



# Scuttlebutt

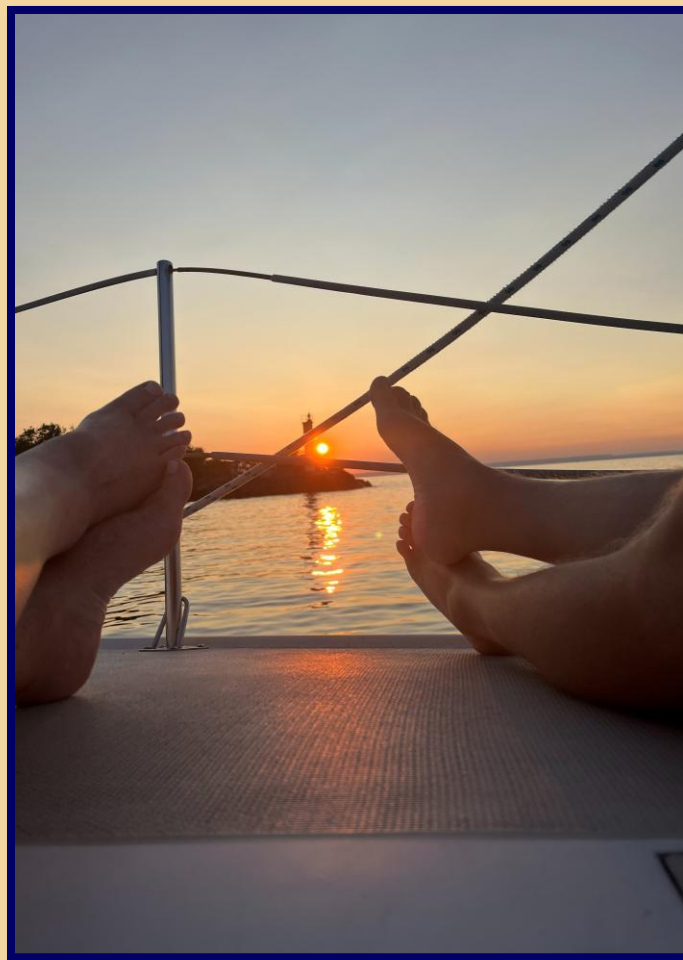


August 2026

**FIFTY POINT**  
YACHT CLUB

2026 Issue #8

8<sup>th</sup> Place Photo by Rodney Morrison



Chilling at anchor

Want to submit a Photo for our Contest? Send the Picture with background information (Location, boat name, photographer's name, caption, etc. to [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca) – Thank you!



## Commodore's Message (August 2026)

July was certainly a month of extremes. Temperatures swung from 15°C to 45°C. We endured days without rain and watched our lawns turn brown, only to be followed by severe thunderstorms, tornado warnings, and choking smoke drifting south from the hundreds of forest fires burning across Northern Ontario. It certainly wasn't the most conducive weather for enjoying time on the water.

Nevertheless, FPYC members are a resilient bunch, and we still managed to pack some great events into the month. It all started with our "Christmas in July" celebration on July 11. Fifty-six hungry members gathered at the Winona Pavilion to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, courtesy of Nicola's Catering and expertly served by Diane's Party Services. Even Santa "JD" Claus took a break from his summer vacation to visit us and hand out gifts to deserving members. François Guilbault and Sasha Villosa won the 50/50 draw and, in the true spirit of Christmas, plan to donate their winnings to the Wings for Limbs Foundation. Prizes for the best-decorated boats went to Sez Who and Gnomeward Bound, with each crew receiving a \$100 gift certificate courtesy of Teddy's Sports Bar in Grimsby.

A special thank you goes to our members for their generous door prize donations; to Nicola's Catering and Diane's Party Services for the wonderful meal and service; to the Josh Coulter Band for providing fantastic entertainment; and, of course, to our social team, volunteers, and marina staff for making the entire event possible. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Inspired by the excitement surrounding the FIFA tournaments this summer, the Board approved the purchase of a large-screen television for use at club social gatherings, sporting events, movie nights, winter seminars, Board meetings, and Annual Members' Meeting presentations. With our newly acquired 65-inch Costco TV in hand, we quickly put it to good use by organizing a watch party at D-Dock on July 19. More than 50 members showed up with coolers and lawn chairs to enjoy the match between Spain and Argentina and spend a perfect summer afternoon with fellow members (see the great photos in this issue). Thanks to Sam, Vic, Lindsay, and Ben for pulling together this impromptu event. Hopefully, it will be the first of many similar gatherings. Movie Night, anyone?

On July 25, eight FPYC boats headed west for an overnight club cruise to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, while nine RHYC boats visited us here at FPYC. Our boaters enjoyed relaxing around the pool, patio, and fire pit, while others explored nearby restaurants and pubs on James Street. (Note to all: The lift bridge opens on the hour and half-hour during the summer months.)

Our next cruise will take approximately 20 FPYC boats to the Port Credit Yacht Club for the Civic Holiday weekend, August 1–3. I hope to see many of you there. If you're staying at FPYC for the weekend, please extend a warm welcome to our PCYC visitors. Two additional cruises are planned for August: Oakville Yacht Squadron on August 15–16 and Harbour City Yacht Club on August 21–23. It's certainly been a busy season for Cruise Directors Ben and Diederik.

On the social front, we have a couple of exciting events planned for August. First up, on Friday, August 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., guitarist Michelle Headley and fiddler Natalie Walker will entertain us at D-Dock. Bring your coolers and lawn chairs and prepare for an evening of outstanding Canadian musical talent.

Then, on Saturday, August 22, the Club will hold our 2nd Annual Beach Pavilion Luau. By now, you should have received a registration form by email. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so before the August 10 deadline so we can ensure we order enough food. If you missed the email, you can register using the form found in the following pages. The Luau will feature the InfraRed Steel Drum Band from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., a catered dinner from Uncle Sam's BBQ, and music and dancing with DJ Frank Moore. We'll also hold a 50/50 draw and several door-prize raffles throughout the evening. Don your best Hawaiian attire for a chance to win prizes for Best-Dressed Kāne and Best-Dressed Wahine. Plan to arrive by 5:00 p.m. to collect your dinner, 50/50 draw, and raffle tickets, and settle in for what promises to be a fantastic evening. Read on for more information about our upcoming events.

Lastly, thanks to all those who made the effort to oppose the expansion of Billy Bishop Airport for the purpose of accommodating commuter jet traffic. Your voices were heard and the Federal Government has responded favourably to the public's backlash. Don't expect the Provincial Government to back off without a fight. Keep vigilant and informed.

This summer seems to be racing by so let's slow August down a little, kick back, and enjoy some great weather, good friends, and memorable times at FPYC. Enjoy this August issue, and don't forget about the channel dredging planned for this month. Watch for updates from the Marina.

Mahalo,

Phil Kling ⚓



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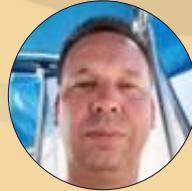
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# Calling all FPYC Members - Volunteers Wanted

Since 1984, FPYC has relied on its Members to volunteer their time and effort to govern and manage the affairs of our beloved Yacht Club. Although December may seem a long way off, it is time to begin the process that will help ensure we have a full slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors (the Board) at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Once again, we are in a position where the terms for all 13 existing Board Members are set to expire at the end of this year. To prepare for the coming election, we are now in the process of establishing a nominating committee that will help the Board identify FPYC Members who have the skills and desire to govern the Club for the 2027-28 term. Although some current Board Members will return for another term, many Board positions will become vacant this December.

So, if you love being a member of Fifty Point Yacht Club; enjoy the benefits of membership; and want to see the Club continue to thrive, now is the time to consider volunteering for a seat on the Board. By volunteering, you will quickly discover how getting involved with the Board can be extremely rewarding and can generate a great sense of personal accomplishment.

## FPYC Board of Director Positions and Key Responsibilities

| Board Position                             | Key Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Commodore<br/>(Chair)<br/>(Officer)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead the Club and its activities as outlined in the FPYC By-laws</li> <li>• Preside at all Board of Directors and Membership Meetings</li> <li>• Act as ex-officio member of all Board committees (except nominating)</li> <li>• Represent the Fifty Point Yacht Club within the community and with other boating associations (Council of Commodores, Ontario Sailing, etc.)</li> <li>• Act as the liaison between FPYC and Fifty Point Marina/HCA</li> <li>• Present an Annual Report to the membership at the Annual Meeting</li> </ul> |
| <b>Vice Commodore<br/>(Officer)</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the Commodore in the discharge of duties and act as Commodore in the absence or temporary disability of the Commodore.</li> <li>• Communicate and works with the marina in monitoring Reciprocal activity and fees and other common matters throughout the boating season.</li> <li>• Oversee Club operations and Annual Membership Meeting arrangements</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Secretary<br/>(Officer)</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a true and complete copy of all Club proceedings and a current register of Directors and Members, together with their addresses.</li> <li>• Manage corporate documents: By-laws, Articles, Minutes, Policies/Procedures</li> <li>• Notify Members of meetings and prepare and answer mail</li> <li>• Maintain current Club information within the Ontario Business Registry</li> <li>• Provide governance documents to Members on request.</li> <li>• Provide advice on policy and procedural matters</li> </ul>                  |
| <b>Treasurer<br/>(Officer)</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect, disburse and have custody of all Club funds</li> <li>• Keep a complete and accurate record/archive of all transactions</li> <li>• Submit up-to-date reports on the financial condition of the Club at meetings or when required by a Member of the Board.</li> <li>• Prepare Annual Financial Reports at the close of each fiscal year (Oct 31)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Board Position                    | Key Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Cruising Director</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize a program of cruises to other clubs and marinas including:</li> <li>Communicate with other clubs to negotiate a reciprocal cruising schedule</li> <li>Promote the cruise schedule to members</li> <li>Coordinate Member sign-up and attendance</li> <li>Arrange for “Cruise Captains” for each cruise</li> <li>Arrange for pre-departure skippers’ meeting, on water communication and social events at the destination</li> <li>Coordinate with Fifty Point Marina to welcome incoming cruisers</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>Communications Director</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and distribute Club notices and email messages to Members.</li> <li>Publish the “Scuttlebutt” newsletter by the first day of every month Manage the Club website and social media content for accuracy</li> <li>Receive and deal with incoming emails to info@fpyc.ca</li> <li>Knowledge of computers, software and social media is an essential asset.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Membership Director</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage club growth by promoting the benefits and value of FPYC membership (Perks and Discounts, Membership Poster, Events)</li> <li>Maintain a listing of all current Members and their address/contact info</li> <li>Issue Membership Renewal Application to previous year’s members (March)</li> <li>Issue membership cards to all “Paid” FPYC Members for the current year</li> <li>Purchase/manage/distribute Club Burgees as required</li> <li>Assist with an annual member survey to identify improvement opportunities</li> </ul> |
| <b>Social Director</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and organize the Club’s social activities within the set budget.</li> <li>Set up and manage a Social Committee to assist with event execution</li> <li>Manage venues, promotion, registration, entertainment, set up/tear down</li> <li>Arrange for all necessary permits and licences for events</li> <li>Provide event revenues and expenses records to the Treasurer</li> <li>Typical summer events: Pre-Launch BBQ; Welcome Potluck; Sail Past; Summer BBQ, Beach Luau, End of Season party, Friday ad-hoc functions.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Director at Large</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist the Board with its goals and objectives as required.</li> <li>Manage FPYC Merchandise procurement, sale, distribution and inventory</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>All Directors and Officers</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend monthly Board meetings (no meeting in August and December)</li> <li>Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM</li> <li>Attend and report at Annual Members Meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

*Directors/Officers take office on the first day of the month following the Annual Membership Meeting and serve for **two years** or until their successors are elected and qualified. All Officers are Directors.*

Please contact Bill Wicket (J12), Don Wood (G18), Jeff Dinyer (F27) or Donna Shepherd (F21) (Nominating Committee) or any current Board Member if you have questions or an interest in any of the above Board positions.

Your FPYC Board of Directors 

# Reciprocal Policy

## Fifty Point Yacht Club - Policy Manual

|                       |                                          |                      |            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Policy Title:</b>  | Fifty Point Yacht Club Reciprocal Policy |                      |            |
| <b>Policy Number:</b> |                                          | <b>Version:</b>      |            |
| <b>Date Issued:</b>   | 2026-02-09                               | <b>Last Revised:</b> | 2026-02-09 |
| <b>Filename:</b>      | Reciprocal_Policy_Final_2026-02-09.docx  |                      |            |

The Fifty Point Yacht Club (FPYC) and Fifty Point Marina are located within the 200-acre Fifty Point Conservation Area on the south shore of Lake Ontario. The marina, owned and operated by the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA), offers a boat launch, fully serviced gas and visitor docks, and a range of amenities including hydro, water, barbecues, and three comfort stations. Visitors can also enjoy the Conservation Area's warm, clean beaches, scenic lakefront views, waterfront trails, and the Limani Restaurant.

FPYC Members occupy roughly one-third of the marina's 336 slips. When vacant, these FPYC slips are available to visitors from reciprocating yacht clubs on a first-come, first-served basis. FPYC provides reciprocal guests with up to two (2) complimentary nights per visit, subject to slip availability. Marina rates apply for any additional nights. Each reciprocal visitor may enjoy up to four (4) complimentary nights per season. Reciprocal privileges are not available during regattas.

To qualify for reciprocal privileges, visitors must fly their yacht club burgee and present a valid membership card to the Marina Attendant. On arrival, visitors should tie up at the gas dock, where a Marina Attendant will assist with registration and assign an appropriate slip. If no FPYC member slips are available, a vacant marina slip will be assigned and standard marina fees applied.

Visitors planning a weekend stay may inquire about reciprocal slip availability by calling 905-525-2187. While not required, reservations are strongly recommended for larger vessels and for long-weekend visits. FPYC hopes you enjoy your stay at Fifty Point and wishes you a safe and enjoyable boating season.

### FPYC Member Responsibilities When Visiting Other Clubs

FPYC Members should fly their FPYC burgee and present their valid FPYC membership card when visiting reciprocal clubs. Additionally, members are asked to notify the Marina Gas Dock Staff (905-525-2187) when leaving Fifty Point Marina for one or more nights so their slip can be made available to reciprocal visitors.

### Verifying FPYC Membership at Your Club

Please be aware that not all boats moored at Fifty Point Marina are FPYC members. When a vessel from "Fifty Point" visits your club, kindly request to see their current FPYC membership card and burgee to confirm eligibility for reciprocal privileges.

# Membership Fees 2026

Membership  
Freeze in  
Effect For  
2026!!!!

## **IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FPYC MEMBERSHIP**

**RENEW BY APRIL 15 AND SAVE!!!**

It's time to renew your membership at Lake Ontario's friendliest and most affordable Yacht Clubs. Although the deadline for renewal is April 30, you won't want to miss out on the additional "Early Bird" savings offered to Boating members who renew before April 15.

This season promises to be better than ever with loads of social events such as our Pre-launch BBQ, Members Potluck Lunch & Games, Sailpast, Hawaiian Luau Beach Party, various Dock Mixers featuring Entertainment, Games and Movie Nights and an End of Season Tailgate Party.

Boating members enjoy full reciprocal privileges at over 75 yacht clubs around the lake as well as at least five organized reciprocal cruises held throughout the summer.

On top of that, you'll get year-round discounts and benefits from our Partnership Perks program with more new sponsors and of course, there's always great Club merch apparel and drinkware that you'll be able to wear proudly!

**You can fill the renewal form [here](#) now.** This form may be used for Renewing and New Members - feel free to share the link with potential newcomers!!

### **Member Renewal Fees**

New Member (includes regular burgee): **\$280** (if paid by May 15) or **\$305** after May 15  
Returning Member: **\$245** (if paid by April 15) or **\$270** after April 15  
Social Member (Non-Boat Owners Only): **\$75** (Flat fee - No Early Bird Rate)

Burgee Fees: \$20 for Standard and \$22 for 40th Anniversary

Send e-transfer payments to [treasurer@fpyc.ca](mailto:treasurer@fpyc.ca). Don't forget to add either your Name, Boat Name, or Dock Number in the comment/remarks field so we know who it's from.

Or, if you prefer, send a cheque payable to "Fifty Point Yacht Club" to:

**Fifty Point Yacht Club, PO Box 10575, Stoney Creek PO, Winona, ON, L8E 5R1. 🇺🇸**





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YACHT CLUB

**Become a member**  
of the most affordable  
and friendliest Yacht Club  
on Lake Ontario...  
...with or without a boat!

**New Members**

Early Bird Rate  
**\$280/yr\***  
(incl. Burgee)

After May 15<sup>th</sup>  
**\$305/yr\***

**Membership Renewal**

Early Bird Rate - **\$245/yr\***

After April 15<sup>th</sup> - **\$270/yr\***

**Social Membership**

(Non-Boat Owners Only)

**\$75/yr**

**\*Reciprocal Privileges**

Boating Members enjoy full reciprocal privileges  
at over 75 yacht clubs in and around Lake Ontario.

**Organized Club Cruises**

FPYC plans 4-5 reciprocal club cruises annually.  
Discover new clubs and enjoy fun-filled activities like  
potluck meals, games and of course boating fellowship!

**Partnership Perks Program**

Enjoy discounts year-round at local stores and restaurants.

**Sponsorship Program** - Discounted advertising space in  
"Scuttlebutt" newsletter for Business and Sponsor advertising.

**Membership  
Application**



**SOCIAL EVENTS 2026**

Winter Socials, Pre-launch BBQ, New Member Welcome Party, Sail Past and Dinner,  
Hawaiian Luau Beach Party, Dock Mixers, Various Summer Games & Tournaments,  
Movie Nights, End of Season Bash, Boating Seminars and much more.

Find More information in our "Scuttlebutt" newsletter and on our website [www.fpyc.ca](http://www.fpyc.ca)

For More Information: [social@fpyc.com](mailto:social@fpyc.com)

*In case you were wondering...*



The QR code on the back of your membership card is a convenient way for you to notify the Marina Staff when you are planning to leave the Marina for a few days or more on your boat. Simply scan the code with your smartphone and fill in the short form and click submit. Fifty Point staff will then receive an email with your travel plans, thus allowing them to offer your slip to reciprocal visitors while you are away.

Of course you can always advise the marina staff at the gas dock as you depart or call the Marina at **905-525-2187**.

Should your plans change while you're away, you can advise the Marina at **905-525-2187** or simply scan the QR code again and submit another form with an clear explanation of your plan changes.



# Friday Social August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

FPYC PRESENTS

## Friday Night SOCIAL

FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH  
7PM TO 9PM  
AT THE D-DOCK SHELTER

— • FEATURING LIVE MUSIC • —

GUITARIST  
**Michelle Headley**

FIDDLER  
**Natalie Walker**

— • D-DOCK SHELTER • —

# 2026 Beach Luau, August 22, 2026

Click on image below to register!!!

FPYC PRESENTS

## Beach Luau

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22  
STEEL DRUM BAND @ 5PM  
DINNER @ 6PM  
DANCING AFTER DINNER

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● DINNER, STEEL DRUM BAND & DANCING ●

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DINNER FROM UNCLE SAM'S, STEEL DRUM BAND & DJ

Beach Pavillion, Fifty Point  
RSVP BEFORE AUGUST 10



# Christmas in July





## *More Christmas in July Pics*



Photo Credit: T Dinyer, V Hache, P Kling, L Mann, J Wickett



# Reciprocal Cruising



Photo Credit: P Kling, D Tran



# FIFA Watch Party



Photo Credit: P Kling, D Kloosterman

# Social Committee Calendar 2026

## (Mark your Calendars)

| Date                   | Event                                                                |                                                                                       |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Apr 25, 2026           | Pre-Launch BBQ & Music                                               |    |
| May 30, 2026           | Members Potluck & Games                                              |    |
| Jun 13, 2026           | Sailpast                                                             |  |
| Jul 11, 2026           | Christmas in July - Summer BBQ                                       |  |
| <b>August 14, 2026</b> | <b>Michelle Headley and fiddler Natalie Walker at D-Dock Shelter</b> |  |
| <b>Aug 22, 2026</b>    | <b>Beach Luau – Lakeside Pavillion</b>                               |  |
| September              | Pre-Haul Out Tailgate Party                                          |  |
| Ad-Hoc                 | Friday Night Games & Entertainment                                   |  |



# FPYC Cruising Calendar 2026

| Date                               | Destination                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| June 20-21, 2026<br>(Father's Day) | Oakville Club - OC                    |
| Jun 27-28, 2026                    | Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club - ABYC     |
| July 13-17<br>(Midweek)            | Triangle Cruise – DYC / NOLSC         |
| Jul 25-26, 2026                    | Royal Hamilton Yacht Club - RHYC      |
| Aug 1-3, 2026<br>(Civic Holiday)   | Port Credit Yacht Club - FPYC         |
| <b>August 15-16,<br/>2026</b>      | <b>Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS)</b>  |
| <b>Aug 21-23, 2026</b>             | <b>Harbour City Yacht Club - HCYC</b> |
| Sep 5-7, 2026<br>(Labour Day)      | National Yacht Club – NYC (Air Show)  |

**Look for cruise sign-up emails about two weeks prior to each cruise.**

# How to Cross Boat Wakes Without Getting Beat Up

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission from [boatblurb.com](http://boatblurb.com)

By Bill Jennings

The weather is beautiful and you decide to take the family for a boat ride. Unfortunately, dozens of other boaters have the same idea and their boat wakes are turning your relaxing cruise into a spine pounding event. There are two things you can do to eliminate this problem. You can either buy a bigger boat or you can learn the best techniques for handling boat wakes. Here are a few simple tips you can follow to improve your ride.



## **Anticipate the wake from each boat that is passing by your boat**

Well before you hit another boat's wake, keep a continuous lookout for nearby boats whose wake you will probably need to cross.

Some people are surprised to learn that boat wakes don't actually move across the water like they appear. In fact, boats simply push the water down to a point below normal water level, from which they rise back up and

above normal water level. This up and down motion will slow, but it pulls the water beside it into the same motion. This wake motion sequence continues, giving the wake the illusion of traveling outwards. It is actually just a series of up and down water movements.

## **Prejudge the magnitude of the oncoming wake**

We have all watched a large cruiser approaching and thought; 'this is going to hurt.' Heavy boats push water deeper than lighter boats as they ride through it, so the deeper the water gets pushed down the higher it surfaces in the form of a larger wake. For this reason, heavy boats, like a yacht, create larger wakes. Wide beam boats also create a wake with a larger "moment," or the distance between the crests of the wakes.

As we become more experienced, we learn to identify specific boat types that will cast more misery than others and prepare ourselves accordingly. If you believe you could be soon crossing a large wake, that would be the time to mention it to your passengers, so that they can hold more tightly.

## **Note the number of wakes that the passing boat will create**

The number of wakes to expect from different boats will vary. Sometimes you can determine this number by simply looking. An efficient boat hull will produce three or four wake waves, while some hulls will fire wakes at you that seem to never quit. Either way, you need to deal with them so it is smart to estimate in advance how long the attack will last.

## **Decide from observation the wake defensive tactic that is right for your situation**

This is the most important part of this article. I suggest four different defensive maneuvers to choose from to pass through the wakes you will encounter as smoothly as possible. They are:

### **1) The Direct Approach**

When approaching a wake, study the wake and begin to set up your track for the wake defense tactic you have chosen. Small runabouts, catamarans, flat bottom boats, and sailboats usually produce small wakes that are quite light. Once you believe that the approaching wake will be small, turn directly towards the wake, and approach it at 90 degrees.

By running through the wake, this direct approach splits the

approaching water into two equal parts that run up each side of your boat, rather than your boat receiving a heavier wake strike on only one side. The speed at which to pass through a light wake using this approach can vary, but usually I do not slow down. In some cases, the pass will actually be smoothest if you slightly accelerate going through it.

### **2) The Last Minute Turn Approach**

There can be some situations where the direct approach, as described above, can cause a problem. One such example is when you are boating in an area with limited space like a channel. After using the direct approach to cross a wake, you and your boat will be positioned behind the boat whose wake you just crossed. This could put you in the path of another boat. If this is a concern, or if you discover the wake to be larger than expected, a solution is the “last minute turn” approach. After driving directly towards the wake, and as your boat rises on the first wake, turn sharply away from the wake. This puts your keel into the wake and reduces the bumps as you pass through. With the wheel turned, you will also not end up behind the boat that is making the wake.

### **3) ‘Survive the Big One’ Approach**

There is always one wake that is large enough to spoil your day. Don’t let it. Large yachts, boats over 30 feet, and commercial work boats are the usual suspects. When you spot a giant wake incoming, immediately slow to between 6 and 10 knots before entering the wake and trim up quite high. Running directly into the wake, your boat will rise sharply, then plunge down into the wake trough.

The danger is possibly stuffing into the next wake, or at least water washing over your bow. The up trim will reduce that possibility and the slower speed will give your boat more time to follow through the trough without going airborne.

Slow down – Trim up – No problem.

While large wakes can be scary, there are usually not as many in a sequence. Once the up and down ride stops, simply trim your drive back down and throttle back to cruise speed.

### **4) The Roll With It Approach**

This is my favorite wake defense and one that you can use the most. It is built around an interesting fact about boat wakes. While different boats produce different wakes, there is one

common denominator. Almost every boat transom sends it’s wake out at 22 degrees from the direction it is traveling (within a degree or two). This means that if you are passing a boat going in the opposite direction, and turn 22 degrees away from the wake, you will pass it under your boat without any pounding. Instead, your boat will roll lightly side to side through the wake until you have completely disposed of it. Not only will there be no pounding, but the wake will pass harmlessly under your boat with no damage to your teeth. When clear, turn 22 degrees back to your original course.

We find wakes on almost every waterway. Take the time to observe the wakes produced by different boats and with a little practice you will soon be able to forecast the height and quantity of approaching wakes. It should also be noted that you should be aware of your own boat’s strengths, weaknesses, and potential limitations. Boats with a low bow, for example, may need to factor in their hull shape when deciding on the safest approach. Learning a procedure to cross them more smoothly to avoid jarring and water spray is easy once you experiment with these four defensive tactics. Your passengers will love you. ⚓





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# DYC Cornucopia Regatta, September 4-6

*A message from Dalhousie Yacht Club*

We are writing on behalf of the Dalhousie Yacht Club Racing Committee to invite members of the Fifty Point Yacht Club to compete in the 2026 Cornucopia Regatta, taking place September 4–6, 2026, in Port Dalhousie, Ontario.

Cornucopia has been a fixture on the western Lake Ontario racing calendar for many years, and we're looking forward to another outstanding weekend of competitive racing, great hospitality, and strong participation from clubs across the lake.

We're hoping you can help us spread the word by forwarding this invitation to your racing fleet, posting it on your club's racing communications, or including it in your next racing newsletter.

Highlights include:

Competitive PHRF and One Design racing

Experienced race management

Complimentary continental breakfast for competitors

Dockage for visiting boats

Live music, great food, awards, and a lively social program

Whether your members race every weekend or are looking for a late-season regatta, we'd be delighted to welcome them to Dalhousie Yacht Club.

Registration is now open: <https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/events/cornucopia-regatta-2026>

Pig and corn roast information is available here:

<https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/cornucopia>

Thank you for helping us promote racing on western Lake Ontario. We appreciate your support and hope to see many of your boats on the starting line this September.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Fair winds,

The Cornucopia Regatta Committee

Dalhousie Yacht Club

Port Dalhousie, Ontario



## Why Sponsor FPYC???

Our Social Committee is working hard putting together a great slate of activities for FPYC Members in 2026. We are continuing efforts to seek out sponsors to help keep event costs to a minimum. Krista Toussaint is leading this 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.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR SPONSORSHIP - KRISTA

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📍 1479 Baseline Rd., Stoney Creek

### 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



#### PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000

- 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



#### GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- 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



#### SILVER SPONSOR \$250

- 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)



#### BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

- 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)



#### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- 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**

**Booster Juice – 15%**

**Sunset Grill – 15%**

**Lazeez Shawarma – 15%**

**Pho Huy – 15%**

**Marine Doctors – 10% off labour**

**imPerfect Fresh Eats, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%**

**Noodlebox, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%**

**Pizzaiolo, 5 Winward Drive – 10% (excluding specials)**

**Buona Serra Eatery, 375 Winston Rd – 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](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)



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## August 2026



AUGUST LONG  
*Weekend*

MORE TIME TO EXPLORE.  
MORE MEMORIES TO MAKE.  
*Close to Home.*

BEACH DAYS  
LOCAL BITES  
FARMERS' MARKETS  
WINERIES & BREWERIES  
SMALL TOWNS  
BIG CHARM

LOCAL FRESH GOOD

STAY LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL. LOVE WHERE WE LIVE.

Southwestern Ontario ♥ Yours to Explore.

The graphic features a collage of images: a sailboat on a lake, a lighthouse on a rocky shore, two Adirondack chairs (one blue, one red) on a beach, a basket of fresh produce with a 'LOCAL FRESH GOOD' sign, two hands clinking wine and beer glasses, and a street scene with a clock tower and storefronts. A list of activities is shown on the right, and a row of icons (beach, bicycle, shopping bag, grapes, beer, trees) is at the bottom.





## Grilled Caesar Salad

Recipe courtesy of Marcela Valladolid / Food Network

Yield – 4 servings | Prep - 20 min

### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 lemons, halved, plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for grilling
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hearts romaine lettuce, cut in half lengthwise
- Three 3/4-inch slices rustic bread, such as levain or baguette
- 1 tablespoon sugar



### Directions

1. Preheat a grill to medium-high heat.
2. In a bowl, add the mayonnaise, Worcestershire, lemon juice, mustard, vinegar and garlic and whisk until combined. Slowly whisk in the olive oil. Add the Parmesan and continue to whisk. Season the dressing with salt and pepper.
3. Drizzle olive oil on the romaine hearts and season with salt and pepper. Place the romaine cut-side down on the grill and cook until nicely marked, 2 to 3 minutes. Brush the bread slices with olive oil and place on the grill. Cook until grill marks appear on both sides and the bread is crispy, about 5 minutes.
4. Spread the sugar out on a small plate. Dip the cut sides of the lemons into the sugar. Place the lemon halves on the grill and cook until slightly charred and grill marked, 2 to 3 minutes.
5. Cut the bread into bite-sized pieces. Place the romaine hearts, croutons and lemons on a wooden board and serve with the Caesar dressing.



## *A Bit of Humor*

August-themed Jokes...

*August Boating Forecast: Sunny skies, light winds, and a 95% chance that someone will say, "It was working perfectly at the dock."*

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*Why do boaters love August? Because it's the one month when the sun stays out longer than the stories about the fish that got away!*

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*August at the yacht club: When the days are long, the nights are warm, and "just one quick cruise" somehow turns into a four-hour adventure.*

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*A sailor's August diet: Breakfast by the water, lunch on the water, dinner near the water... and a few snacks while explaining why the boat needed that new upgrade.*

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*August Reminder: A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor... but a calm August evening certainly makes a happy one!*

## Items of Interest

*FPYC is not endorsing these sites, but they may be of interest to our Club Members.*

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