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Quiet Evening

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Commodore's Message (September 2026)

I'm writing this note while moored at Camelot Island in the beautiful, and surprisingly quiet, Thousand Islands. Rita and I are here for 3 weeks revisiting some of our perennial favourite anchorages and marinas and meeting up with some friends along the way. But believe me when I say we've had our fair share of rain and strong winds during our trip, with winds often topping 20 knots - a true test of our Rocca ground tackle. Currently all is calm and the sun is shining – relax.

It sure gets dark and cool round here once the sun sets just after 8 pm and as we approach September the leaves are just starting to change colour.

Speaking of September, we are now entering our last full month of the boating season. But have faith, September often brings great boating weather so let's take advantage of those remaining beautiful days while we can.

Reflecting on August, it was a busy month at FPYC as we held a variety of social and cruising events at the club. Thanks to the efforts of Ben and Diederik we held three cruises in August including the well attended (20+ boats) trip to PCYC followed by smaller cruises to Oakville Yacht Squadron and Harbour City Yacht club. Unfortunately, the last two cruises were notably hampered by sporty lake and wind conditions, but a few club members managed to make the journey across to the north side. Meanwhile, our FPYC visitors were very pleased with the reception they received here at Fifty thanks to our ever-hospitable Marina staff.

I'm looking forward to our last cruise of the season that will take FPYC cruisers to the popular National Yacht Club on the Labour Day weekend. A perennial favourite for air show enthusiasts. The last time to see the Snowbirds.

Our Social team was also busy in August. First, with a Friday Night Social (Aug 14) featuring musical entertainment by guitarist Michelle Headley and fiddlist Natalie Walker. Over 50 members attended to enjoy the music and good times at D dock.

And then there was the Beach Luau on August 22. Regrettably, Mother Nature was not so cooperative and decided to bring heavy rains to our party. But our social team met the challenge head on and quickly arranged a large dining tent at D dock to help keep members and our entertainers out of the elements. A great big thanks to our social team Lindsay, Krista and Chris and the many volunteers that pitched in to make the Luau a success.

Throughout the summer, our Nominating committee has been hard at work seeking members interested in joining the board of directors for the next term. In fact, the board election will take place at the next annual members meeting scheduled for Sunday December 6. This year's meeting will take place live at the Marina office as well as on-line in case of bad weather.

The committee has made some progress however there are a few positions yet to be filled including: commodore, secretary, director at large. In addition, we are looking for 6-8 volunteer to join the FPYC social

committee. This team will work with the social director to develop and execute social events for the coming year. The more the merrier as you all know, many hands make light work. Interested in getting involved and helping improve the club? Please reach out to me or any of our current Board Members by Sept 30 to volunteer.

Enjoy this issue and September boating and we'll see you around the Marina.

Phil Kling ⚓



Photo: P. Kling

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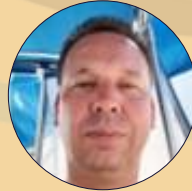
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Items of Interest

Calling all FPYC Members - Volunteers Wanted

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

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

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

FPYC Board of Director Positions and Key Responsibilities

Board Position	Key Responsibilities
Commodore (Chair) (Officer)	• 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

Membership
Freeze in
Effect For
2026!!!!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FPYC MEMBERSHIP

RENEW BY APRIL 15 AND SAVE!!!

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

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

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

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

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

Member Renewal Fees

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

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

Send e-transfer payments to treasurer@fpyc.ca. 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

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\$280/yr*
(incl. Burgee)

After May 15th
\$305/yr*

Membership Renewal

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Social Membership

(Non-Boat Owners Only)

\$75/yr

***Reciprocal Privileges**

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

Organized Club Cruises

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

Partnership Perks Program

Enjoy discounts year-round at local stores and restaurants.

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

**Membership
Application**



SOCIAL EVENTS 2026

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

Find More information in our "Scuttlebutt" newsletter and on our website www.fpyc.ca

For More Information: social@fpyc.com

In case you were wondering...



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

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

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

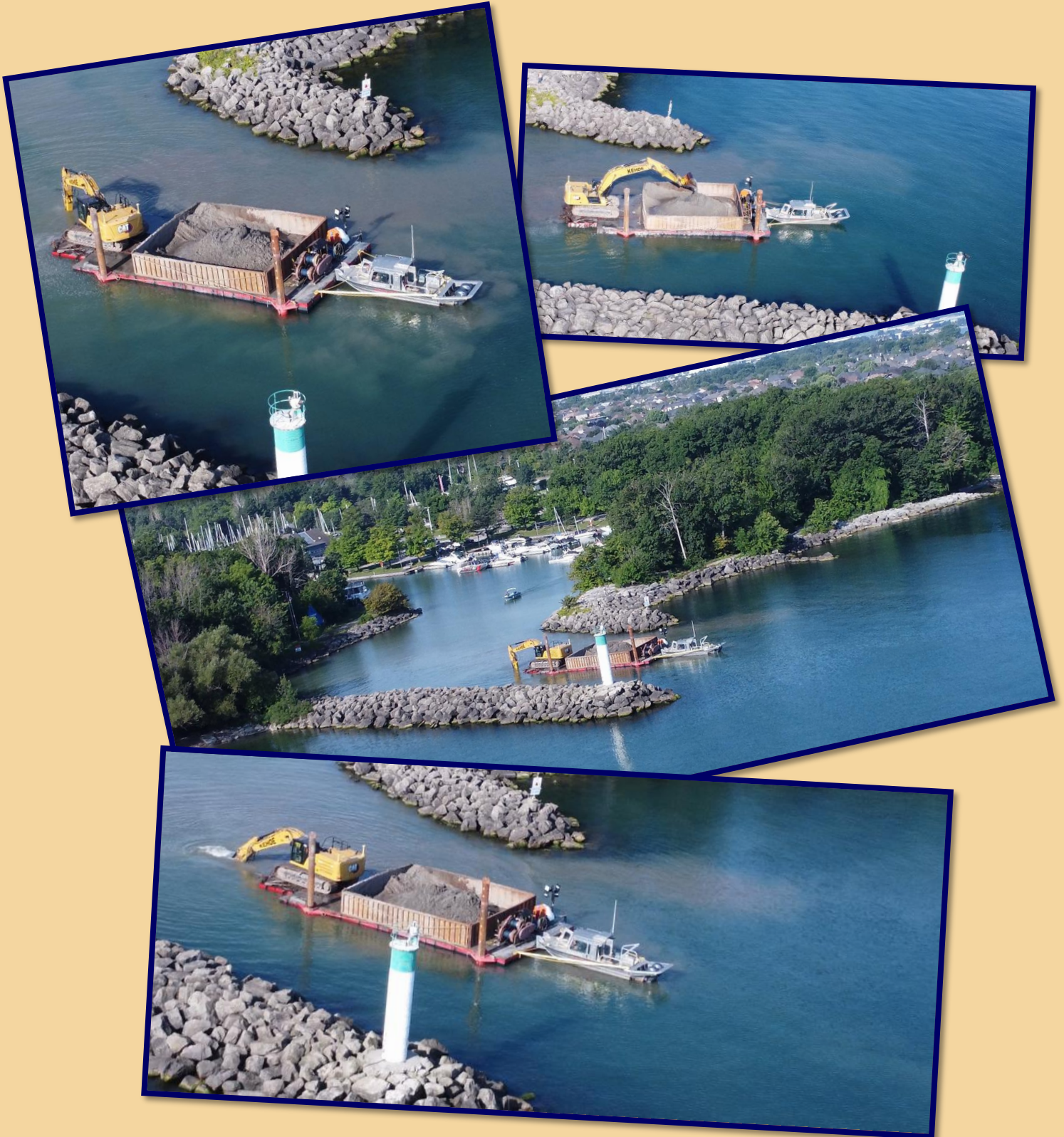
Friday Social August 14th, 2026



2026 Beach Luau, August 22, 2026



Dredging the Marina Entrance



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	
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
August 15-16, 2026	Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS)
Aug 21-23, 2026	Harbour City Yacht Club - HCYC
Sep 5-7, 2026 (Labour Day)	National Yacht Club – NYC (Air Show)

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

Inshore Rescue Boat (IRB) Program - Canadian Coast Guard



Each summer, the Canadian Coast Guard offers students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience while making a real difference. Through the [Inshore Rescue Boat \(IRB\) Program](#), students provide on-water search and rescue services and work closely with local partners to help mariners in need.

Applications for Summer 2027 are now open! The deadline to apply is **November 2, 2026**.

Who we're looking for:

We're seeking students who hold the following certifications:

- Standard First Aid with CPR-C and AED
- Pleasure Craft Operator Card ([or equivalent](#))
- Restricted Radio Operator Certificate – Maritime ([ROC-M](#)) with VHF DSC endorsement
- A valid, unrestricted Canadian driver's licence (*Note: graduated licences with restrictions are not accepted*)

Join a Virtual Info Session

Want to learn more? We're hosting online information sessions about the IRB Program:

- [English session: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @7:00 EST](#)
- [French session: Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 7:00 pm EST](#)

Space is limited—register early to secure your spot!

To help spread the word, we've included a printable **"Apply Now"** poster for display and distribution.

Let's work together to inspire the next generation of Coast Guard leaders!

Boating at Night

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

By: Captain Bill Jennings

Some boaters will drive their boats in the darkness of night. Some won't. My purpose in writing this blurb is to encourage those who do not boat at night to give it a try. A late-night cruise is not only a different side of boating, it can be an enjoyable and unique experience. So let's put a little adventure back in your boat.



Photo Credit: Jake Fagen / Unsplash

More importantly, by becoming familiar with night driving techniques you will never be caught without experience when the need arises. Frequently, a boater's first attempt at night boating is not by choice. Perhaps you stayed longer than intended at your daytime destination and now you find yourself at the helm in an uneasy situation.

Being comfortable driving your boat after dark has many advantages. Firstly, it will obviously increase your use of

the boat. The daytrip destinations you are used to taking can be extended because you won't be limited to daylight boating.

Opportunities to boat to more places will increase both your boat use and fun factor. Simply being on the water at night can be a relaxing experience, without the heavy traffic and a hot sun. I don't need to point out the romantic side of casual cruising with a loved one on a starlit night. If nothing else, night boating is a change of pace from your usual travel routes by land, in a car.

Of course, not every safety director will tell you to go boating at night. Visibility is a key ingredient to driving anything, and when you restrict that -- things can get tricky. Any problems that occur will turn serious more quickly and there are fewer boats on the water to help. But providing you take some basic and logical precautions night boating can be as safe as travel by road. As reference for those wanting to safely enjoy night boating, consider the following:

Know the Water

If you get lost on your lake in the daytime, think twice about heading out at night. The more familiar you become with a body of water, the easier it is to navigate at night. Should disorientation set in, one

identifiable object can put you back on track. But not every night boating situation is on a familiar lake. There can be occasions when you are travelling in a larger boat to a distant destination. In these circumstances you need to closely study the applicable charts before departing on the route and note any areas that need special attention. Your equipment needs will also vary.

Legal requirements

For the most part, nautical rules are the same at night as they are during the daytime. Regulations include the normal gear, such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, anchor paddles, flares and horn or working sound device. Lights must meet regulations and be fully operational. Tip: Navigation lights not regularly used may not immediately work due to corrosion, but leaving them on for a few minutes can often burn the corroded connection back into service.

Knowing the latest weather forecast is also a night boating must. Strong winds produce rough water and signal changing weather conditions. Should an incident occur, you could be held liable if you did not obtain a current forecast. It is also your responsibility to know of any

areas where there are reduced speed limits in effect from sunset to sunrise.

Basic Stuff Checklist Prior to Departure

It's always a smart idea to perform a pre-trip checklist before every trip. Here are some items that you may not need onboard for day cruising but become vital at night.

- 1) Two spotlights: One is enough, but one will always malfunction when needed.
- 2) Flares: Use sparingly and only in emergencies not just because it looks pretty.
- 3) Compass: This simple device is still the best way to maintain your orientation.
- 4) Snacks and water: Even at night, you can suffer from dehydration.
- 5) Glowsticks: One for each passenger, making it easier to find a person in the water.
- 6) Anchor: If you lose power, you don't want to drift onto a rock.
- 7) Cell Phone: Can be your best friend providing it is charged.
- 8) Fuel: Check that the indicated fuel level is more than you think you need.
- 9) Warm clothing: Night boating is always colder than you figured.
- 10) Bug spray: In mosquito season, this can avoid the need for a transfusion.
- 11) Plan 'B': Imagine what could go wrong and come up with a solution in advance.
- 12) Electronic navigation equipment: See below.

Electronic Equipment

Today's wide selection of navigation equipment can provide you with an extra set of eyes. As a serious boater, you may already have one or more of the following: GPS/chart plotters, detailed electronic cartography, advanced radar, thermal imaging, and night-vision scopes. This latter item amplifies light through a scope and is ideal for navigating near shorelines and into harbours. Some effective brands can be purchased for under \$300.

Yacht owners will testify that for cruising applications a backup model for each electronic device is a good idea. Backups have saved me on several occasions from that feeling in your stomach when your chart-plotter screen goes black. A more current electronic item that I find interesting is the automatic information systems, or AIS. On big water, an AIS system displays traffic within about 40 nautical miles of your boat. Click on a traffic icon and using transceivers the screen will read out the type of boat, its direction, its speed, its destination and sometimes who owns it. Very slick for under \$1,000. Note: On small lakes AIS will not be effective because small boats are probably not signed up on the program.

Operational Considerations

While running at night, there are a number of driving tips that will enhance safety and confidence. Always operate at a

speed that will allow you to stop quickly. Don't push the "stand-on" rules for right of way. When you see another boat in your vicinity, "give way" or even stop until any possibility of collision has passed. Use your spotlight sparingly to locate reflective markers or specific objects, because the beam can temporarily blind or disorientate other drivers as well as yourself.

Four eyes are better than two, so ask for a volunteer and appoint them to work with you at the helm. Explain to them what to look for and how to advise you of obstacles, traffic, and markers. Turn off all unnecessary lights to save your night vision and possibly confuse other boaters.

Sounds at night are easier to identify than in daytime, and what you hear can be helpful. Listen for engines, horns, water sounds and voices. Ask your passengers to speak quietly and turn down the radio.

Larger boats should periodically adjust their GPS and radar settings to suit the course ahead. Set your depth alarm to advise you of any notable reductions in water depth. Of course, your VHF will be set on channel 16.

When begin your night boating adventures, with nights that have a bright moon. This will provide the practice you need without the risks.

Remember, your passengers are your top priority. Try not to lose any and never look nervous.



How to Keep No-See-Ums Out of Your Boat

Thank you, Phil Kling, for this submission from theboatgalley.com

If you've spent an evening at anchor swatting at bugs you can barely see, you already know no-see-ums. They go by other names too, sand flies or sand fleas, but the misery is the same.

They come out in the still air around dawn and dusk, and they're at their worst when you're anchored near mangroves. Worse yet, they're small enough to walk right through the screens on your ports and hatches as if the screens weren't there. So you close everything up to keep them out, and now you're sitting in a hot, airless boat instead. That's the trade every cruiser in no-see-um country knows.

The good news is that the fix is cheap, it works, and you can find the material almost anywhere in the world.

The secret

The fix is cheaper and simpler than you'd expect. The screen fine enough to stop a no-see-um is sold in just about every fabric store. They just call it something else. It's bridal veil material.

Ask for it by that name and you'll find it, and not only at home. I've come across it in fabric shops and markets in Mexico and Central America, and I've seen the same fine netting for sale in markets in East Africa and Mali. It turns out women wear wedding

veils just about everywhere, so even in a small town a long way from any chandlery, you can usually track some down. The tiniest fishing villages may not have it, but you'd be surprised how many places do.

It comes in almost any color. White is the easiest to find, but if you have a choice, go with black. Black all but disappears when you look out through a port or a hatch, so you keep your view.

Don't confuse it with netting

One warning: bridal veil material is not the same as "netting," even though the two can look similar on the bolt. Regular netting has holes about the same size as standard screen, which is exactly the size that lets no-see-ums stroll right through. Bridal veil is far finer. Regular netting is in the left photo below; bridal veil on the right.

The tradeoff

Screen this fine won't pass as much air as your regular screens, so you'll lose some ventilation. There's no way around that, since the same tight weave that stops the bugs also slows the breeze. But it's still far better than the alternative, which is sealing up every port, hatch, and the companionway and roasting. A little less airflow with the bugs

outside beats a closed-up, still cabin every time.

Four ways to rig it

There isn't one right way to do this. Use whatever suits each spot on your boat:

Velcro panels. Bind the edges of a piece and use Velcro to hold it over a port or hatch. Just make sure there are no gaps in the Velcro, because the little devils will find any opening you leave them.

Weighted outside nets. For hatches and the companionway, make loose-fitting nets that go over the opening on the outside of the boat, with a one-inch hem around every free edge. Slip small weights into the hem, fishing weights or BBs work well, so it hangs down and stays put. The screens that came with our boat, Que Tal, used this system, and I was surprised how much wind they'd take before they started to move. And of course, once the wind came up, the no-see-ums disappeared and I could just take the screens off.

A second set of frames. Get replacement screen frames for your hatches and ports, which you can often find cheap and used at swap meets, and build a second set of screens with the veil material. How you attach it depends on the frames you find.

Wrap your existing screens.

The quick-and-dirty option: cut pieces a little larger than your current screens, pop a screen out, wrap the bridal veil over it, and put it back. Not the most elegant fix, but it's fast, and it usually leaves no gaps for anything to sneak through.

Sitting out in the cockpit

Screening keeps them out of the cabin, but what about the evenings you want to be out in the cockpit? If the no-see-ums aren't too bad, a few things help. Burning a mosquito coil nearby keeps some of them off, and a spray like No Natz can help too.

But honestly, the best thing we've found is a breeze. No-see-ums are weak fliers, and they simply give up and vanish in moving air. It's the same reason my screens didn't matter once the wind came up.

You don't have to wait on the wind, though. A small rechargeable portable fan aimed at you does the same job. The one we use and love is the Grandfast. It doesn't need an outlet, it recharges, and it draws very little power, so it's easy to run at anchor.

If you have a cockpit enclosure, you can add bridal veil over your regular cockpit screens, but be warned: no-see-ums are so tiny that they usually find the small

gaps and work their way in anyway. We found the fan to work much better.

Worth getting before you need it

No-see-ums have a way of showing up unexpectedly. A few yards of bridal veil material stashed aboard, cut and rigged before you reach actually need it, can be the difference between a pleasant night for sleeping (use that same fan or a permanently mounted one aimed at the bed in addition to the screens for the greatest protection) and a long night spent slapping and swearing. It's one of the cheapest, simplest upgrades you can make, and the first still, buggy evening at anchor, you'll be glad you did. ⚓





PHOTO CONTEST

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

**SUBMIT YOUR BEST PHOTOS TO
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***YOUR WINNING ENTRIES WILL
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DYC Cornucopia Regatta, September 4-6

A message from Dalhousie Yacht Club

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

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

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

Highlights include:

Competitive PHRF and One Design racing
Experienced race management
Complimentary continental breakfast for competitors
Dockage for visiting boats
Live music, great food, awards, and a lively social program
Whether your members race every weekend or are looking for a late-season regatta, we'd be delighted to welcome them to Dalhousie Yacht Club.

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

Pig and corn roast information is available here:
<https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/cornucopia>

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

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

Fair winds,

The Cornucopia Regatta Committee
Dalhousie Yacht Club
Port Dalhousie, Ontario

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.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR SPONSORSHIP - KRISTA

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WHO WE ARE

A thriving non-profit yacht club with nearly 100 members and growing, located in a marina featuring 336 boat slips. Boaters from near and far gather to enjoy a fun season filled with social events and exciting cruises. The majority of our members reside within a 30-minute radius, primarily from the Hamilton and Niagara regions. We welcome all ages and host many families!

WHEN OUR SEASON OPERATES

Our boating season runs from April to October, with events and membership perks offered all year round.

This year we have weekly and monthly events planned along with five cruises to neighbouring yacht clubs.

WHY SPONSOR US?

With close to 100 members and growing PLUS access to 336 Boat Slips plus visiting friends and families...

The possibilities are endless!

- We are a close-knit club built on strong community connections, with referrals playing a key role—especially for boat-related services, local dining, activities, and shopping.
- Our members share common interests, a passion for boating, and an appreciation for the finer things in life. Many spend weekends and extended stays at the club, seeking local places to dine, shop, and explore.
- We host a variety of weekly and monthly events, providing a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to showcase their brands through promotional items, prizes, signage, and giveaways.
- Our diverse membership spans all ages, including many families. Additionally, we welcome social members from the local community who may not be boaters but enjoy being part of our vibrant club.

Levels of Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB



PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Official sponsor of One Event/Directional Sandwich Board
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per month from May to September
- Signage as Co-Host at One Major Event



GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per month from May to September



SILVER SPONSOR \$250

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$275 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per Season (from May to September)



BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt during one month of our busy summer season (from May to September)- emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per season (from May to September)



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide prizes for events (gift cards, promo items, etc)
- Provide membership perk

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Members Perks Program



GTHN Boat Polishing – 10%

Pita Pit – 10%

Kelsey's – 20%

Freshii – 15%

DNA Pizza – 10% on orders over 15.00

Booster Juice – 15%

Sunset Grill – 15%

Lazeez Shawarma – 15%

Pho Huy – 15%

Marine Doctors – 10% off labour

imPerfect Fresh Eats, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%

Noodlebox, Winona Crossing Plaza – 10%

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

Buona Serra Eatery, 375 Winston Rd – 10%

Members must present their membership cards to the server to receive the discounts.

If you have any "Perk" suggestions, please send us an e-mail at info@fpyc.ca

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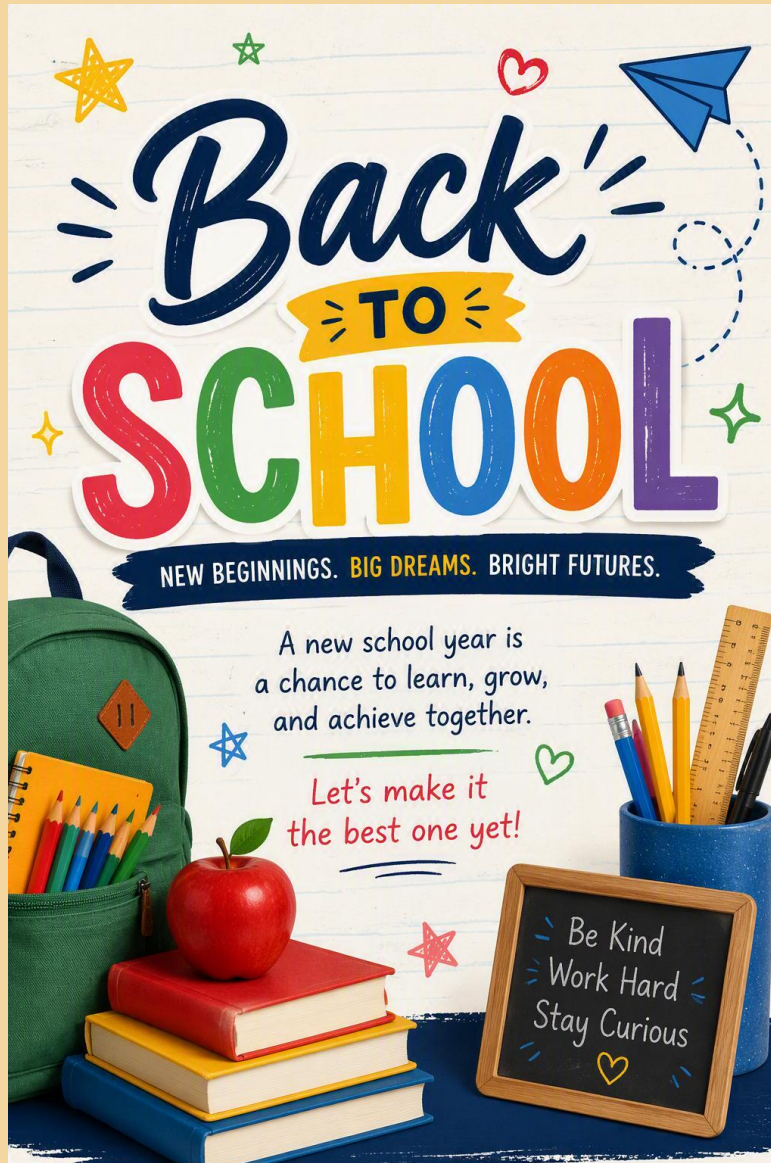
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September 2026



Grilled Shrimp & Mango Skewers

Recipe by Brooke Caison / Delish.com

Yield – 4 servings | Prep - 20 min

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb. jumbo shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails on
- Kosher salt
- 1/4 cup store-bought mild jerk sauce
- 1/4 cup store-bought mango chutney
- 2 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar-based BBQ sauce
- 1 large mango, peeled, cut into 1" pieces
- 3 scallions, cut into 1" pieces
- 2 Tbsp. neutral oil, plus more for grill
- 2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 10 (8") skewers



Directions

1. Pat shrimp dry and transfer to a large bowl; season with 1 tsp. salt. Add jerk sauce and toss to combine. Cover with a lid or plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 10 minutes and up to 1 hour.
2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine chutney, soy sauce, and BBQ sauce. In a medium bowl, season mango with 1/4 tsp. salt and toss to combine.
3. To build a skewer, start with a shrimp, then skewer a piece of mango, then a piece (or two) of scallion, and repeat, then end with a shrimp. Drizzle skewers with 2 Tbsp. oil.
4. Prepare a grill for medium heat; preheat 5 minutes, or heat a grill pan over medium heat. Clean and grease grates or pan with oil.
5. Working in batches, grill skewers, brushing with chutney-BBQ sauce halfway through, until shrimp is pink and cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes per side.
6. Transfer skewers to a platter. Brush with remaining sauce and top with cilantro.

A Bit of Humor

September-themed Jokes...

*Q: Why was September so good at organizing?
A: Because it always knew how to fall into place!*

*Q: What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?
A: "Looking sharp!"*

*Q: Why did the student eat a clock at lunch?
A: Because it was time for seconds!*

*Q: What's a tree's favourite month?
A: September, because it's finally time to let loose!*

*Q: Why was the backpack excited for school?
A: It was ready to carry the year!*

*Q: What did the notebook say on the first day back?
A: "Let's get this year started on the right page!"*

September Smile

"September is nature's way of saying, 'Time for a fresh start!'"

Have a wonderful September filled with learning, laughter, and new adventures!   

Items of Interest

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

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