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7th Place Photo by Steve Burgin



First Weekend

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Commodore's Message (July 2026)

Welcome summer, and along with it, those long lazy days, warm nights and beautiful sunsets. Mother Nature certainly blessed us with perfect conditions for our annual Sailpast celebration (June 13) with lots of sunshine and fair wind and waves. The festivities began off with the traditional piper-led procession around the Marina (featuring Daniel Heron of the Halton Police Pipe and Drum Band), the all-important "Blessing of the Fleet" by Glen Robins of the Stoney Creek Church of Christ, and a few welcoming words and announcements from your truly.

After lunch, twenty plus boats took to the lake to participate in the on-the-water Sailpast parade. Several owners decorated their vessels for the occasion with hopes of winning the "Best Dressed" power and sailboat trophies. Honours went to Second Wave and Sails Call respectively. Then at 4:00 pm, members gathered at the Winona Pavilion for the Sailpast reception hosted by Marel Real Estate Brokers, followed by a delicious Greek Dinner prepared by Limani Taverna and served by Diane's Party services. After dinner and the awards, members took to the dance floor to enjoy some great music provided by Moore's Music. A very busy day indeed, but thanks to the efforts of our Social Directors Chris, Krista and Lindsay - and the many volunteers who lent a hand during the day - it turned out to be a Sailpast celebration to remember. See inside for some great photos.

The 2026 FPYC cruising season is now officially underway with two cruises already in the books as of June 30. The first cruise took nine FPYC boats to the Oakville Club and the Oakville Powerboat Club located on the Sixteen Mile Creek. The weather was ideal for the weekend allowing cruisers a chance to enjoy the club's pool and dining facilities and to explore the downtown Oakville sites and stores. Thanks to Chris Pollard and Sue Fletcher for acting as cruise captains for the journey. Our second cruise took place June 27-28 as five FPYC boats crossed the lake to Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, located just east of the Leslie Street spit. Participating boaters gathered for happy hour at 5 PM Saturday and stuck around to enjoy the house band that evening. On Sunday, members had a chance to stroll the boardwalk and Queen Street and then all gathered in the Club bar to take in team Canada's win over South Africa. Post game, all reconvened once more for happy hour and a fun Canadian trivia contest. Thanks to Diederik and Monique for acting as cruise captains for the weekend. See cruising photos inside this issue.

July offers two more cruising opportunities for FPYC members. The first is a three-legged, mid-week cruise held the week of July 14-16 - featuring stops at the Dalhousie Yacht Club and Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club. This mid-week cruise is an experiment for all three clubs so we will see what interest there is when we open it up for reservations. The second July Cruise will take boaters west to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club on July 25-26. Look for registration emails from our Cruise Directors about two weeks prior to each cruise. Club cruising is a great way to discover new places and clubs on the lake and an even better way to get to know your fellow members and your boat.

What else is in store for July? As FPYC Members seldom have an opportunity to celebrate Christmas together, we thought we would create an FPYC "Christmas in July" dinner party. Join your fellow members on Saturday July 11, for a summer evening of fun, live music and a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Winona Pavilion (by the Pond). Arrive as early as 5:00 PM to check in and get ready for an awesome and festive evening. The Josh Coulter Band will also be there to provide the musical entertainment after dinner. We

are planning a gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for Santa's table and be ready to receive one in return. In the spirit of the event, why not dress up your boat with Christmas lights and decorations for the occasion. I hear a gift certificate for the best-decorated boat is in the works. Let's make the marina sparkle! Oh, and don't forget, the FPYC Merchandise On-Line store is now open until July 13. It's a great opportunity to stock up on FPYC swag and stocking stuffers for Christmas.

A few final notes...by now, you have likely heard of a proposal to expand the Billy Bishop Airport to accommodate jet aircraft. For many stakeholders (including Fifty Point boaters), a host of unanswered questions and concerns still leave the future of Toronto's Inner Harbour – its Waterfront and 15 islands – at risk of irreversible consequences. Be sure to read the details inside to better-understand the impact this proposal will have on all of us and to learn how to voice your concerns to your MP.

Second, fishing at the Marina is a known and chronic issue that the Marina is trying to address with additional signage and increased security involvement. Should you encounter people fishing where they should not, please do not confront them. Instead, call security and have them deal with the situation.

Lastly, the FPYC Nominating Committee has been assembled and is actively seeking prospective candidates to fill open Board positions for the 2027-28 term. If you are passionate about FPYC and have the drive and skills to keep it thriving, then you are most welcome to join the FPYC Board of Directors. Please reach out to Jeff Dinyer, Donna Shepherd, Bill Wickett, Don Wood or myself either to express your interest or to obtain more information about any position. See inside for a description of each Board position.

Enjoy your July and the boating life.

Phil Kling ⚓



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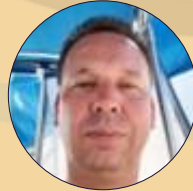
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Items of Interest

Billy Bishop Expansion "Reality Check"

By now you've likely heard of a proposal to expand the Billy Bishop Airport to accommodate jet aircraft. For many stakeholders (including Fifty Point boaters), a host of unanswered questions and concerns still leave the future of Toronto's Inner Harbour – its Waterfront and 15 islands – at risk of irreversible consequences. To counter the expansion proposal, a Billy Bishop Airport Expansion 'Reality Check' campaign was launched on June 10. The campaign website is: <https://torealitycheck.ca/>

I encourage you to review the website and share it widely among your family and friends. It contains a full "Reality Check" Report undertaken by former Toronto chief city planner Paul Bedford and a group of concerned citizens - and submitted to the Federal Government. The report details many unresolved questions about the proposed expansion and demands that the Federal Government commit to a comprehensive, transparent and evidenced-based review and public consultation to address the outstanding concerns. The site also contains:

- An "Executive Summary" of the "Reality Check" report
- A petition letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney, sent on June 3
- An easy way for individuals to write a "Reality Check" letter to their MP (I did this - took me 3 min.)
- A copy of the "Executive Summary" is attached below for your convenience as well as a recent article about the campaign from the Toronto Star.

Although most FPYC Members do not reside in the immediate Toronto area, we do, as boaters, frequently cruise to the Toronto Harbour area to enjoy the hospitality of reciprocal clubs and marinas. We are all affected by this proposed expansion in one way or another and I encourage each of you to voice your concerns to your MP as soon as possible. Applying maximum pressure at the federal level requires that voices from the entire boating community be heard loud and clear.

This action is supported and encouraged by the Ontario Sailing "Council of Commodores".

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Phil

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

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

*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

Policy Title:	Fifty Point Yacht Club Reciprocal Policy		
Policy Number:		Version:	
Date Issued:	2026-02-09	Last Revised:	2026-02-09
Filename:	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



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. 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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of the most affordable
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\$280/yr*
(incl. Burgee)
After May 15th
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Membership Renewal

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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

For More Information: 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 a clear explanation of your plan changes.

Sailpast 2026



More Sailpast Pics



Oakville Club Cruise



Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club Cruise



Photo Credit: P Kling

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	
Aug 22, 2026	Beach Luau – Lakeside Pavillion	
September	Pre-Haul Out Tailgate Party	
Ad-Hoc	Friday Night Games & Entertainment	

Christmas in July

Click on image for Link to Event info and Registration



FPYC PRESENTS

Xmas in JULY

SATURDAY JULY 11
STARTS AT 5PM

● TURKEY DINNER, LIVE MUSIC AND 50/50 DRAW ●

RAFFLE PRIZES, GIFT EXCHANGE & CHANCE TO DECORATE YOUR BOAT!

Pond Pavillion, Fifty Point
RSVP BEFORE JULY 2

FPYC Cruising Calendar 2026

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

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

Night Time Boating Tips

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission from [Canadian Boating](#)

By John Gullick, currently CanBoat's Manager of Government and Special Programs and has been an active recreational marine specialist and writer for over 50 years.

Unfortunately, we too often hear about boating accidents that occur at night. Many of these incidents take place after groups of boaters have gathered together to enjoy something like an evening lakeside concert or fireworks display. Often these events start during evening daylight hours and finish up well after dark. Boaters and their friends and families have arrived when it is easy to see what is going on around them and where they are in relation to other boaters and their immediate surroundings. When it becomes dark, often very dark, you can no longer make out points of reference, aids to navigation and even other boats. Sometimes you might have forgotten to check your navigation lights before you set out and now, when you actually need them, they are not working properly. Other boats are moving about in close proximity and they might not be able to see you or you them.

After the event is over it is a very good idea to wait for a short period of time, say 15 minutes, for the crowd of boats to dissipate. This will help to make your return trip a much less congested one and, hopefully, more enjoyable.

Sometimes a single boat will stop to watch stars in the night sky. They will turn off their navigation lights to better see the night sky. Without any lights it will be very difficult for other boaters to see them. Regulations require that an all-round white anchoring light be on in this situation and it is very important to maintain a continuous lookout and continually be aware of other boats operating in the area.



Speed and alcohol and/or recreational drugs may also be playing a role here. While anchored watching a show or fishing you may be tempted to have an alcoholic drink or two and afterwards another temptation is to try to get to your next destination too quickly.

When travelling at night, or even during the daytime, make sure you are traveling at a safe speed that will allow you to react quickly if the need arises.

At night the time that you will need to react will be much

greater. Pay attention to posted speed limits and stay within them as required by regulation. You are responsible for any damage or harm that you cause. Ontario, and some other provinces, have adopted speed limits of 10 kilometers/hr. within 30 meters (100 ft) of shore within their boundaries.

Let's step back a bit and consider this. As with any boating trip, day or night, pre-planning and having the required and right equipment in good working order is the key to success and enjoyment.

Consider where you are going and how you are going to get back. Check your up-to-date charts, note any potential hazards and any potential aids to navigation, especially those that will be clearly visible at night. At night, all lights often look the same so try to find ways of identifying which is which. As the sun goes down and lights come on, look around and make notes of clear points of reference.

Also, alert yourself to which way other boats are traveling depending on what navigation lights you can see. Remember who has right of way, is the Stand On Vessel, but again more

importantly, always keep a constant lookout and don't presume that others will know who is the Stand On Vessel, that they will be traveling at a safe speed, or that they will be maintaining a lookout.

At night, travel at a slower speed that reflects the actual conditions. Often on a clear night with a full moon visibility is quite good, but incoming cloud cover can end that very quickly.

Try to look over your windshield that will be acting as a light reflector. Distances will be hard to judge at night, and another boat that seems far away might in fact be quite close and moving towards you.

Make sure all your electronic equipment and navigation lights are working properly before setting out. Check all safety equipment, make sure that everyone has a properly fitting lifejacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and that they are all in good condition. Better still, make sure everyone is wearing their PFDs and let everyone on board know where all the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Check the batteries in your

flashlight and keep your charts close at hand.

If you are using inflatable PFDs, remember that by law they must be worn, and those wearing them must be at least 16 years of age.

Make sure you have enough gas to get to your destination and back home with some to spare. The rule of thumb is 1/3rd to get there, 1/3rd to get back and 1/3rd in reserve. It is also a good idea to let someone on land whom you trust know where you are going and when you expect to return.

All of these suggestions hold true for travel day or night, but extra care is required at night due to the more limited visibility and the fact that, at night, it becomes more difficult to know exactly where you are and to maintain your sense of direction.

Day or night it is a criminal offence to operate a vessel in a dangerous manner for example:

Making sharp turns or S curves in one place.

Jumping waves or wakes of other boats and coming closer to them than is reasonable.

Producing unusual or excessive noise.

Weaving through heavy traffic without reducing speed accordingly.

Operating a boat at a speed greater than that required to maintain steering when close to swimmers or non-motorized boats.

Waiting until the last minute to avoid a collision and making a sharp turn.

Fail to stop at the scene of an accident.

Tie up to a navigation aid, including buoys.

Operate a vessel while disqualified/ prohibited.

In closing, I will again say wear your PFDs or lifejackets. They don't work if you are not wearing them and if a problem arises it may be too late to grab a PFD, let alone be able to put it on.


To learn more or refresh your understanding of sound signals, navigation lights, and collision-avoidance rules, take CanBoat's mini-course on Collision Avoidance Rules. Learn more [HERE](#). 



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You acknowledge these terms and agree to use this platform at your own risk.

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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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

Introducing our Discount Partners

Buona Serra was born from a simple idea: create a place where great food and genuine hospitality bring people together. My husband Frank and I have always believed that some of life's best moments happen around the table, and we wanted to create a restaurant that reflects those values. After a long break in the industry I felt I needed to give it one more go, it's where my heart truly is and while opening a restaurant is never easy, the Grimsby on the Lake community was calling us and we decided the time was right to take that leap and create Buona Serra.

If we had to describe our restaurant in just a few words, it would be welcoming, authentic, and community-focused. From the moment guests walk through the doors, we want them to feel like they're visiting friends rather than simply dining out. Every dish is prepared with care, using quality ingredients and inspired by Italian traditions while adding our own unique touch.

Some of our customer favourites include our handcrafted pizzas made in our brick oven, our fresh pasta dishes, and our signature sandwiches. We always encourage first-time guests to try the Eggplant Stack, Clams Casino or Stuffed Peppers, as they have quickly become one of our most popular menu items.

Like any small business owner, we've learned that success comes from being adaptable, listening to customers, and never compromising quality. Every day presents new challenges, but those challenges have taught us the importance of consistency, teamwork, and treating every guest like family.

Being part of the local community means everything to us. We are proud to call Grimsby home and are grateful for the incredible support we've received since opening. Supporting local businesses and creating a welcoming gathering place strengthens the entire community, and we're honoured to play a small role in that.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue growing, introducing new menu features, hosting special events, and becoming a destination where families and friends create lasting memories. We are working towards expanding our catering menu. Our goal isn't simply to serve great food, it's to become a place people look forward to returning to again and again.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported Buona Serra so far. Whether you've visited once or become a regular, your encouragement has helped turn our dream into reality, and we look forward to serving the community for many years to come.

Michelle and Frank Serra
Owners, Buona Serra

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July 2026



**HAPPY
CANADA
DAY**



Spanish Paella

Bring a homemade sweet apple mustard and tangy giardiniera to the table, and grilled Italian sausage is suddenly so much more.

Yield – 6 – as a main | Prep - 30 min | Cook – 1h | Total Time - 2h 15m

Ingredients

For the Shrimp Stock (optional – see notes)

- Shells from at least 1 pound of shrimp
- ½ medium onion, roughly chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 3 large bay leaves
- 5 cups water

For the Herb Blend

- 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- ⅓ cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

For the Paella

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 cups homemade shrimp stock, (or low-sodium chicken broth or store-bought clam juice or seafood stock) • 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth • 1 cup dry white wine, (or additional shrimp or chicken stock) • 1 teaspoon saffron threads, (approximately 1 gram) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tablespoon olive oil • 2 links (approx. 7 ounces) Spanish chorizo, cut into 1/2-inch slices • 1 pound jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined • 1 large onion, finely diced • 2 red bell peppers, finely diced • 5 cloves garlic, minced • 1 teaspoon salt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cup diced tomatoes, (canned or fresh) • 1 teaspoon sweet paprika • 3 cups uncooked Paella rice, (bomba rice, Valencia rice, Calasparra rice) • 1 cup frozen green peas • 1 pound calamari, thawed • 1 pound mussels, scrubbed • 1 pound short-neck clams • lemon wedges, for serving |
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Directions

1. To make homemade shrimp stock: this step is optional but absolutely worth it (especially if you purchased shrimp with the shells and tails left on).
2. Start by thawing the shrimp (if frozen). Remove shells and tails (or leave tails on – up to you). Transfer the shrimp to a large bowl and set aside in the refrigerator until ready to use. Meanwhile, add the shells to a large pot. Add the roughly chopped onion, smashed garlic, and bay leaves. Fill with at least 4-5 cups of water.
3. Bring to a boil over high heat before reducing to low heat. Cover and simmer for 45-60 minutes. Strain the broth through a fine-mesh strainer into a separate pot or container. Measure out the desired amount (I used 4 cups).

4. Prepare the herb blend by combining the chopped parsley, fresh lemon juice, olive oil, and garlic in a small bowl. Mix to combine and set aside.
5. Combine your stock. Once your homemade shrimp stock has been strained and measured, transfer the desired amount (in my case, I used 4 cups) to a medium stockpot with 2 cups chicken broth and 1 cup white wine (you need 7 cups of liquid total). Bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat. Add the saffron, mix well to combine, and reduce heat to low. Cover and gently simmer until needed.
6. Peel and devein the shrimp (if you haven't done so already), leaving the tails on, or removing them (up to you). Set aside, you'll need them in a sec.
7. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large paella pan over medium-high heat. Add the sliced sausage and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring as needed (see notes). Remove from pan to a clean plate. Set aside.
8. Add the shrimp to the pan (add additional olive oil, if needed). Cook shrimp for 1-2 minutes on each side, or until nearly cooked. Remove from the pan to a clean plate. Set aside.
9. Reduce heat to medium. Add one more tablespoon of olive oil and add the onions and bell pepper. Mix thoroughly to combine. Cook, stirring often, for 10-15 minutes. Add the salt and garlic, cook for an additional minute before adding the diced tomatoes, sweet paprika, and thawed (and drained) calamari. Cook, stirring often, for an additional 3-5 minutes.
10. Add the dry rice to the pan and mix thoroughly with the aromatics. Allow the rice to toast for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally.
11. Add the herb mixture, thawed peas, sausage, and slowly add the broth. Mix thoroughly to combine and stir the rice often. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low heat. Stir for approximately 5 minutes then stop stirring for the remainder of the cooking time.
12. Cook, uncovered for 15 minutes.
13. Nestle the clams, mussels, and shrimp into the rice mixture. Cook for 5-10 minutes, or until shells open (discard any unopened shells). Rotate the pan every few minutes to ensure even cooking.
14. Remove from heat, drizzle with fresh lemon juice, and cover with a towel. Allow paella to rest for 5-10 minutes before serving. Garnish with fresh parsley and lemon wedges, if desired.

A Bit of Humor



Items of Interest

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