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**FIFTY POINT**  
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*Ready for Summer!!*

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## Commodore's Message (June 2026)

Mother Nature has certainly had her way with FPYC this spring. First, she threw us an icy blast of cold NE wind for our pre-launch BBQ in April, and then last weekend she dropped 35-50 mm of rain on our Potluck lunch plans at D-Dock. Fortunately, we saw the forecast in advance and managed to reschedule the event to May 30 which, thank goodness, turned out to be a perfect day for the event. We had a great turnout with over 70 attendees who brought along some truly spectacular dishes for all to share and enjoy. What a great venue to mix with fellow members and to meet some of our newest FPYC Members. Special thanks go to all the chefs and our social team for planning and executing the event and to all those who helped with setup/cleanup - especially the Marina staff.

Speaking of new members, FPYC has gained eight new boating memberships and three social memberships this season - Welcome to Fifty Point! With our summer social and cruising events, member perks and of course great fellowship, we trust you will be delighted with your decision to join FPYC. I encourage you all to jump right in and get involved with as many events as you can. Of course, we welcome back our returning members. Thank you for your continued membership and support for FPYC. A list of our newest members is provided inside this issue - please be sure to drop by their boats and say hello.

We have several activities planned for June starting with the annual Boaters Flea Market on June 6 (rescheduled from May 23). Come out to the Marina Centre from 9:00 – 11:30 AM to see what surplus boating gear and accessories your fellow boaters are trying to sell, swap, or just get rid of. Got some stuff to move? Why not grab your own table for \$5 and put it on display. All table fees are to be donated to GAMRU. On the same day, Ian Munro and Ken Beauchamp will be offering free Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC). Find out if your boat is up to snuff before the police surprise you with a random vessel inspection. See the signup sheet in the marina office.

Then on June 13, we will hold our annual Sailpast Celebration. steeped with tradition, the day will begin at 11:00 AM with a 'Piped' Member Parade around the Marina perimeter followed by the "Blessing of the Fleet" and Commodore's Message at the gas dock. After lunch, the FPYC fleet will head out into the lake for the On-The-Water Sailpast parade and Commodore Salute which will commence at 1:30 PM. Following an afternoon on the water, we will reconvene at the Pond Pavilion at 4:00 PM for the Marel Reception and Limani Dinner. After dinner, you can dance the night away to DJ Frank Moore until 11:00 PM. Don't forget to dress up your boat for Sailpast. Trophies for the Best Dressed Sail and Power boat will be awarded Saturday night. The deadline to register is June 2 to ensure we have time to pre-order the food. See inside this issue for full Sailpast event details.

Then on June 20-21 we will hold our first club cruise of the season with a shirt trip across the lake to the Oakville Club. Oakville has done a beautiful job upgrading their docks since the big flood in July 2024 so if you haven't been there lately, it's well worth the trip. Look for the cruise sign-up email about two weeks prior to the event. A week later, our second cruise of the season will take us to Ashbridges Bay. Again, look for the registration email mid-month.

Lastly, and I know December is a long way off, but it's time we start the process that will ensure we have a slate of qualified candidates ready to fill any vacancies on the FPYC Board of Directors at the next Annual Members Meeting. Therefore, in June, the Board will begin to form a nominating committee that will be tasked with identifying FPYC members who have the skills and desire to help lead the Club through the 2027-28 term. Please see the Call for Volunteers article inside this issue for more information about the Board of Directors and their key responsibilities, and how to obtain more information about getting involved with our club's governance. Of course, if you would like to be part of the nominating committee, please contact Bill Wickett, Don Wood, Jeff Dinyer, or myself.

Thanks for reading and enjoy your time on the water and around the club.

Phil Kling ⚓



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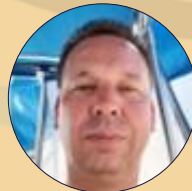
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# *Welcome to our New Members*

## **Full Members**

James Barr & Jean-Yves Schadschaj  
Craig Cesar & Michelle Phillips  
Mark Collins  
Francois Guilbault & Sasha Villoza  
Alison & Mike Mullally  
David and Carol Service  
Guntars Sliders & Miranda Lumley  
Marg and Hans Van Wijk

## **Social Members**

Christian & Steph Bassels  
Gavin Moore & Prajapati Nehi  
David Carvalho

# FPYC SAILPAST CEREMONY

## Saturday June 13, 2026

### Sailpast Tradition

The annual Sailpast event is the official start of the boating season at FPYC and all Members, their families and friends are encouraged to participate in this traditional all-day event. "Sailpast" is based on the nautical tradition that when you meet your superior at sea, you are required to render the normal "naval salute" by dipping the Canadian Ensign and waiting for the response. This can be quite a nuisance with so many boats in or around a Yacht Club, so it was decided to condense this tradition into one ceremonial salute at the beginning of the boating season and thus Sailpast was created.

There are several components to the day including: the Members Piped Parade and Blessing of the Fleet in the morning, the on-the-water Sailpast Parade in the early afternoon and the Marel Sailpast Reception and Limani Dinner in the late afternoon - which this year will be held at the Fifty Point Pond Pavillion. Of course, after dinner music and dancing will cap off a fantastic day at FPYC.

### Sailpast – Full Day Agenda

Time	Activity
1100	Member "Piped" Parade from J16 to Marina Gas Dock Area
1130	Commodore's Welcome and Announcements
1145	"Blessing of the Fleet" by Noel Walker (Tinter Church of Christ)
1330	Sailpast On-Water Parade
1600	Marel Real Estate Reception/Registration at the Pond Pavillion
1700	Dinner (by Limani) at the Pond Pavillion – (BYOB)
1900	Post-dinner dancing to DJ Frank Moore (Pond Pavillion)

### Member Parade (1100 hours)

The Club's Board and Minister Noel Walker will join our Piper at Dock J16 at 1050 hrs. At 1100 hrs, the Piper will lead the Member's parade around the Marina perimeter to the Gas Dock. Members can join the parade as it passes their dock.

### Commodores Welcome & Announcements (1130)

- Welcome and Opening remarks – Phil Kling
- Blessing of the Fleet - Noel Walker - (Tinter Church of Christ)
- Announcements and Acknowledgements
- Review the Sailpast Parade Instructions

**Sailpast On-Water Parade (1330 hours)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>(Please monitor VHF 72 for Instructions and Weather Updates)</b>
1245 hrs	<b>Two Horn Blasts:</b> Commodore’s vessel departing marina to anchorage location.
1300 - 1330	Member boats to gather near the lead power and sail boats about 0.5 nm north of harbour entrance Power boats gather near “Second Wave” (Carver 405), Sailboats gather near Nepenthe II (Beneteau 40)
1330	<b>Three Horn Blasts:</b> Signals the start of the Sailpast Parade in the following order: 1. Lead power boat ( <b>Second Wave</b> - Carver 405) 2. Remaining power boats follow in single file behind the lead power boat 3. Lead sailboat ( <b>Nepenthe II</b> – Beneteau 40) 4. Remaining sailboats follow in single file behind the lead sailboat
End	<b>Three Horn Blast</b> signals the end of the Sailpast Parade. After which, enjoy a few hours on the water

**Sailpast Instructions (On-The-Water Parade)**

- The objective is an orderly Sailpast to allow the Commodore to salute each vessel and Club Member
- **Social Members** are encouraged to volunteer as crew on **Boating Member** vessels for the Sailpast
- The Commodore’s vessel “**Perfect Day**” (White hull/Navy Canvas) to be anchored just west of the harbour
- Prior to the parade start, please gather near your lead vessel and prepare to fall in line behind your lead once the parade begins. “**Second Wave**” will lead the power boats and “**Nepenthe II**” will lead the sailboats
- Course/Heading will depend on wind direction that day and will be announced on **VHF Ch72**
- When signaled by the Commodore, the Fleet will proceed in single file past the Commodore’s vessel
- Please leave two boat lengths between you and the boat ahead as you file past the Commodore’s vessel
- Pass to the North of the Commodore’s anchored vessel and salute as you pass (see “Salute Protocol”)
- Once past the Commodore’s vessel, maintain course and steer clear of those vessels still in parade formation
- Once clear of the parade, feel free to enjoy the afternoon on the water or return to your slip to enjoy the afternoon with fellow members and guests until the Sailpast Reception at 1600 hrs.
- Participants should dress for the conditions of the day. If the weather is too foul for a parade, the Commodore instead, will travel through the marina via dinghy to salute the FPYC Members and their vessels
- Participants are encouraged to dress their vessel for the event. Otherwise, your vessel should look ship-shape: take up your fenders and leave the dinghy at your dock
- Event photos are encouraged for the July issue of Scuttlebutt.

### Salute Protocol

Salute the Commodore as follows: Yachts wearing an ensign (the Canadian flag) may raise or dip the ensign when passing the Commodore's vessel. Sailing vessels may luff the foresail instead. The salute should commence one boat length before reaching the Commodore's vessel and it should continue for one boat length beyond. Where possible, the skipper and crew should stand to face the Commodore. **ONLY THE COMMODORE SALUTES BY HAND.**

### Award – “Best Dressed” Vessel (and Crew)

All boating members are encouraged to dress their vessel for the occasion. Trophies will be awarded for Best Dressed Power and Sail Vessels at the Commodore's Reception. Boats will be judged as they pass Limani's on the way out to the lake for the Sailpast.

### Merel Reception – Pond Pavillion, 1600 hrs

FPYC Members can join the the FPYC Board for a reception at the Pond Pavillion where you can raise a glass to the season ahead and taste some Wine and Beer samples courtesy of Marel Real Estate Brokers.

### Sailpast Dinner – Pond Pavillion, 1700 hrs

Members and their guests who have purchased dinner tickets in advance will enjoy a delicious Limani Chicken Souvlaki Dinner. After dinner, if you still have enough energy, you can dance the evening away to DJ Frank Moore.

*“On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for participating in FPYC's Sailpast Celebration 2026 and have a great boating season.”* 

# 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 (Chair) (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 (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 (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 (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 all 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
<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) (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



## **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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(incl. Burgee)  
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**\$305/yr\***

**Membership Renewal**

Early Bird Rate - **\$245/yr\***  
After April 15th - **\$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.



**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)

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*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.

# Members Potluck



Photo Credit: P Kling, C Pollard

# Members Potluck



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# Social Committee Calendar 2026

## (Mark your Calendars)

Date	Event	
Apr 25, 2026	Pre-Launch BBQ & Music	
May 30, 2026	Members Potluck & Games	
<b>Jun 13, 2026</b>	<b>Sailpast</b>	
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	

## *FPYC Cruising Calendar 2026*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>
<b>June 20-21, 2026 (Father's Day)</b>	<b>Oakville Club - OC</b>
<b>Jun 27-28, 2026</b>	<b>Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club - ABYC</b>
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
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.**

# 50 Point Flea Market

**SELL, SWAP or DONATE** your surplus gear!  
Boating & Fishing supplies, Tools, or Whatever!

**WHEN:** Saturday June 6, 2026  
**TIME:** 09:00 - 11:30 am  
**WHERE:** Outside Marina Office  
**COST:** \$5.00 per table (donated to GAMRU)

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(Sign-up sheet is located inside the office)



**“Your trash may be another's bounty.”**

# The Psychology of Boat Names: What Your Transom Says About You

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

Boat names are more than words. They provide a glimpse into who the owner is and their approach to living the boating lifestyle.

Choosing a name is a personal thing that often sums



up the owner's sense of humour, hopes, dreams, style, or personality in a word or two. Some names are fun and meant to get people talking, while others are classy or connected to important memories. A boat's name tells you a lot about its owner, and trying to guess a boat's owner based on what's on the transom is a great game in itself.

## Why Do We Name Boats?

People have been naming boats for thousands of years. Maritime cultures have always valued boats as living beings in some capacity. Centuries ago, people often named ships to identify their place of origin, but they also did it for spiritual

protection, good luck, or for religious reasons. Sailors believed giving a ship a proper name could determine its fate, while the naming or renaming process required elaborate rituals to reset its destiny.

In modern time, the ritual of naming, or renaming, a boat has become about more than just the vessel. A boat is like a friend or family member who rides alongside you through life. In many ways, it's a co-captain for your journey. As time has passed, naming a boat has increasingly involved storytelling, bringing together a person's individual history, or added elements of the owner's culture. Along with that comes myths, legends, and folklore. Boats carry names that denote reputations, lineages, and identities, giving them a legacy beyond their physical structure.

While the tradition and superstition of boat naming may not be as strong today as it once was, the emotional connection still persists. Boats are different from other possessions. They can be for both work or play. Many times both. They can be places to relax, have fun, and unwind. They can also be the cornerstone of one's livelihood, career, or identity. A boat's name also affects how other people see the

boat and its owner, acting as a first impression long before a handshake on the dock. At its root, the purpose of naming a boat is to not only give the boat meaning, but to give meaning to its owner too - a name that belongs only to you and contains your ethos within it.

And that's just for powerboats. The naming culture for sailboats has its own mystique.

## The Main Naming Personalities

### The Pun Lover

People who enjoy punny boat names like Fish & Chicks or Yeah Buoy are usually friendly



and outgoing. They usually think of boating as something to do with friends and family, and often enjoy meeting strangers at the dock or sandbar. They feel at home in their community and don't mind giving and receiving attention. In fact, seeing other peoples'

reaction to their boat name is usually part of the fun.

A good pun shows creativity; you need to be witty and bold to come up with a playful name, especially a unique one amidst all the overused names that fill marinas. Pun-loving boaters like to have fun and connect with others. They don't take things too seriously and believe that every day on the water should be focused on fun first and foremost. That's not a bad mantra, at all.

### The Relaxer

Names like Serenity, Tranquility, or Elysium represent a different way of thinking. They idealize comfort, beauty, and escape. These owners tend to



view their boat as a safe place where they can escape the noise of everyday life. The name is chosen to induce a feeling within its owner and their inner circle, usually centered around calmness or relaxation, and often with a side of luxury.

People with this boat-naming type tend to place more emphasis on design and feel. Amenities matter. Comfort matters. But, it doesn't matter if the boat is a simple dayboat or a luxury yacht,

the goal is to make the space feel elegant and serene. It may also reflect the owner's approach to life, which may center around boating as a source of peaceful retreat, where living at a slower pace and encouraging a sense of balance is a signature part of the experience. A relaxed boat name is for a relaxed boating experience.

### The Status Signaler

Some owners view their boat as a sign of success and name it accordingly. These owners are often (rightly) proud of their



accomplishments and see their boat as a testament to their work ethic and passion. They may lean towards strong boat names like Hustler, No Limits, or Driven. Confidence and ambition are the drivers of their boating lifestyle, which can be reflected in the boat type as much as the boat name. Boating is not merely a pastime, it's often a way to build connections, business or otherwise, and serves to maintain their tempo on the water at the same speed they live it on land.

But, this doesn't mean that the owner doesn't know how to have fun. Instead, the name often reveals how they're in charge of

their own story. It's a reminder of what they've accomplished and it's a way to celebrate the life they've made for themselves. Living your life following adages like No Limits, Endless Possibilities, or Unstoppable as your motto often lead to great success. There's no shame in showcasing a hard-earned boat derived from that success.

### The Sentimentalist

Although it may not be apparent to non-boaters, sentimental names are often the most meaningful and typically extend far beyond just boating. Sentimental boat names often



connect family names, anniversaries, tragedies, or names of people the owner cherishes. For these boaters, their vessel is deeply connected to their past and their relationships. Think of names like Amazing Grace, Together We Fly, or Sweet Dreams.

For many, the boat name reflects a family tradition passed down through the generations, or a way to honour someone or something and keep memories alive. The boat serves as a floating reminder of connection and legacy, and it provides the

impetus and motivation to live in accordance with the meaning behind the name. The name doesn't have to be smart or flashy, it just needs to feel right. This is one of the rare cases where the boat was named in accordance with the lifestyle, not the other way around.

### The Minimalist

Minimalist boat names stand out because they're relatively rare. For whatever reason, boaters and boating culture tends to encourage deeper



meanings and longer names brought about by long histories and decades (or centuries) of tradition. That's why names like Blue, Current, or Drift are clean, purposeful, and scarce. These owners usually enjoy things that are straightforward and intentional. There's no big mystery - what you see is what you get. Their name choice wasn't made with the intention of impressing or entertaining others, or making some subtle ode to the past. They choose one that fits the essence of boating: just being on the water. This choice often reveals a quiet confidence where the owner doesn't feel the need to overexplain themselves to others. It's not about ego, attention, or status. It's about boating.

In the end, boat names are more than words. For nearly every boater, their vessel is more than a

simple material possession. A boat's name reveals the core of who the owner is and what boating means to them. Choosing a name is a deeply personal decision that often shows which of their personality traits reigns supreme - humour, creativity, intensity, ambition, resilience, honesty, optimism, or some combination thereof. Some names are simply meant to get a chuckle, while others connected to important elements of history, legacy, and culture. And don't forget: the boat has its own story, too. ⚓



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# Tick Awareness!!!

From last Year's June Edition, but still relevant...

Ticks are out there and some report more tick activity than usual around the Marina and the Park. Here is some important information about ticks. For more information, go to [Hamilton.ca/ticks](http://Hamilton.ca/ticks)

## What You Need to Know About Ticks

The most common type of tick found in Hamilton is the American Dog tick. American Dog ticks cannot transmit Lyme disease. Ticks are bugs that sit on tall grass and bushes until they attach themselves to a person or animal passing by.

Lyme disease is an infection caused by bacteria. In Ontario, Lyme disease is carried by some black-legged ticks, also known as deer ticks.

## Tick Bite Prevention

Here are some tips to avoid getting tick bites:

- Wear light-coloured clothing outdoors. It makes ticks easier to spot.
- Wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Wear socks and close toe shoes.
- Tuck your pants into your socks.
- Use a tick repellent that contains DEET or Icaridin and follow the manufacturer's directions for application. Apply the repellent to your skin and outer clothing, but avoid your eyes and mouth, as well as cuts and scrapes.
- Check your pet for ticks.
- Avoid areas known to be infested with ticks when possible



## What if you find an attached tick?

- Use fine-tipped tweezers, carefully grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Pull it straight out, gently but firmly. **DO NOT** squeeze the tick
- Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn the tick off.
- Thoroughly clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.
- Whenever you are in the field, it is important to do a tick check. Make sure to check areas such as, armpits, scalp and groin.

## Types of Ticks:

**American Dog Tick:** Also known as wood ticks – are often found throughout the Hamilton area. Unlike the Blacklegged ticks, dog ticks do not carry the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. **How to identify:** Dog ticks have white marking on its back, and an unfed adult is about 4-6 mm in length (see picture below)

**Blacklegged Ticks:** Formerly called deer tick – may carry the bacteria that cause Lyme disease, which is spread through a bite. It is possible that blacklegged ticks may be found in Hamilton. The City of Hamilton Public Health Services notes that at this time, the most predominant type of tick found in Hamilton is the American dog tick which does not transmit Lyme disease. **How to identify:** Blacklegged ticks has dark brown markings on its back and an unfed adult is about 3-5mm in length. ⚓

## Buy and Sell Space

You can submit your ad via [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)

This Buy & Sell Space (***This Space***) is provided as a community service for the purpose of connecting individuals who wish to give, trade, or sell items. By participating, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

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# 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.

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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



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- Social Media Advertising - two ads per Season (from May to September)



### BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

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- 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%**

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**DNA Pizza – 10% on orders over 15.00**

**Booster Juice – 15%**

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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)

## GAMRU Presentation

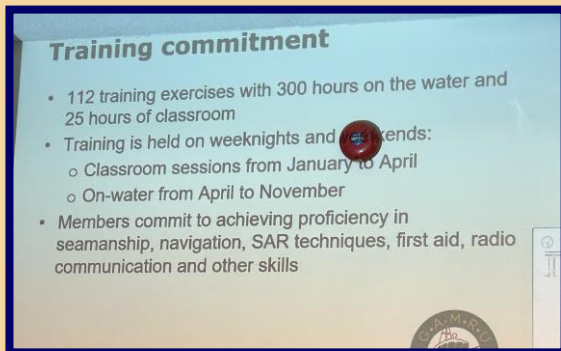
Our members and Fifty Point boaters had the pleasure of hearing from GAMRU Unit Leader Ed Cooke on June 9 at the Marina Office. Ed shared the story of GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue and the vital role this volunteer team plays in keeping our waterfront community safe.

For more than 35 years, GAMRU has responded when help is needed on Lake Ontario, operating in all weather to protect lives and property along our shoreline. What began as a small group has grown into a trusted, highly skilled search and rescue team built on commitment, training, and local pride.



Ongoing training keeps GAMRU ready to respond at any time with confidence, skill, and care. The team is also a proud member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Central & Arctic), which provides coordination, training, and equipment support to help volunteers stay prepared.

Ed shared highlights from the 2025 season: 35 missions, 59 vessel hours, and more than 335 volunteer hours on the water. Behind these numbers are neighbours helping neighbours — 50 people assisted and nearly \$1.2 million in property protected.



As the group of attendees heard, GAMRU is a community-funded, non-profit organization that relies on local generosity to keep its rescue vessel operating and volunteers trained. Each fall, the organization welcomes new members, both for on-water roles and to assist with fundraising and events.

Aside from a small per-call amount from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, GAMRU does not receive ongoing government funding, making community support essential to its operations.



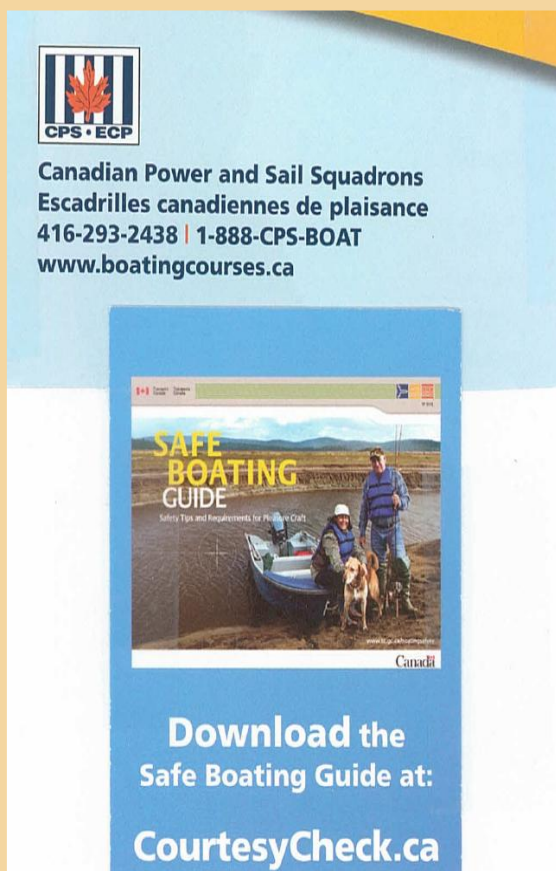
Ed closed with an invitation to get involved. GAMRU is seeking board members with experience in areas such as law, finance, and fundraising, as well as new search and rescue volunteers. Whether on the water, behind the scenes, or through community support, there are many ways to contribute to this important local organization.



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**Why:** To confirm that you and your vessel meet the minimum safety requirements as outlined in the Safe Boating Guide.

A complete satisfactory check receives a CPS –RVCC 2026 sticker and copy of RVCC checklist.

***The Burlington Squadron of the Canadian Power Squadron will be offering Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks (RVCC) at Fifty Point Marina, on Saturday June 6th, 2026, from 10am to ~14:30pm. The sign up book is in the marina office.***

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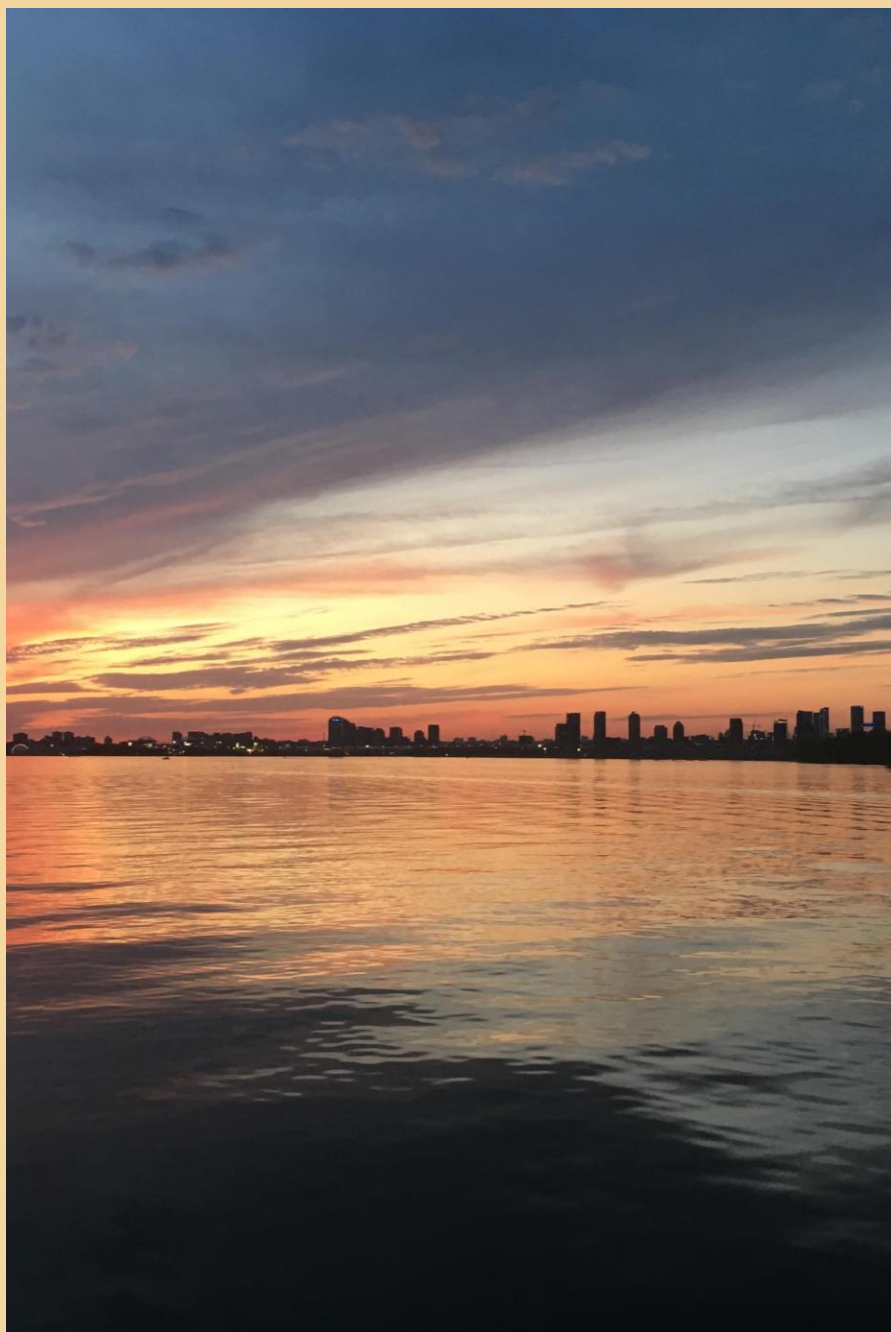
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# Grilled Italian Sausage with Apple Mustard and Giardiniera

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

Yield - 8 | Active Time - 30 min | Total Time - 1h 10m

## Ingredients

### Apple Mustard

- 1 Fuji apple, cored and chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 teaspoons stone-ground mustard, divided

### Hot Dogs

- 8 (4-ounce) hot or sweet Italian pork sausage links
- 8 top-split hot dog buns
- Store-bought giardiniera (mixed pickled vegetables)



## Directions

### Make the apple mustard

1. Preheat a gas grill to medium (350°F to 400°F) on one side, or push hot coals to one side of a charcoal grill. Stir together apple, onion, olive oil, salt, and black pepper in a medium bowl. Transfer mixture to a large sheet of aluminum foil; fold foil over apple mixture, and seal edges to create a packet. Place foil packet on grates over unlit side of grill. Grill, covered, until apples are very soft, about 30 minutes.
2. Transfer apple mixture to a blender, and add 2 teaspoons mustard. Secure lid on blender, and remove center piece to allow steam to escape. Place a clean towel over opening; process until mixture is completely smooth, about 1 minute. Transfer mixture to a small bowl, and stir in remaining 2 teaspoons mustard. Cover, and chill until ready to serve.

### Make the hot dogs

1. Increase heat or add additional charcoal to lit side of grill to bring to medium-high (400°F to 450°F). Poke a few holes in each sausage using the tip of a paring knife. Place sausages on grill grates over lit side of grill. Cook, uncovered, turning occasionally, until slightly charred, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer sausages to unlit side of grill; cook, covered, until a thermometer inserted into center of sausages registers 160°F, 9 to 12 minutes.
2. To assemble hot dogs, place 1 sausage in each hot dog bun. Top with apple mustard and giardiniera; serve hot. (Reserve any remaining apple mustard for another use.)

## A Bit of Humor

### The June Report Card

A school principal decided to walk through the classrooms on the very last day of school in June. In one fifth-grade room, he noticed a young boy sitting at his desk, staring intently at his final report card. The boy was shaking his head with a very serious, deeply disappointed look on his face.

The principal, feeling bad for the kid, walked over and gently tapped him on the shoulder. "Is everything okay, son?" the principal asked kindly. "Don't worry too much about your marks. Summer vacation is starting, and you have plenty of time to study and improve next year."

The boy looked up with wide, frustrated eyes and said, "Oh, I'm not worried about my future, sir. I'm just trying to figure out how to explain to my parents that my grades are a perfect match for the June weather."

The principal blinked, confused. "What do you mean?"

The boy sighed deeply. "Well, just like the first week of June... they are barely passing freezing." ❄️



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