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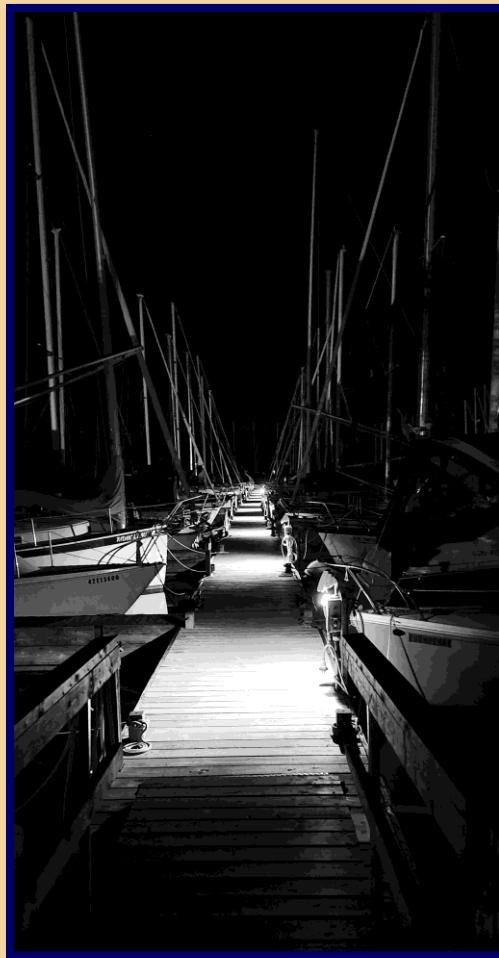


May 2026

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5th Place Photo by Judy Erl



Day is done

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



Commodore's Message

Welcome May – a time for renewal. The trees and plants are bursting with new growth; water levels are up with more runoff expected in the coming weeks; the marina is a hive of activity as boaters get ready for launch and Fifty Point looks more like a marina than a dock farm.

May also means FPYC membership renewals. Thanks to those who have renewed and paid your membership fees for 2026 and an even bigger thanks and welcome to our eight new FPYC members. We are glad to have you aboard and hope you will enjoy a long-lasting and value-packed membership at FPYC. Mark and John are in the process of distributing membership cards now. I know many cards were distributed at the Pre-Launch BBQ.

Speaking of the BBQ, last Saturday about 75 members braved Mother Nature's blast of cold wind and rain to enjoy a few burgers and hot dogs and to spend a few hours catching up with fellow members at the Marina Centre. Although it was a bit tight inside the Centre, it was certainly much warmer than sitting being outside in the elements. The FPYC sends a great big THANK YOU to the GAMRU Team who stood outside for an hour and a half cooking and serving up burgers and dogs. Thanks also go to Josh Coulter for providing the musical entertainment and to Nancy and staff for accommodating the event and for making last-minute alterations to accommodate us inside. And of course, thanks to our own Krista and Lindsay for planning and executing the kick-off event. Hopefully Mother Nature will smile on us more at our future events.

Looking ahead, Fifty Point Marina is hosting a presentation by GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue on **Saturday May 9 at 9:00AM**. Did you know that in 2025, GAMRU responded to 35 missions, dedicating 59 vessel hours and more than 335 volunteer person-hours on the water? They assisted 50 people and helped save nearly \$1.2 million in property. Come out on May 9 to learn more about our most valued Marina neighbour.

Our next FPYC social event will be a Member's Potluck Lunch and gathering at D-Dock pavilion on **Saturday May 23 at noon**. This is our opportunity to welcome FPYC's newest members and to share some good food and good times with all fellow Yacht Club members. So, dig out those recipe boxes and bring your favourite hot or cold dish/appetizer to share at the buffet table. Don't forget your own plates and cutlery and a cooler of your favorite beverages. The club will provide water, pop, snacks, games and more.

Don't forget the 50-Point Marina Flea Market is taking place at the Marina Center from 9:00-11:30AM that same day (**May 23**). Drop by to see what surplus gear your fellow members are selling, trading or perhaps giving away. If you have surplus boat gear to sell or trade, why not reserve a table for \$5 in the Marina office? All table fees collected will go to GAMRU.

Our traditional Sailpast celebration is also approaching fast so mark **June 13** on your calendars for this full day event featuring: a piped parade around the marina, the blessing of the fleet, an on-the-water Sailpast parade and salute, concluding with a reception, dinner and dancing. Trophies for the "Best Dressed" Sailboat and Powerboat will also be awarded so get creative. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

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Our Club Cruising season will also begin on **June 20-21** with a Father's Day weekend cruise to the Oakville Club. Why not volunteer to be the Cruise Captain (contact Ben Douglas or Diederik Kloosterman for additional details). See the full cruising schedule inside this issue. As with last year, look for cruise sign-up emails about two weeks prior to each cruise.

In closing, and as we get ready to get back on the water, please remember the water is ice cold. Check your life vest and wear it when on deck. No one ever plans to fall in. Remember to disconnect shore power at the post/pedestal first before disconnecting from the boat. A live shore power cord on a dock is extremely dangerous and a leading cause of accidental electrocution and fire in marinas. When returning, plug into the boat first, then the post/pedestal. Finally, check with the marina office for the latest channel survey data. At last check, there is 7-8 feet of water at mid channel. Be cautious and courteous of other boats when entering or exiting the narrow channel. "Slow is Pro".

Wishing you all a safe launch and an enjoyable 2026 boating season.

Phil Kling 





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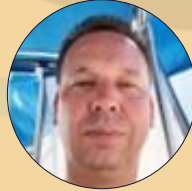
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Reciprocal Policy

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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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 15th

\$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.

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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 an clear explanation of your plan changes.

Social Committee Calendar 2026 (Mark your Calendars)

Date	Event	
Apr 25, 2026	Pre-Launch BBQ & Music	
May 23, 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	

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
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.

Kelsey's Trivia Night



Pre-Launch BBQ & Music



What Now Skipper? April 18



On Saturday April 18, about 25 FPYC members gathered at the Marina Centre to hear an excellent presentation by Maura Kilcoyne called "What Now Skipper". Maura travelled all the way from Toronto to present her talk, which incidentally she gave at the Toronto Boat Show back in January. Of course, our version was much more detailed as we had much more time for the talk and Q&A at the end.

Maura started sailing at the tender age of 11 and has been a Yachtmaster Offshore and Captain since 1996. With more sea miles under her than all of us combined, she was more than qualified to remind us of some of the unexpected things that can (and will) go wrong on a boat - and what steps we can all take to prevent them from happening. She also reviewed some typical and difficult scenarios like extreme weather, engine failure, and crew overboard and how a skipper might deal with each.

Maura's key messages: 1) Have a plan before you leave the dock; 2) make sure your vessel and safety gear is in ship shape; and 3) continually monitor the weather forecast. Judging by the lively discussion and many questions, Maura's talk was a big hit with the FPYC audience.

Man Overboard recovery by Parbuckle

Thank you, Garry Cooke, for this submission.

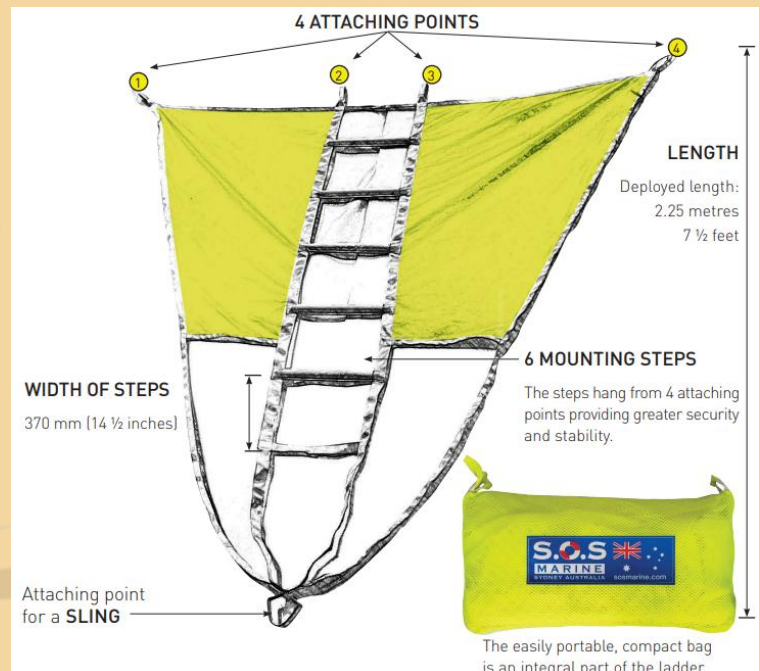
A few years ago, I was crewing on a racing boat in the Ontario 300 race. I was flying the spinnaker while standing on the coach roof next to the boom which was on the leeward side as we were going downwind. The helmsman made a mistake and gybed the boat while I was standing next to the boom. The boom flew across and I was thrown many feet over the side of the boat into the cold June waters of Lake Ontario. Fortunately, I had my inflatable lifejacket on and was not disabled by the boom, however the water was cold and it took about 15 minutes for the crew to get the spinnaker down and the boat turned around to come back and get me. By the time they got back to me I was shivering uncontrollably and unable to use my limbs very well. The boat had four crew, and they were able to lift me out. I realized then that if I had been on my boat with my wife or kids, they would not have been able to get me out, and if my wife had gone in, I probably would have had difficulty getting her out also.



I do have a life sling on board my boat as well as harnesses, but any crew member who is in the water needs to have some ability to handle lines and the strength to hold-on, which may not be the case in cold water. So, I looked into the 'Parbuckle' alternative, which is basically rolling a person up the side of the boat either in a triangular canvas cloth or a small storm sail. There are manufacturers of these systems also rather than relying on a storm sail.

Recovery of a Person from the Water

A Parbuckle can be arranged using a pre-purchased unit or by using a small storm sail. Attach the base to the side rail of the boat and the head to a main halyard. Lower the head into the water and float the person overboard in a horizontal position into the parbuckle and hoist the head of the sail which will roll the person up to the deck.



50 Point Flea Market

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

WHEN: Saturday May 23, 2026
TIME: 09:00 - 11:30 am
WHERE: Outside Marina Office
COST: \$5.00 per table (donated to GAMRU)

****Reserve your table by May 21****
(Sign-up sheet is located inside the office)



"Your trash may be another's bounty."

Diagnosing Boat Engine Problems by Sound: What Your Engine Is Telling You

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission from Boatblurb.com

Most boaters rely on gauges, warning lights, or obvious performance issues to spot engine problems. But one of the most useful diagnostic tools is something you already have: your ears.

If you know your boat well enough, changes in engine sound can often point to a problem before it becomes serious. Many common issues, from belt problems to propeller damage, can be identified simply by listening at idle or under load.

Modern marine engines are reliable, but they still follow the same basic mechanical principles. When something is wrong, the engine usually sounds different.

Here is an introductory guide to recognizing common engine sounds and what they might mean.

Why Sound Is a Reliable Indicator?

A properly running engine produces a consistent, predictable sound. Once you spend time with your boat, you get used to that baseline.

When something changes, it is often noticeable before it shows up on a gauge.

This is especially true for modern 4-stroke marine engines, where fuel delivery, ignition timing, and airflow must stay balanced. If one of those

systems is off, the engine usually tells you through sound, often before there's any system warning. This is especially true for older engines, engines with less digital technology, and those with notably high hours.

The key is knowing what to listen for.

1) Rough Idle or Misfiring



A rough or uneven idle sounds like the engine is stumbling or skipping beats instead of running smoothly.

What it usually means:

- Fouled or worn spark plugs
- Clogged fuel filter or contaminated fuel
- Dirty or malfunctioning fuel injectors

What to do first:

- Inspect and replace spark plugs if needed/if possible.
- Check fuel quality and filters.

- Run the engine at operating temperature to confirm consistency.

Misfires are often minor at first and can sometimes be persistent for long periods creating a false sense of good function, but ignoring them can lead to reduced performance and long-term engine wear, or an outright breakdown.

2) High-Pitched Squealing

A sharp squealing sound, especially at startup or when throttling up, is usually belt related.

What it usually means:

- A loose belt that is losing tension
- Worn or glazed belt slipping under load.
- Moisture on the belt causing temporary slip.

What to do first:

- Check belt tension and alignment.
- Inspect for cracks or wear.
- Replace worn belts before they fail.

On marine engines, belts often drive critical components like alternators or cooling systems, so this should be addressed early. Keep spare belts onboard your vessel if you, and the boat, are capable of onsite repairs.

3) Knocking/Tapping



A knocking or tapping sound that increases with engine speed is more serious.

What it usually means:

- Low engine oil or poor lubrication
- Valve train wear or timing issues.
- Internal engine wear or detonation

What to do first:

- Check oil level and condition immediately.
- Reduce engine load and avoid high RPM.
- Monitor whether the sound worsens under throttle.

Persistent knocking should be treated as a top priority before further operation. Contact your service center/marina to arrange an inspection.

4) Grinding or Rattling Under Load

Grinding or rattling sounds during acceleration are often linked to components outside the engine itself.

What it usually means:

- Damaged propeller blades
- Worn or slipping prop hub.

- Debris caught in the prop or lower unit.

What to do first:

- Inspect the propeller for dents or bends (If underway shut engine off and remove key)
- Check for fishing line or debris around the shaft.
- Look for signs of hub slippage.

This is one of the most common issues in real-world boating conditions.

5) Cavitation or Ventilation

Cavitation often sounds like the engine is revving freely without pushing the boat forward.



What it usually means:

- Propeller losing grip due to aerated water.
- Incorrect trim angle
- Damaged or worn propeller.

What to do first:

- Adjust trim to improve prop bite.
- Reduce throttle until the prop re-engages.
- Inspect propeller condition.

This is especially common during sharp turns or in rough water.

Sudden Changes in Exhaust Sound

A noticeable change in exhaust tone, whether louder, deeper, or uneven, can signal airflow or fuel issues.

What it usually means:

- Exhaust restriction or leak.
- Air intake issue
- Imbalance in fuel-to-air mixture

What to do first:

- Visually inspect exhaust connections
- Ensure exhaust has no blockages from debris.
- Check for loose clamps or fittings.
- Monitor for performance changes alongside the sound.

6) Sound Diagnosis Chart

If something sounds off, this quick reference can help point you in the right direction. See the Chart below.

7) Using Tools to Confirm What You Hear

While sound is a great starting point, it can be helpful to confirm your diagnosis.

Some options include:

- Basic inspection tools for plugs, belts, and props
- Engine monitoring systems.
- Sound-based diagnostic apps that analyze engine noise patterns.

These tools can help validate what you are hearing before taking the boat in for service. They can also help narrow down the scope of the issue to avoid

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unnecessary diagnostic checks that can be costly.

When to Take It In

Sound-based diagnosis is meant to help you identify problems early, not replace professional servicing. If the issue persists, worsens, or involves internal engine components, it is best to have a

technician inspect it. Catching problems early is the goal.

Final Thoughts

Your engine is constantly giving you feedback, and most of the time it comes through sound. A rough idle, a squeal, or a new vibration is often the first sign that something needs attention. By learning to

recognize these changes, you can identify issues early, avoid more serious damage, and keep your boat running smoothly. You do not need to be a mechanic to understand what your engine is telling you.

You just need to listen. ⚓

Sound Diagnosis Chart

Sound	Likely Cause	First Check
Rough idle	Spark or fuel issue	Check plugs and fuel filter
Squealing	Loose or worn belt	Inspect belt tension
Knocking	Low oil or internal wear	Check oil immediately
Grinding	Prop or hub damage	Inspect prop and shaft
High rev, low thrust	Cavitation or ventilation	Adjust trim, inspect prop
Change in exhaust tone	Air or exhaust issue	Inspect connections



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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

**SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTOS TO
INFO@FPYC.CA**

***YOUR WINNING ENTRIES WILL
BE FEATURED IN SCUTTLEBUTT***

Buy and Sell Space

You can submit your ad via 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:

1. **No Guarantees or Endorsements**

FPYC does not verify, endorse, or guarantee the quality, safety, legality, or condition of any items listed, nor the accuracy of any descriptions provided by users.

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All transactions are conducted solely between the buyer and seller. It is the responsibility of participants to exercise caution, inspect items, ask questions, and make informed decisions before completing any exchange.

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6. **By Using This Board**

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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- 📍 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

GAMRU

Thank you Doug Mepham

RESCUE POWER — One of the busiest marine rescue outfits on Lake Ontario has received a big boost just ahead of the boating season. Dave DeWildt (left) of DeWildt Honda of Stoney Creek, Ontario, hands over one of two new engines to Owen Evans, director of operations for GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue. The new Honda Bf225 engines, along with a package of vital navigation equipment and personal safety gear for the organization's volunteers, was made possible thanks to a generous special allocation through the contribution agreement with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Central & Arctic) from the Canadian Coast Guard.

The new engines will power the group's rescue boat into the new boating season following its launch this weekend. Crews will be on stand-by 24/7 through October, ready to come to the aid of mariners in western Lake Ontario. New volunteers, added to the ranks in January, will begin training on the vessel immediately.



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Antipasto Skewers

Have leftovers? Store your skewers in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 days.

Yield 20

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 9 oz. fresh cheese tortellini
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 8 oz. mozzarella balls (such as Ciliegine)
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 4 oz. sliced salami
- 1/4 lb. roasted red peppers, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1 bunch fresh basil
- 14 oz. artichoke hearts, drained and chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 lb. green olives



Directions

1. In a large pot of boiling water, cook tortellini according to package directions until al dente. Drain and transfer to large bowl.
2. Season cooked tortellini with salt and pepper. Add balsamic vinegar and 1/4 cup olive oil and mix to combine. Set aside.
3. Marinate mozzarella: In a small bowl, add mozzarella balls, Italian seasoning, red pepper flakes, and remaining 1/4 cup olive oil. Mix to combine and set aside.
4. Assemble skewers by layering one piece each mozzarella, salami, roasted red pepper, tortellini, basil, artichoke heart, and green olives.

A Bit of Humor

The Pirate and the Magic Lamp

A not so bright pirate and his somewhat more intelligent talking parrot were the only two survivors in a little dingy after a ferocious sea battle where both vessels were left burning and sinking.

As the pirate looked about the old dingy looking for tools of survival he found a paddle, a tin cup and an old oil lamp.

The parrot suggested that there may be a genie in the lamp, so the pirate rubbed it to find out. Sure enough a genie popped out and said that he had only one wish to grant them. The pirate quickly said "turn the sea into rum".

The genie clapped his hands and disappeared. The pirate took the tin cup and dipped it into the sea and found it was the most exquisite rum he had ever tasted.

The parrot asked, "You know what this means?"

"No" replied the pirate.

"We have to pee in the boat."



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