon".

- 1914 Built in Quebec and commissioned as a ferry on the St. Lawrence River.
- 1950s Refitted as a cargo carrier.
- 1982 Motor removed and she became a floating restaurant at Cote Ste. Catherine, Quebec.
- 1991 Rebuilt as a replica sailing ship and became a floating restaurant in Valleyfield , Quebec.
- 1997 Towed to Jordan Harbour to become a floating restaurant or whatever.
- 2003 After five lonely years at Jordan Harbour she caught fire and sits today to startle tourists as they zoom along the Q.E.W.

A sad demise for a proud old lady yet a treasure trove of tales for our motoring tourists to guess how a sailing ship of yester year came to rest on the rocks of Jordan Harbour.



A Rock Named Peter

As you leave Whitby on your way to Cobourg, heading for the Thousand Islands your course will be approximately 73 degrees, that is northeast by east and Cobourg will be about 35 nautical miles away.

That is all good and you can settle down to a six or seven hour sail or a 1-2 hour trip by power boat, however, your trip could be dramatically interrupted by a little thing called Peter Rock, an ob-

struction just beneath the water's surface that will be sure to take out your keel, out-drive or propeller.

Peter Rock is exactly on the course from Whitby to Cobourg 3.1 nautical miles east of Cobourg. One used to be able to see it above the water but an all-knowing government group "blew it up" some years ago leaving a small black and white mark to indicate that it lurks just under the surface to challenge your navigating skills. Why the rock wasn't removed to 12 feet of depth we'll never know but that's it.

So watch for it, waypoint it in your GPS and go around it! Peter Rock is at N 48 56.085, W 78 13.843.



Have you been to Cape Vincent?



The locals talk about "Where the Lake meet s the River" and as you leave the Thousand Islands you will find all you need to replenish your stores in Cape Vincent. If you stop at Anchor Marina you will have a great liquor store right across the street – Bob, the owner, is a real character and you will find a well stocked grocery store just a few blocks down the street. The marina, however, is a dramatic case of lost potential. It is the only full service marina in Cape Vincent with any amount of depth and it operates out of a beautiful old railway station but the possibilities for this location are being ignored as the place is allowed to run down. There has

been some minor cosmetic work on the docks but they need replacement and the building needs a full facelift. Add to that some landscaping and it would be first class.

Liquor store Bob tells us that there is a move afoot to apply for federal funding to declare the harbour a "harbour of safe refuge" and that would result in a complete rebuild of the marina.

The other option for docking is at the Department of Environmental Conservation. The docks are beautiful, modern and free.

Washrooms and showers are available but there is no water or shore power.

As you go downtown the grocery store is quite good and it includes a "Beer Cave" which is truly cavernous, damp, cold and, true to its name, full of beer. There are a couple of places to eat but the locals wouldn't recommend any one of them. We tried the Irish pub, Monoghan's, and it was mediocre at best. Cape Vincent may well develop into a successful little tourist town but for now it is just potential.



Never approach a dock faster than you are willing to hit it.

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Let's All Help GAMRU This Year

Paul Charles

With the tremendous increase in the price of fuel this year it will certainly be a challenge for the volunteer operated GAMRU boats to effectively do their jobs. FPYC has always supported GAMRU and we are hoping the members will continue to do so through this difficult time.

GAMRU is running a lucky draw this season and ticket will be available from GAMRU members. Tickets are only \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and the prizes are 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$600 and 3rd - \$400 and the draw will take place on December 1st.

FPYC Parents Proud of Their Young Pilot

A Grimsby teen is one step closer to reaching his dream.

On July 26, Flight Sergeant Ian Hauser, 16, of Grimsby, landed a Schweizer 2-33A glider as he returned from his first solo flight during glider training at the Regional Gliding School (Atlantic) in Debert, N.S. The student of Grimsby Secondary School is looking forward to getting his glider license at the end of the summer. and has taken a big step toward doing so with his first solo flight under his belt.

"Cadets helped me realize my potential if I worked hard," said Hauser. "If I look back at where I was when I was



12, I wouldn't be able to be where I am today without this program."

The Regional Gliding School (Atlantic) is one of five Cadet Summer Training Centres in Atlantic Canada. Cadets from across Canada are at the school this summer learning how to fly gliders. The school also has three satellite locations, in Waterville, N.S., Moncton, N.B., and Gander, N.L., where cadets from across the region are learning how to fly single-engine aircraft this summer. Ian Hauser is the son of Troy and Debbie Hauser of D dock at Fifty Point Yacht Club.

Cruisers Head to Mimico Cruising Club

The August long weekend saw quite a few boats from FPYC head over to Mimico Cruising Club for, what else, but a cruise.

Potluck under the tent was the order of the day and it was certain that nobody went away hungry.

If you haven't been to Mimico Cruising Club you really should give it a try. The docks are big and comfortable and the channels are perhaps the widest of any club on the lake so that negotiating your way to your slip is a snap.

The restaurant serves excellent meals and the members are very welcoming.

Thanks very much to MCC for hosting our cruise again



Self Service?



While visiting Sackets Harbour in July, I couldn't help but notice how the American way is sometimes more relaxed that ours. Sometimes that's a good thing but self service on fuel and pump-out? Hmmm... What could go wrong?

Telling the Wasps to Buzz Off! Paul Charles

Always thinking of me, my wonderful wife Katharine purchased a mosquito repellant device for me to take to the pond when I sail my model boats. It is the Off Clip-on which is a battery powered device, something like an air freshener, which disperses repellant through a fan and is conveniently clipped on to your belt.

We took the Clip-on along when we travelled to the Thousand Islands and used it to keep the mosquitoes at bay during our evening Scrabble games in the ports around Lake Ontario.

The ubiquitous wasps were hovering as we served dinner one night and I decided to see

if the Clip-on would help. I placed it on the table, turned it on and presto, the wasps made a hasty retreat.

Since getting home we have been using it on the back deck with the same great results. I don't often endorse products but

