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9th Place Photo by Steve Burgin
Sailboat at Sunset

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!

Can it really be September already? There is still lots of boating and time on the water left yet, but boy, the months have really sped by. I hope that everyone enjoyed a great Labour Day long weekend and took advantage of some good weather.

Our Member's BBQ is now behind us and I want to thank everyone that came out to support the Club! The weather was a little hit and miss at the beginning but the skies cleared and enabled us to cook and enjoy the evening. The kind words and generosity of everyone at the event were all very much appreciated by the Board and the members that helped.

I have said it before, that these things take a good amount of planning and manpower to organize and set up. Once again, the social committee did an amazing job in preparing, setting up and cleaning up. There were also several members who stepped in to help and we owe them a thank you as well. We were blown away by the businesses and individuals who contributed items for the raffle and auction and words do not adequately express how much that means to us.

As always, the marina and their staff were very helpful in getting the pavilion ready for the day. Thanks to Jan and Leslie for manning the ticket sale table for the raffle and 50/50 draw. Thanks to Denise for her help and mixology skills in preparing some delectable treats for everyone to sample. And a big thank you to Ron Coyne who provided us with a fast paced, entertaining, and humorous auction. And finally, a shout out to Jim who provided the equipment and music to pass the evening away.

Congratulations to all of those that won a raffle prize or the 50/50 draw. And congratulations as well to the successful auction bidders. I have to say it again, that the support we get from everyone makes the work all worth while.

We have one more event to round out the year, the Commodore's Ball being held on November 4, so stay tuned for more details soon.

Steve Burgin
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

- Board Assistance Required
- Membership Update
- Social Update
- Getting to Know You - maybe next month....
- Photo Contest Time!
- September Fun
- Scuttlebutt Sponsorship
- Recipe - Apple Cookies

*REMINDER....
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD*

The Board was sorry to learn that Jessie Holst Vincent needed to step down from her position as Secretary on the Board of Directors. Jessie has provided great assistance to the Board both as Treasurer and as Secretary and her contributions will be greatly missed. Thank you goes out to Jessie.

This now leaves a vacancy on the Board for Secretary, which is a Flag Officer position. The Secretary provides support to the Board by recording meeting minutes; sending out notices to members and giving guidance on procedural matters.

Serving on the Board is a very rewarding endeavor and you get the chance to work with a great group of people. Volunteers help ensure the Club can continue to thrive and offer ongoing benefits to its members.

Please contact the Commodore, Steve Burgin, if you would like more information on this opportunity.

Thank you.

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) Secretary – provides support to the Club in by recording meeting minutes; distributing those minutes; giving advice on procedural matters and assisting the Club as may be needed.
- 2) Membership Director – encourages growth to the Club by promoting membership; keeping an accurate membership list and assisting the Club as may be needed.
- 3) 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.

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



Social Events Update

Mark Your Calendars!!

November 4th Commodore's Ball at Galileo Gardens

Please watch for more details on the Commodore's Ball in the Scuttlebutt as we get closer to the date.

FPYC Social Committee



FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUBS ANNUAL COMMODORES BALL

Saturday November 4, 2023 at Galileo Gardens

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

This year, we are again proud to present the Celtic-Rock band, FIDDLESTIX!

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.

Further details will be forthcoming. In the mean time, check out Fiddlestix online at www.fiddlestix.ca



Extreme Fiddle Show

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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.

**Thank you to our Summer BBQ corporate sponsors
and FPYC members for donating items for our
raffle baskets and live auction!
Your kind generosity and support is
greatly appreciated!**



and Fifty Point Marina



FPYC Members

Kathy Belanger

Ron and Kim Coyne

Jim Macdonald and Donna Shepherd

Jan Price, Peggy's Ladies Fashions

A HUGE THANK YOU IS ALSO EXTENDED TO...

**FPYC Board members and volunteers for assisting before the event
and throughout the day and evening!**

All members for purchasing raffle and 50/50 tickets!

**Special thanks to Ron Coyne for the fabulous live auction and to
Jim MacDonald for providing the DJ music!**

2023 Summer BBQ!!!



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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!



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

A Fire On Your Boat

(Courtesy of BoatBlub January 2022)

Boaters don't expect a fire aboard their boat. A hot time maybe, but not a fire. This was my excuse for not recognizing that my boat was on fire.

As the story goes, I was boating with my wife and another couple to a lunch destination while blissfully absorbing the warm sun and easy breeze. We were one of several performance boats all running together. Ours was a 34' twin engine 'go fast' with headers and through transom exhausts.

"Hey, I smell smoke" said my wife, dashing my euphoric mood in one sentence. I know that my sense of smell works inversely proportionate to the size of my nose so I took her comment seriously, but after a quick look around, I saw and felt nothing unusual. Performing a careful scan of all the gauges noted that every gauge was "in the green." I reasoned that if there really was a fire in the engine compartment, the Halon bottle should snuff it out. So, I slowed slightly but continued in an effort to stay with the group.

Then someone yelled, "Hey, I see smoke!" I spun around to see small whiffs of black smoke swirling out the back of the engine compartment. Time to stop.

I hesitated to open the engine hatch because introducing oxygen could cause a flare up if indeed there was a fire. Opening the hatch would also impede the ability of the Halon to extinguish the fire. We waited for about 30 seconds, but the smoke did not let up. Grabbing a fire extinguisher I decided to cautiously peek into the engine compartment. There were small flames behind the port engine, very close to a fuel tank.

I remembered the acronym PASS, as the procedure to use for extinguishing fires. Pull the extinguisher pin. Aim the extinguisher at the fire. Squeeze the trigger and Sweep the contents at the base of the flames. To my surprise and delight, the fire was instantly extinguished. The problem was resolved without any emergency calls.

Our travel time to this point was around 35 minutes. Limping back to our marina on one engine took us over 4 hours. The cause of the unwanted interruption was a blockage in the water line that cooled one of the exhaust headers. The extreme temperature on the neoprene connection between the header and the metal thru-hull caused it to ignite. At least it was an easy fix but more importantly, the resulting fire was contained.

Reflecting on the details, a similar problem could happen on any boat. In this case, the 'hands on' fire extinguishing course that I had taken helped save the day for four people and a boat. This is also my requisite time to remind you to carry proper PFD's and have a pre-trip plan for every outing. Just in case.

They say that such experiences make you a better boater. This may be true -- or maybe we were just lucky.

6 Little Tricks So You Can Work Less & Boat More

(Courtesy of BoatBlub August 2022)

1) Protect Your Prop

When a prop is left in water, it will collect growth. When it is trimmed up, or on the trailer, things can get into it, such as a bug nest and dirt. A prop cover will protect your prop, but so will a plastic bag, held in place with a bungy cord. A plastic bag will save your prop and save you money. Don't forget to "Remove Before Cruise."

2) Emergency Screen Repair

Mosquitos have a special way of finding holes in a screen. You can effectively repair boat screens and keep bugs out by squeezing the screening together at the hole, then applying clear nail polish to re-seal the screen hole.

3) Preventing Mildew in Your Boat

There are special sprays you can buy to eliminate boat mildew. White vinegar can serve the same purpose. But to prevent mildew in the first place, talcum powder can be an effective deterrent. For items like boat carpets and curtains, sprinkle talcum powder over the entire surface and roll up when stored. Talcum powder will absorb mildew and make spring cleaning easier.

4) Unstick Boat Zippers

Zippers on boat canvas are notorious for sticking. Especially when exposed to salt air. Fortunately, there are many excellent ways to lubricate canvas zippers. I have found spraying with WD40 and then adding a coating of petroleum jelly most effective. Other remedies include the application of one of; candle wax, cooking spray, lip balm, light oil, or graphite.

5) A Brass Cleaner Alternative

If you dip a slice of lemon in salt and wipe it over brass, the brass will return to its original polished look.

6) Keep Bugs Off The Boat

Did you know that bugs don't chew gum? They hate it. By placing open sticks of spearmint gum around your boat where crawly bugs might collect, such as food cabinets, you will effectively keep them at bay.

September ...!!

Great and Amazing Story.....

The Drifters recorded "Save the Last Dance for Me" in the 1960's and it became a great hit.

The songwriter, Doc Pomus, suffered from polio when he was a kid and was crippled. However, he sometimes used crutches to get around. During an interview on Elvis Costello's show "Spectacle", Lou Reed, who worked with Pomus, said the song was written on the day of Pomus' wedding while the wheelchair-bound groom watched his bride dancing with their guests. His wife, Willi Burke, was a Broadway actress and dancer.

The song gives Pomus' perspective of telling his wife to have fun dancing but reminds her who will be taking her home and "in whose arms you're gonna be". Hence, the song. True story and very touching! That is how this wonderful song was written!

Cross-Examination

A lawyer was cross-examining a witness.

"You have just testified that you heard the shot at exactly 11:32 p.m.? How did you know what time it was? Did you look at your watch?"

"No," the witness said. "I looked at the sundial in the garden."

"That's stupid," screamed the lawyer. "How could you tell time by a sundial at 11:32 at night?"

"I had a flashlight," the witness said.

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Apple Cookies

(Recipe/photo courtesy of delish.com)

Ingredients

COOKIE DOUGH

- **1 1/2 c.** (180 g.) all-purpose flour
- **1 tsp.** apple pie spice
- **3/4 tsp.** baking soda
- **1/2 tsp.** kosher salt
- **6 tbsp.** (3/4 stick) butter, softened
- **1/2 c.** (100 g.) granulated sugar
- **1/2 c.** (107 g.) packed light brown sugar
- **1** large egg
- **1/2 tsp.** pure vanilla extract
- **1** medium tart apple (about 8 oz.; such as Granny Smith), cored, peeled, and grated (about 1 c.)



ICING

- **3/4 c.** powdered sugar
- **4 tsp.** fresh lemon juice
- Pinch of apple pie spice

Directions

COOKIE DOUGH

Preheat oven to 350°. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk flour, apple pie spice, baking soda, and salt.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add egg and mix until incorporated, then mix in vanilla. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture and beat until well combined. Stir in apples until just combined. Cover and chill dough until cold, about 30 minutes.

Scoop 2-tablespoon balls of dough (about 20 balls) and arrange 2" apart on prepared sheets. Bake until cookies are just set and light golden brown, 14 to 18 minutes. Let cool completely.

ICING

In a small bowl, whisk powdered sugar and lemon juice. Add water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until icing is thick but pourable.

Spoon icing over cooled cookies. Let stand until icing sets, about 15 minutes.

Cookies can be made 2 days ahead. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.



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>

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