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September 2025

FIFTY POINT
YACHT CLUB

2025 Issue #9

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Commodore's Message



You can feel the fall coming! Cooler nights, dew on the deck, stiffer breezes and waves to suit and of course those pesky yellow jackets at mealtime. It seems like only yesterday we were dropping boats in the water in anticipation of the long summer season ahead and now (blink) we're entering our last full month of boating. But chin up, if I remember correctly, last September was spectacular. So, let's maximize the precious time we have left on the water in 2025.

I hope you will agree we have had a great summer so far with great weather and awesome social events and club cruises to reflect on. Our social team knocked it out of the ballpark again in August with two terrific events. First up was the Progressive Euchre Night at D-Dock where 32 members tested their card-playing skills against one another with the hopes of winning bragging rights and a few bottles of wine from Kew and Vieni wineries. Congrats to Walter Schoppmann who emerged the victor after the two-hour tournament with the most points, while Rita Kling claimed the most honest player prize. Yours truly escaped with the "Last Loner Hand" prize but you can expect the rules for that prize to change before the next tournament sometime this winter. Thanks Lindsay and Chris for planning and hosting such a fun and very lively event.

Then of course was the spectacular FPYC Luau at Lakeside Pavilion on August 23. What a blast for over 144 members and guests. Everything went to plan. Even the rain held off long enough for us to get through the whole event dry. The Luau was packed with great fun and entertainment. Mike and Lester from "Infrared" kicked things off with some great steel drum music to put us in "Luau mood" while we sipped on fruit punch and other libations until dinner arrived. Strodes provided a super spread with pulled pork sandwiches (Pig Roast), potato and pasta salads, baked beans and coleslaw with plenty for second helpings. After dinner, the Beautiful Wahinis put on a beautiful Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing demonstration and then proceeded to teach some willing members the finer skills of their craft much to the delight and amusement of the rest of the audience. Lots of laughs. And finally, to cap the evening off, DJ Frank Moore kept us dancing until the rain arrived at 10:55 pm. My sincere thanks go to Chris, Krista and Lindsay for planning and executing such a great event and to the many many volunteers that helped with decorating, set-up, serving food, security, and of course, tear down. Mahalo.

Our next social event is still under construction and has been deferred to the afternoon/evening of Sunday September 28. Stay tuned for more details in a week or two as plans firm up. We are also beginning to plan some FPYC social activities for the coming winter months. Things like progressive euchre or similar card games, trivia at a local pub, karaoke, darts, intro to curling, or just random social gatherings for breakfast or at a local establishment. Your ideas are most welcome and very much encouraged. Expect to receive a survey this fall from the board. We want to know what you thought about this year's events, what worked, what didn't, and what events you would like to see next year and this coming winter.

The club held three cruises in August. The first to PCYC on the Civic Holiday weekend took 20 boats across the lake to this perennial favourite destination. Members enjoyed the many amenities PCYC has to offer such as the large pool, a gas fire pit, the excellent PCYC restaurant and BBQ shelters. Some cruisers took the opportunity to bike over to Fogh marine supplies Saturday morning. Thanks

go to our co-cruise captains Mark and Marcus for organizing the group gathering Sunday morning and Sarah and Chris for initiating a happy hour potluck Saturday afternoon. We'll be back!

Next up was a small last-minute cruise across to Bronte Yacht Club on August 16 to make up for a cancelled cruise to Harbour City YC. Two boats made the short trek across for the weekend. And finally, the third cruise took 17 Cruisers to the Etobicoke Yacht Club for the Labour Day weekend and to take in the Toronto Air Show. Thanks go to Diederik and Monique for volunteering for Cruise Captain duty. Look for photos of our cruisers in this issue.

On a final note, the Board is considering making our next Annual Members Meeting a live event and is currently looking for a suitable location. The Grimsby Legion Branch 127 has a nice meeting room downstairs for a very reasonable price that may very well suit our needs. Possible dates are early December or early January after the busy Christmas season.

That's it for this month. Thanks for reading and feel free to send your suggestions or feedback to info@fpyc.ca. Enjoy your September on the water and watch out for kids as they head back to school. Phil



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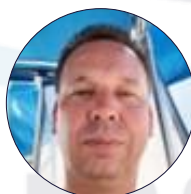
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Euchre Tournament - August 15th



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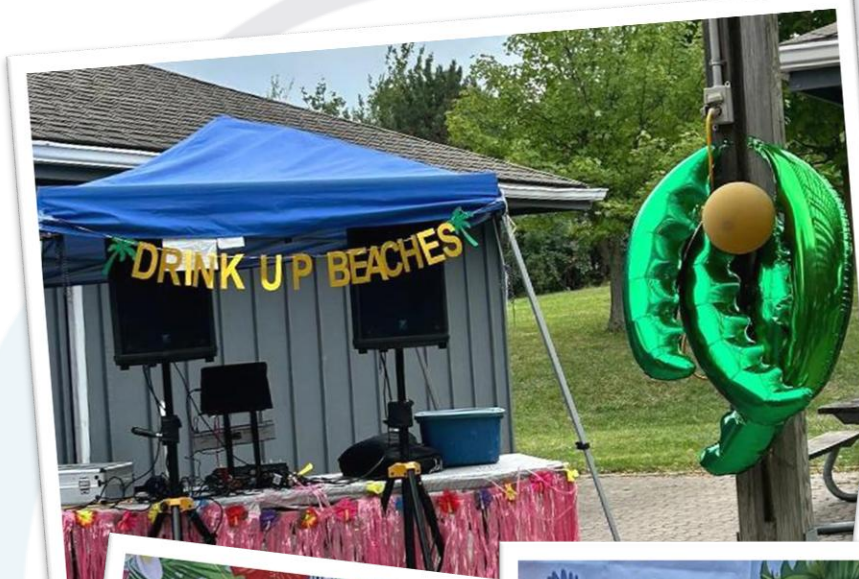


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Social Committee Calendar

(Schedule Subject to Change)



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2025

EVENTS SCHEDULE



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SAT. APRIL 26



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SAT. AUG 23



**WELCOME
POTLUCK -**
SAT. MAY 24



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PARTIES -**
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JULY 18, AUG 15



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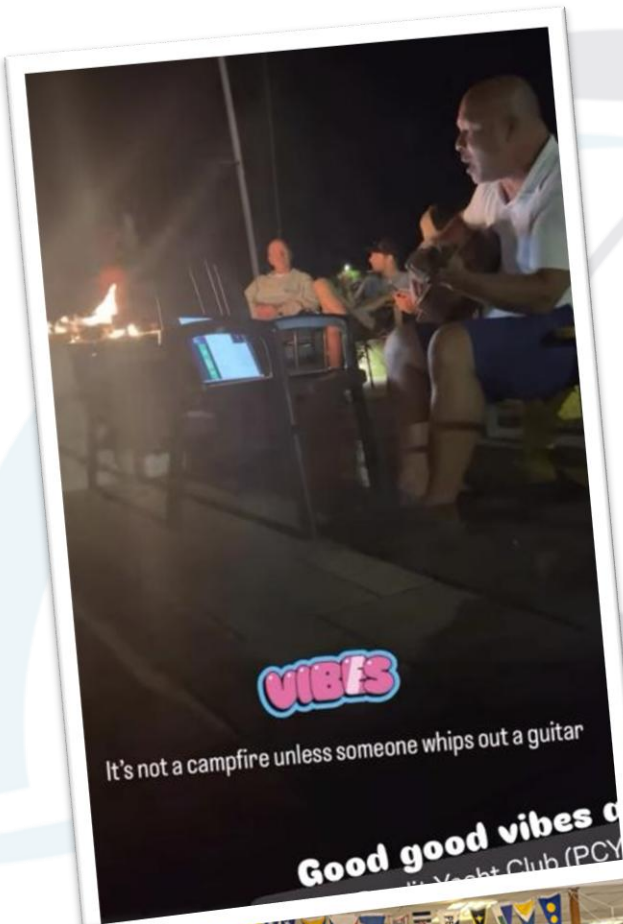


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Why Sponsor FPYC???

Our Social Committee is working hard on putting together a great slate of activities for FPYC Members. To keep Member cost at a minimum or even at no-cost at all, we must count on important Sponsorships. Krista Toussaint is leading our initiative to propose suitable Sponsorship Opportunities. If you know any organization who would be willing to Sponsor FPYC, please reach out to Krista directly!



Fifty Point Yacht Club is nestled within the scenic Fifty Point Conservation Area, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and modern convenience. Ideally situated just off the QEW Niagara, it provides easy access to nearby shopping, amenities, and vibrant neighboring communities.

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WHO WE ARE

A thriving non-profit yacht club with nearly 100 members and growing, located in a marina featuring 336 boat slips. Boaters from near and far gather to enjoy a fun season filled with social events and exciting cruises. The majority of our members reside within a 30-minute radius, primarily from the Hamilton and Niagara regions. We welcome all ages and host many families!

WHEN OUR SEASON OPERATES

Our boating season runs from April to October, with events and membership perks offered all year round.

This year we have weekly and monthly events planned along with five cruises to neighbouring yacht clubs.

WHY SPONSOR US?

With close to 100 members and growing PLUS access to 336 Boat Slips plus visiting friends and families...

The possibilities are endless!

- We are a close-knit club built on strong community connections, with referrals playing a key role—especially for boat-related services, local dining, activities, and shopping.
- Our members share common interests, a passion for boating, and an appreciation for the finer things in life. Many spend weekends and extended stays at the club, seeking local places to dine, shop, and explore.
- We host a variety of weekly and monthly events, providing a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to showcase their brands through promotional items, prizes, signage, and giveaways.
- Our diverse membership spans all ages, including many families. Additionally, we welcome social members from the local community who may not be boaters but enjoy being part of our vibrant club.

Levels of Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB

 <p>PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant • Official sponsor of One Event/Directional Sandwich Board • Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events • Social Media Advertising - two ads per month from May to September • Signage as Co-Host at One Major Event 	 <p>GOLD SPONSOR \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant • Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events • Social Media Advertising - one ad per month from May to September 	 <p>SILVER SPONSOR \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$275 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant • Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events • Social Media Advertising - two ads per Season (from May to September) 	 <p>BRONZE SPONSOR \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business size ad in Scuttlebutt during one month of our busy summer season (from May to September)- emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant • Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events • Social Media Advertising - one ad per season (from May to September) 	 <p>OTHER OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide prizes for events (gift cards, promo items, etc) • Provide membership perk
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Members Perks Program



GTHN Boat Polishing - 10%
Pita Pit- 10%
Kelsey's - 20%
Freshii - 15%
DNA Pizza - 10% on orders over 15.00
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Lazeez Shawarma - 15%
Pho Huy - 15%
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Noodlebox, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%

Members must present their membership cards to the server to receive the discounts.

If you have any “Perk” suggestions, please send us an e-mail at info@fpyc.ca

Update from CanBoat/Nautisavoir

Do you know the right knot — at the right time, every time?

Learn the essential knots for boating in this 2-hour online mini-course. Tie it right. Handle with confidence.

Learn the must-know boating knots every mariner should master — when to use them, and how to tie them quickly and securely. This mini-course also covers the different types of rope (cordage) used on board, how to choose the right one, and how to handle lines safely to protect your boat and crew. Specifically, you'll learn:

- 👉 The must-know boating knots — and how to tie them correctly
- 👉 When to use each knot (docking, anchoring, towing, emergencies, etc.)
- 👉 Rope types (cordage) and how to choose the right one
- 👉 How to handle lines safely on board
- 👉 Coiling, securing, and stowing lines like a pro
- 👉 Perfect for: All boaters — from first-timers to experienced cruisers brushing up.

Duration: 2-4 hour

Price: \$44.95

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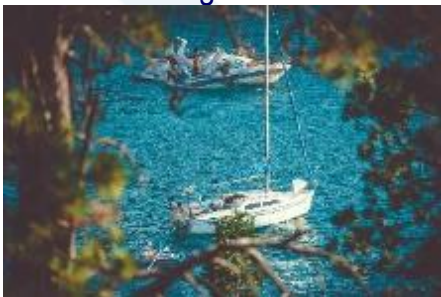
The Best Tips for Anchoring Your Boat

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission via BoatBlurb!!!

By: Richard Crowder ([link](#))

Anchoring in a secluded bay or a popular anchoring spot with family and friends for a day of fishing, swimming, or relaxing can be one of the most rewarding and enjoyable aspects of boating. Anchoring overnight can be that much more enjoyable and forever memorable. These tips are offered to help make your anchoring more stress-free, pleasing, and rewarding.

Every boat, whether powered or not and whether required to by law or not, should carry at least one anchor aboard. There are important things to consider about how to choose an anchor. Anchors are rated by weight relative to boat length. A general rule of thumb is about one pound of anchor for every 1½ to 2 feet of length. Larger boats doing serious overnight anchoring and in potentially adverse weather conditions may want an anchor of one pound per foot of boat length.



A light-weight navy-style or folding grapnel-style anchor is great for smaller, lighter boats from ten to

eighteen feet. Larger runabouts and cruisers needing digging-style anchors for greater holding capabilities can choose from Danforth, CQR, and Bruce plow-style anchors among others.

Plow-style anchors are more popular with cruisers with electric anchor winches and built-in anchor roller systems as they are less likely to damage the boat's hull while being carried off the boat's bow. They're also one-piece so they don't rattle while the boat is underway. Danforth-style anchors are more popular when the anchor is stored onboard as it stores flatter.

There are four factors that govern the holding power of any anchor: the design of the anchor, the weight of the anchor, the type of bottom, and the angle of pull. Try to choose sand, mud, or gravel bottom for ease of "setting" and releasing the anchor since clay can hinder the release of the anchor and weeds or rocks can make it difficult to set. Anchors are mostly designed to set (dig in) when pulled horizontally along the bottom. A vertical pull is used to retrieve the anchor.

Current Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulations for Pleasure Craft stipulate 15 meters (50 feet) of cable, rope, or chain in any

combination for anchoring for sail, power, or personal watercraft up to 9 meters (30 feet) in length; 30 meters (100 feet) for boats up to 12 meters (40 feet) in length; and 50 meters (165 feet) for longer boats. This cable, rope, or chain, once attached to an anchor, is then called a "rode."

Since cable is rarely used as it is difficult to find, handle, and store, let's consider rope and chain as anchor rode. Nylon is the rope material of choice for rode for smaller boats due to its strength, stretch, and sinking capabilities. Braided as opposed to twisted nylon is preferred as it coils better and resists "kinking," it also stretches more to resist jerking and tugging on your boat.

A minimum of ½ or preferably ¾-inch diameter nylon is heavier than required strength-wise for smaller boats, but is easier to handle and is suitable for boats up to about forty feet in length. Pre-made nylon anchor rode comes with a metal-lined end eye that attaches to the anchor using a proper shackle that is much preferable over trying to jury-rig the attachment yourself. The other end of the rode not attached to the anchor is called the "bitter end."

Make sure your bitter end is always firmly and permanently attached to

an eye or a cleat near the bow. You would be surprised how many boaters have lowered their anchor overboard only to have it followed by the bitter end resulting in an anchor and rode forever lost on the bottom of the lake.

Daytime anchoring is a relatively stress-free activity as you're not likely to choose to anchor if the weather or water is unsavoury. Your chosen anchorage at a beach, bay, or favourite fishing hole is likely to have little wind and wave action or you're not going to choose to be at anchor that day.

Given the above, proceed at dead slow idle with a spotter at the bow to your desired anchor location. The spotter is to give you at the helm clear instructions to stop, reverse, or proceed to the left or right if any obstruction is spotted in the water that may damage your boat. All passengers aboard must be seated and be told to be prepared for any sudden stoppage or change in direction.

If you are unfamiliar with the body of water you are looking for a good anchorage, check the most detailed Canadian Hydrographic navigation chart, local cruising guide, or a local guidebook for reference.

Recognized anchorages on a chart (or GPS screen) will be shown with an anchor symbol. This symbol also indicates that if you anchor overnight you will not need to show an anchor light as other boaters will expect to find other unmarked

boats in the anchorage and exercise due caution.

Once you have found the preferred location for your boat, proceed forward into the prevailing wind at a distance approximately five times the depth of the water (actually, to be precise, five times the sum of the depth of the water plus the distance from the water surface to the bow of your boat where the rode will be attached.) For example, if the water is five feet deep and the bow of your boat is three feet above the water, then that sum is eight feet, and five times that is forty feet, the appropriate length for the anchor rode. Therefore the anchor should be gently lowered to the bottom forty feet into the wind ahead of your chosen final preferred location for your boat. That ratio of length of rode to the depth of water is called the "scope" and a five to one ratio, or scope, is considered optimal. This means there is enough rode ahead of your boat so that the anchor can lay flat and dig in properly with a horizontal pull on the shank of the anchor from the weight of the boat.

Once the anchor is lowered vertically to its resting spot on bottom, slowly reverse the forty feet to your chosen spot while the spotter at the bow gently releases more rode, or, operates the anchor winch as necessary to release more rode. Never, ever, ever "throw" an anchor overboard. Far too many accidents have been caused by the rode getting caught

or tangled resulting in a backlash of the anchor causing personal injury or damage to the boat. Once you have reached your chosen spot, tie off the anchor rode to a deck cleat or set the "stopper" on your anchor windlass to prevent the release of more rode.

Choose an anchorage that is sheltered from wind, waves and current, has ideal bottom conditions to hold fast your anchor without obstructions that will snag it, and is out of the way of the main navigation channel. Make sure the water depth is ideal given the amount of rode you have to allow a proper scope, and where there is sufficient surface area to allow your boat to swing (rotate) on the anchor should the wind change overnight.

If you are anchoring in a location where the required scope will place the anchor more than thirty or forty feet ahead of your boat or, in a location where you think the anchor may get snagged on bottom or be difficult to retrieve, you may choose to add a "trip line" to your main holding anchor.

A trip line serves two purposes. It is attached to the base of the anchor so that when pulled, it lifts vertically to dislodge the anchor. It's also a good idea to attach a float that is highly visible so it floats right above the anchor. This lets other boaters know where your anchor is set so that they won't cross your anchor rode or place their anchor rode over yours and possibly get tangled.

On setting the main anchor for overnight purposes, you want to ensure that it is digging in to the bottom so that it does not move overnight from any current or wind. Therefore, once you have it set with the proper length of rode, very gently put the boat into reverse and see if the anchor will hold your boat from moving. If set properly, it will. If not set properly, the anchor will “drag” and your boat will move. In this case, try the setting process over again until the anchor does not drag and holds your boat from moving.

You may choose to also set a stern anchor so your boat stays in relatively the same position all night. If close to shore, you may choose instead to tie the stern to large rocks or to the base of a sturdy tree on shore to hold it there for the night. An important note here is that once you have set your anchor(s), always take sight bearings from your boat to a couple of fixed and notable objects on shore, preferably about ninety degrees apart. This is so you can periodically check that your boat is in the same position as when you

first set the anchor(s) and has not drifted.

Check these bearings several times before you retire for the night. If you have drifted, you will need to go through the entire process again. Always set your depth alarm before you retire for the night so if you do drift, you will be awakened before any damage can occur. Also, unless in a recognized anchorage, turn on your anchor light from dusk ‘til dawn. If you are in tidal water or in large bodies of water where surging or piling can occur, ensure that your anchor and/or tie lines to shore will allow your boat to ride out any change in water levels.

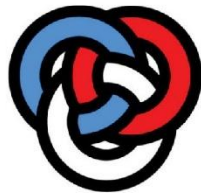
Retrieving (called “weighing”) your anchor is the reverse process of setting it. Once you have it up and just below the surface of the water, check for any mud or weeds and, with a boat hook to hold onto it, use a deck mop or brush or bow washdown hose to clean it before raising it to its final resting place within the bow roller or on the deck. Three final tips are essential here. One is to ensure that you attach the anchor safety strap to the anchor if

the anchor stays mounted to the anchor roller off the bow. This safety strap is itself attached permanently to a ring on the inside of the anchor locker or to a deck cleat. You do not want that anchor to let loose and tumble down the bow of your boat while you are underway.

The second tip is that whoever is handling the anchor rode when setting or retrieving it should always use a heavy pair of snug-fitting gloves, preferably with a heavy rubberized coating. These will protect your hands and prevent slippage of the rope or chain which often gets quite slimy and slippery. The third tip is to regularly clean your entire anchor chain or rope., It it’s rope, dry out its entire length to prevent mold buildup. Dry out and clean your anchor and rode locker too from time to time.

Serious overnight anchoring is a combination of art and science coupled with lots of practice and patience to perfect. But once mastered, you will look for every opportunity to enjoy it. ⚓

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Ratatouille!!

(Recipe/photos: delish.com)

Servings: 4-6 | Total Time: 75 Mins | Prep: 25 Mins

Ingredients

- 2 medium eggplants (about 1 lb. total), cut into 1/2" cubes
- Kosher salt
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 8 cloves garlic, finely chopped, divided
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, chopped
- 2 small zucchini (about 11 oz. total), cut into 1/2" cubes
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 1 beefsteak tomato, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1 cup canned crushed tomatoes
- 10 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced, plus more for serving
- Crusty sourdough bread, for serving



Directions

1. In a colander set over a large bowl, toss eggplant with 1 teaspoon salt. Let sit at least 30 minutes, then squeeze off excess moisture and pat dry with paper towels.
2. Meanwhile, in a large pot over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add onion and 2 chopped garlic cloves; season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions turn translucent, 5 to 6 minutes. Add bell pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 6 minutes. Transfer onion mixture to a large bowl.
3. In same pot over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add zucchini, rosemary, and 2 chopped garlic cloves; season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook, stirring often, until zucchini softens and turns golden, about 8 minutes. Transfer zucchini mixture to bowl with onion mixture.
4. In same pot over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add eggplant, thyme, and 2 chopped garlic cloves. Cook, stirring often, until eggplant turns golden and translucent, about 8 minutes. Transfer eggplant mixture to bowl with onion mixture.
5. In same pot over medium heat, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Add chopped tomatoes, granulated sugar, all remaining garlic, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook, stirring often, until tomatoes begin to break down and caramelize, 6 to 8 minutes.
6. Add crushed tomatoes, sliced basil, and all reserved cooked vegetables to pot and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and continue to simmer, stirring occasionally, until vegetable textures begin to melt together, 8 to 10 minutes.
7. Top with more basil. Serve with bread alongside.

Items of Interest

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