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10th Place Photo by Krista Toussaint



A Beautiful Evening Sky

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Commodore's Message (October 2026)

Welcome to fall - falling temperatures, falling leaves, and falling water levels. It is certainly a bittersweet time of year as we prepare to haul our precious fleet from the water for, brace yourselves, the next six months. Let's hope the coming winter passes as quickly as this summer did.

As I reflect on the past six months, I hope you will agree that we enjoyed a great boating season at FPYC despite the fickle weather and challenging lake conditions. We held seven club cruises and twelve social events in 2026 thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Cruising and Social Committees. I hope you enjoyed all our events as much as I did. In fact, you'll have an opportunity to share your thoughts by completing our member survey later this month. Your candid feedback will help guide next year's Board as they develop FPYC's event program for 2027.

Speaking of the Board, next year's team is taking shape thanks to the efforts of our Nominating Committee over the summer. October 6, 2026, is the final day FPYC members may express an interest in becoming a candidate to join the Board of Directors next term.

The final slate of members standing for election will be reviewed and approved at the October Board meeting and then circulated to the membership shortly thereafter. The slate will subsequently be presented to members for approval at the Annual Members' Meeting (AMM), currently scheduled for Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Like last year, the AMM will be offered both in-person and online through Microsoft Teams. The formal "Notice of Meeting" will be sent to Members in November.

My sincere thanks go to the members who have put their names forward to serve on the Board next term. I am confident that FPYC will continue to thrive in their capable hands.

We continue our search for five or six members to join next year's Social Committee. While separate from the Board, this group will work closely with the Social Director and play a key role in creating and delivering our annual social program. If you have some ideas for member events and would like to help organize a few of them, we would love to hear from you before November, as planning and brainstorming will begin in December.

As a reminder, we still have one event remaining this season: the FPYC Haul-Out Tailgate Party, taking place at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, at D-Dock. Join us as we celebrate the end of a great boating season while watching the Bills versus Patriots game on the big screen and enjoying a variety of delicious potluck dishes prepared by fellow members. FPYC will provide hot dogs, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Please register by October 2, so we know how much food to purchase. See the flyer inside for registration details.

Finally, the Board approved our annual donation to GAMRU. This year's donation is \$750. We can all agree that GAMRU provides an essential service to the boating/marine community. We thank their Volunteers for their commitment!

Enjoy this October issue and have a safe and successful haul-out!

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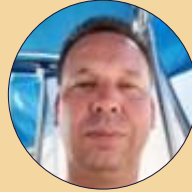
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SAVE THE DATE

FPYC Annual Members Meeting
Sunday, December 06th @ 2:00 PM
Fifty Point Marina Centre
1479 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek, ON
& On-Line via MS Teams

Mark your Calendars for our in-person FPYC Annual Members Meeting. For those of you unable to attend in person, we will provide the opportunity to participate on-line through MS Teams.

Deadline to Volunteer is October 6

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)	• 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)	• 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)	• 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)	• 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	- 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	- 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	- 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	- 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	- Assist the Board with its goals and objectives as required. - Manage FPYC Merchandise procurement, sale, distribution and inventory
All Directors and Officers	- 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

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.

**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.

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	
August 14, 2026	Michelle Headley and fiddler Natalie Walker at D-Dock Shelter	
Aug 22, 2026	Beach Luau – Lakeside Pavillion	
October 4th, 2026	Pre-Haul Out Tailgate Party	
Ad-Hoc	Friday Night Games & Entertainment	

2026 NYC Cruise



Discover Marine Careers at Marine Careers Expo 2026 in Hamilton

Join the Canadian Coast Guard at [Marine Careers Expo 2026](#) and discover the exciting education, training, and career opportunities available across Canada's marine sector.

Whether you're a student, job seeker, career changer, or simply curious about life on the water, this free, family-friendly event is a great opportunity to meet marine professionals, explore career pathways, and learn more about marine careers and Canada's maritime industry.

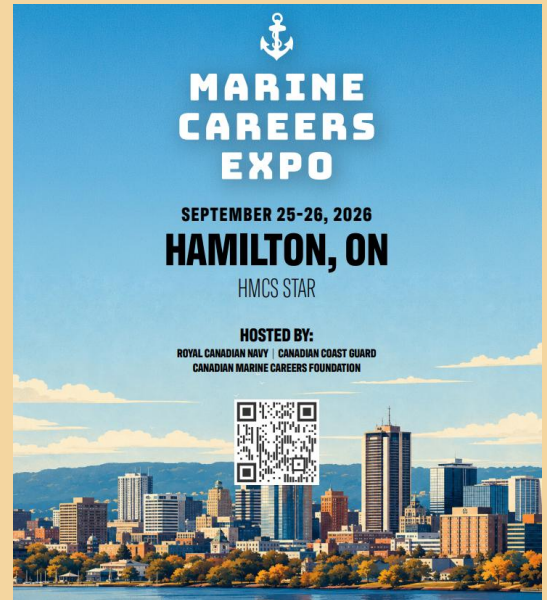
Event Details

📍 **HMCS Haida**

658 Catharine St. N., Hamilton, ON L8L 4V7

📅 **September 25 and 26, 2026**

🕒 **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



What to Expect

- Meet Canadian Coast Guard personnel and learn about careers at sea and ashore.
- Connect with marine employers, educational institutions, and training organizations.
- Discover education, training, and employment opportunities.
- Participate in interactive exhibits and hands-on activities.
- Tour **HMCS Haida** and **HMCS Star** and experience maritime life firsthand.

Hosted in partnership with the Royal Canadian Navy, Parks Canada, the Canadian Marine Careers Foundation, and other industry and education partners, the Marine Careers Expo showcases the wide range of rewarding careers available on Canada's waters.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Perfect for students, families, educators, job seekers, career changers, and anyone interested in marine careers.

Please note: For safety reasons, visitors participating in vessel tours must wear closed-toe footwear.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you explore the many exciting opportunities available in Canada's marine sector.

For full event details and other locations: [Marine Careers Expo 2026 - Canada.ca](#)

Volunteers' 'new' rescue boat celebrates 5-year milestone, rescue record

Thank you, Doug Mephram, for this submission.

GRIMSBY, Ontario — It still feels new to some of its volunteer crew but GAMRU 240, South Shore Search And Rescue's sturdy rescue vessel, has just completed five years in service on the water, racking up 190 rescue missions and rescuing 204 persons, saving 22 lives.

Crews recovered more than \$2.9 million in property (vessels) in the period that ended September 21, 2026.

In the course of its time on the water, the boat has hosted 670 training exercises, spending 1,986 hours in volunteer training.

It's a record that makes the organization's volunteers rightfully proud.

In service since late August of 2021, GAMRU 240 was purpose-built for search-and-rescue service by Stanley Aluminium Boats of Parry Sound, Ontario, and purchased with funds raised by the volunteers during a three-year campaign. Since launch, it has covered literally thousands of nautical miles in western Lake Ontario and helped train dozens of volunteers.

The boat has also created headlines and memorable moments for both crew and the people they've rescued,

including a dramatic mission that saved seven lives on a blustery day in 2022. That mission earned the volunteers two national awards.

"The boat has earned the respect — and affection — of our crews and the many people we've helped on the water," confirms unit leader Ed Cook. "The boat has proven itself over and over again."

But even a new-ish boat needs upgrades. Earlier this year, it gained two new Honda outboard motors and a new suite of sophisticated navigation equipment through a special allocation from the Canadian Coast Guard via the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (Central & Arctic). A generous grant from the Niagara Community Foundation helped the group acquire a state-of-the-art crew communication system and support from the Wise Guys Charity Fund will help revamp the shock-mitigating seat system.

Saving lives costs money so the South Shore Search And Rescue volunteers will begin combing the region this month, collecting donations for the group's annual online charity auction. Members will invite local businesses to donate gift cards and gift certificates for an auction

that runs from Sunday, November 22 to Sunday, November 29, 2026. The auction site, www.gamru.ca/auction, is available with basic information now prior to hosting the auction early in November.

The organization is also seeking the next wave of volunteer rescuers. The annual recruitment campaign, which begins this week, seeks new members for both on-water crews and the shoreside teams that support them. Four information sessions for prospective volunteers will be staged in Winona and St. Catharines. Details and dates are available by email to membership@gamru.ca.

South Shore Search And Rescue is a community-based volunteer emergency service that responds to rescue calls in western Lake Ontario, serving the communities along the south shore from a base in Fifty Point. More than 35 active volunteers maintain a fully-equipped rescue vessel and train year-round to hone the skills and readiness to be effective on the water. GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue is a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and a registered charity 

5 Most Common Issues You'll Find on Your Boat at the End of the Season

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission via boatblurb.com

Author: Andrew McDonald

Labour Day heralds the start of a new school year, all things pumpkin spice, and the unofficial wind-down of the boating season. There's a moment in the late summer when the boat that looked magnificent slicing through the water in July suddenly looks suspiciously like a floating to-do list.



Sadly, if your boat is pulled from the water for the end-of-season, the rose-coloured glasses can fall off rather quickly. There are usually a few battle scars. The bottom has acquired its own ecosystem. Something that used to be shiny is now green, crusty, or both.

The good news? Fall is actually the perfect time to find these issues. With the boat out of the water, there is an opportunity to catch small problems before they become expensive spring surprises.

Here are five of the most common things to look for.

1. The Underwater Machinery: Prop, Shaft, & Lower Unit

Your propeller, shaft, and lower unit spend the season being the workhorse that gets you where you're going. They are prone to underwater damage and should be reviewed whenever the boat is out of the water.

Start with a close inspection of the propeller. Look for **nicks, bends, cracks or excessive wear**. Even a seemingly minor ding can affect performance, vibration, and efficiency.

Check the shaft for obvious damage or signs of corrosion, and inspect the cutlass bearing and strut. If you noticed unusual vibration, loss of performance, or a new noise during the season, don't file it under "probably nothing." Boats have a wonderful way of turning "probably nothing" into "why does that repair cost so much?"

For outboards and sterndrives, the propeller should also be removed as part of routine maintenance so the shaft can be inspected and lubricated according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Check the gear lube condition and inspect for signs of internal damage.

Fall Checklist:

- Inspect the propeller for bends, cracks and impact damage.

- Remove fishing line and debris from the prop and shaft.
- Check the shaft and cutlass bearing for wear.
- Look for corrosion around underwater hardware.
- Investigate any vibration or performance changes you noticed during the season.

2. Hull & Keel

Once the boat is hauled, take advantage of having something you normally can't see: the entire hull.

Look for **scratches, gouges, blisters, cracks and impact damage**, particularly around the keel and other areas that may have touched the bottom during the season. Blisters and damage to the hull surface are much easier to deal with when they're found early rather than after another season in the water.

Pay particular attention to the keel and keel-joint: look for damage or corrosion around keel hardware. Inspect chines, strakes, trim tabs, transom areas, and other underwater fittings.

This is also the time to check the condition of any/all underwater sacrificial anodes. If they show signs of wear they're doing exactly what they're supposed to do, but they need to be replaced before the next launch.

Fall checklist:

- Inspect the hull for gouges, cracks and impact damage.
- Examine the keel and surrounding structure.
- Check for blisters or unusual surface damage.
- Inspect rudders, struts and trim tabs where applicable.
- Check and replace depleted anodes.
- Make a note of repairs that need to happen before spring.

3. Through-Hull Fittings

Few things on a boat deserve more attention than the fittings that run through the hull. Through-hull fittings, seacocks, strainers and associated hoses live below the waterline, which means they don't get much attention during the season—until something goes wrong.

Inspect through-hulls for **corrosion, damage and marine growth**. Make sure seacocks operate smoothly and that their handles are secure. Check hoses for cracking, deterioration or stiffness, and inspect hose clamps carefully. Ensure that clamps are in good condition, and that any below-the-waterline hose is double-clamped. Don't forget strainers and intake fittings. Barnacles, weeds and other marine growth can restrict water flow and create cooling or discharge problems.

Fall Checklist:

- Inspect all through-hull fittings for corrosion and damage.

- Open/close seacocks and confirm they operate properly.
- Inspect hoses for cracking, softness or deterioration.
- Check hose clamps and connections.
- Clean strainers and remove marine growth.
- Confirm through-hulls, valves and fittings are properly secured.

4. Marine Growth & Antifouling

Barnacles, slime, weeds and other marine growth are inevitable to some degree, but how much you find can tell you something about the condition and effectiveness of your antifouling system.

Once the boat is out of the water, clean the hull and inspect the antifouling coating. Look for **thin, worn or missing areas, flaking paint, and spots where the coating has been damaged**.

Antifouling performance depends on the product, the environment, and the local water conditions, so the fact that your neighbour's paint lasted three seasons isn't necessarily a reason to expect the same from yours.

This is also an excellent time to clean marine growth from the propeller, shaft, rudder, strut and other underwater hardware. Those components don't need a decorative layer of aquatic real estate.

If the antifouling coating needs attention, dealing with it now means you're not scrambling to squeeze another job into the week before launch.

Fall Checklist:

- Remove marine growth from the hull and underwater hardware.
- Inspect antifouling paint for wear and damage.
- Look for exposed substrate or areas where coating has disappeared.
- Note whether the level of fouling suggests your current antifouling system needs reconsideration.
- Plan touch-ups or recoating before spring launch.

5. Electrical Corrosion

Electrical problems rarely announce themselves loudly. They begin with a little green or white corrosion around a terminal, connection, or battery post.

At the end of the season, inspect **battery terminals, cable connections, wiring and electrical components** for corrosion, loose connections, chafing, and damaged insulation. Marine electrical connections are particularly vulnerable to moisture, so keeping them clean, secure, and properly protected is an important part of seasonal maintenance. Don't limit your inspection to the battery compartment. Look under the helm, around the engine, near bilge equipment and anywhere

wiring connections may be exposed to moisture.

Pay attention to anything that behaved strangely during the season: a navigation light that flickered, electronics display that occasionally went blank, a pump that sounded sluggish, or a battery that seemed to lose charge faster than expected. Those aren't quirks. They're clues.

Fall Checklist:

- Inspect battery terminals for corrosion.
- Check cable connections and grounds.
- Look for damaged, chafed or unsupported wiring.
- Inspect connections around the engine and bilge.
- Clean and protect terminals as appropriate.
- Investigate intermittent electrical problems before storage.

A Note About Fall Temperatures: Moisture Is Coming

As temperatures swing between warm days and cool nights, moisture can become a problem in enclosed spaces, bilges, lockers, engine compartments, and other areas with limited airflow. That makes ventilation, drying, and moisture control an important part of putting the boat away. Before the cover goes on, give the boat a chance to dry out. Clean the bilges, remove wet gear and cushions, and make sure water can drain properly. Keep appropriate ventilation in mind when covering the boat, while following your storage facility's requirements.

And remember: **cold weather doesn't fix moisture—it just changes what moisture does.**

Get Ahead of Winterizing

Finally, don't let "winterizing" become a frantic weekend project performed while wearing three layers of clothing and wondering why you didn't start sooner.

Add fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank before your last engine run of the season. And I always recommend doing an oil change in the fall: it ensures that it's in the best state to move and start-up in the spring. Because oil-changes need the oil to be warmed up, it's quick and convenient to get the oil change done before the boat comes out of the water.

The Bottom Line

End-of-season maintenance isn't about making your boat perfect. It's about making sure the small problems you discovered this year don't become the big problems you discover next year.

Because there are two kinds of boat owners in spring: The ones who say, "Good thing I dealt with that last fall." And the ones who say, "Huh. I don't remember that being there." Be the first one. ⚓





PHOTO CONTEST

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

**SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTOS TO
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***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.

2. **User Responsibility**

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.

3. **No Liability**

FPYC assumes no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury, disputes, or dissatisfaction resulting from interactions, transactions, or communications arising from this platform.

4. **Non-commercial Use**

This Space is intended strictly for nonprofit community use. Commercial sellers, resellers, or businesses are not permitted to post listings. No Motor Vehicles, No Watercrafts – Personal Dinghies and Outboard Engines are permitted, No Real Estate.

5. **Safety & Conduct**

Participants are expected to communicate respectfully and meet in safe, public locations when possible. FPYC reserves the right to refuse ads or block individuals who violate guidelines or engage in unsafe or inappropriate behavior.

6. **By Using This Board**

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

Ontario Sailing Symposium

From Ontario Sailing News & Updates / August 2026

Ontario Sailing is excited to announce the return of the Ontario Sailing Symposium! Returning for the first time since 2021, the Symposium will be held at the Abilities Centre in Whitby, Ontario on November 14th, 2026. It will bring together Member Organizations' leadership and staff from across the province for a day of learning, connection, and shared discussion.

The Symposium is designed to strengthen our sailing community by creating space to exchange ideas, explore challenges, and identify practical opportunities that benefit our sport and the people who make it thrive.

The Symposium's theme, "On The Lifted Tack - Together", focuses on key themes including volunteer recruitment and retention, building robust policies and managing club risk, trends in the sport of sailing, and marketing to increase membership growth. Smaller breakout sessions will also provide attendees with guided opportunities to discuss priorities and share experiences, leaving them with realistic ideas for change and improvement that they can bring back to their clubs and schools.

What to Expect

- 4 x full-group keynote speaker sessions, featuring the following speakers:
- Volunteer Retention, delivered by Dr. Julie Stevenson, Brock University Professor and Sport for Life Consultant.
- Marketing Strategies for Membership Growth, delivered by John Stevenson, Brand Repositioning Strategist.
- Risk, Policy, and Safe Sport Environments, delivered by Steve Indig of Sport Law.
- The Future of and Emerging Trends in Sailing, delivered by Ryan Kelly, CEO of Sail Canada, and Murray McCullough, ED of Ontario Sailing.
- 1 x 90-minute small group session, facilitated by Ontario Sailing staff, with discussion led by community leaders.
- Networking opportunities and lunch provided.

Registration details are available [here](#).

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.

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Members Perks Program



GTHN Boat Polishing – 10%

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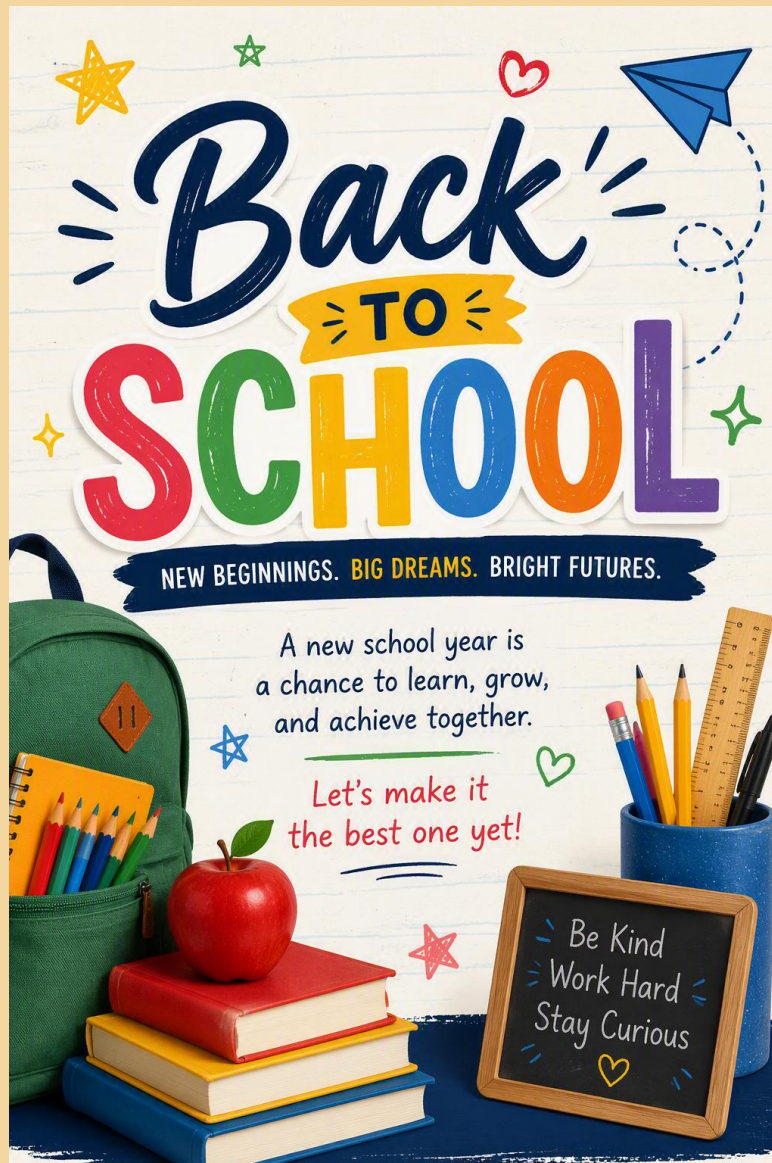
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Grilled Chicken and Asparagus Chopped Salad

Recipe by Foodland Ontario

Toss marinated local chicken and seasonal produce on the barbecue and create this mouthwatering main dish salad. Fresh herbs tweak flavours to perfection.

Yield – 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) vegetable oil plus 2 tsp (10 mL) for brushing
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) white wine vinegar
- 4 tsp (20 mL) Ontario Honey
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 500 g boneless skinless Ontario Chicken Breasts
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) minced Ontario Shallot
- 1 lb (500 g) Ontario Asparagus, trimmed
- Ontario Greenhouse Sweet Yellow Pepper, quartered
- 1 cup (250 mL) Ontario Grape or Cherry Tomatoes, halved
- 4 cups (1 L) packed Ontario Baby Arugula
- Ontario Radishes, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) crumbled Ontario Feta Cheese



Directions

- 1 In small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, honey, mustard, 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt and pepper to taste. Remove 2 tbsp (25 mL) into medium bowl; add chicken and turn to coat. Cover chicken; refrigerate for 30 minutes or up to 6 hours. Stir shallots into remaining dressing; set aside.
- 2 Place chicken on greased grill over medium heat; brush with any remaining marinade. Grill covered for 12 to 15 minutes, turning once, or until no longer pink inside. Transfer to plate; cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Chop into bite-size pieces.
- 3 Meanwhile, brush asparagus and yellow pepper with oil; sprinkle with a pinch each of salt and pepper. Grill covered turning occasionally, until tender-crisp, 5 to 8 minutes. Chop into bite-size pieces.
- 4 In large bowl, toss chicken, asparagus, yellow pepper and tomatoes with half of the dressing. Place arugula on bottom of large bowl, layer with asparagus mixture, radishes, dill, mint and feta. Drizzle some of the dressing; serve remaining on the side.

A Bit of Humor

October-themed Jokes... 🍁 😊

Q: Why do trees love October?

A: Because they finally get to show off their true colours! 🍂

Q: What did the pumpkin say after Thanksgiving dinner?

A: "Good gourd, I'm stuffed!" 😊

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road in October?

A: Because it wanted everyone to think it was a chicken! 🦃

Q: What is a ghost's favourite dessert?

A: I-scream! 👻 🍦

Q: Why are October leaves so good at dancing?

A: Because they know how to twist and fall! 🍁

Q: What do you call a pumpkin that tells jokes?

A: A real wise-cracker-o'-lantern! 😊

🍁 October Smile

"October reminds us to be thankful for family, friends, colourful leaves — and pants with a little extra room after Thanksgiving dinner!" 😊

Wishing you a wonderful October filled with gratitude, colourful autumn days, Thanksgiving gatherings, plenty of laughter, and a little Halloween fun! 🍁 🦃 😊 😊 👻

Items of Interest

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

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