

DOCKLINES

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Ahoy sailors!

Club activities have been many and varied so far this summer. Racing, cruising, barbecues, knowledge sharing and anchoring overnight all come to mind. I hope every member has found something to enjoy. The warm water, and sunny, breezy days make it a joy to get out on the water.

I am pleased with the progress of our [Community Sail program](#). Several members have worked hard to bring our CL16 dinghies up to standard and there are members using them!

There have been some questions regarding the **work hour requirements** of club members. Each senior member, (members with boats in club slips in the harbour) are required to do 8 hours of volunteer work for the club. These include, but are not limited to; cutting and trimming the grass in the compound, launching, hauling out and repairing club-owned boats, cleaning and filling the propane barbecue and assisting with the Georgina Cup. There's a full list of possible tasks on the door of the shed outside the club compound.

Fair Winds, Commodore Nancy

Harbour Watch vs Harbour Security

Sail Georgina provides a Harbour Watch on weekend evenings during the sailing season. All members with boats with sleeping facilities are asked to stay on their boat twice during the season. If the weekends do not work for a member, a weekday night will suffice. Members are asked to call the Police or contact the Coast Guard using their VHF if there is any trouble.

Members should never confront a stranger or group of strangers during their watch. Do not jeopardize your own safety. The lighthouse that is currently being constructed on the end of the break wall will have security cameras installed which should help reduce the thefts and vandalism.



Becca Williams

Member Focus

Member Sally Krigstin and her daughter, Becca Williams, moor their CL16 currently in a slip on M dock. Below is the virtual interview conducted by *Docklines*.

How long have you been sailing?

I would say that this is my first year “actually” sailing. We joined this year as my daughter wanted to sail as she had sailed previously at camp and enjoyed it.

Our sailboat had been in storage since my Dad passed away 15 years ago.

How did you get into sailing?

My Dad loved sailing. It was his passion. He taught himself to sail on an old wood boat and then years later purchased the CL16 that we have docked at Sail Georgina. Since I was the youngest of two children, I was the one delegated to sail with my Dad, since neither my mom nor sister trusted his sailing ability. There are many stories from friends and relatives about their sailing adventures with my Dad, many of them ending with him telling them to abandon ship! But I cherish the time I spent with my Dad in that boat and the conversations we had. There is nothing like being stranded in the middle of the lake waiting for the wind to pick up so you could head home.

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Sally Krigstin

What do you like best about sailing?

I think I most enjoy feeling so close to the water. I still find it scary but also like the fact that you are at the mercy of mother nature.

What are your sailing goals, plans or dreams?

To sail around the point. So far this year we have ventured into the bay, but not around the point. Hopefully next year :)

Anything else you think might be of interest to the club membership?

I just want to say that it was a great decision to join Sail Georgina. I have learned so much in the past few months and am looking forward to participating for many years to come.

Let's Talk Sailing

Lake Simcoe is widely known as a rough lake in which storms blow up quickly and line squalls occur frequently. So much so that the nautical charts contain an official warning to mariners.



Our **next education event** is planned for **Saturday, September 14 at 10am**. The topic of discussion will be **Rough Weather Sailing including reefing your sails**. Following the discussion, an on-water practice session is planned with a debrief to follow. What precautions have you taken to be prepared for an on-water emergency? Have you checked that your auto-inflating life jackets are still armed?

Do you have a first aid kit? St. John Ambulance sells a marine edition online for \$39.50. Canadian Tire sells a similar kit.

Have you recently taken a first aid and CPR course? Instruction for CPR has changed in recent years. Mouth to mouth is no longer recommended. Georgina Trades Training Inc in Sutton runs First Aid and CPR Level C courses regularly.

Being on the water can be dangerous. Be prepared. Plan to attend our next event in the *Let's Talk Sailing* series.

A former member of the club used to say, "*She's a nasty little lake.*"



Don't forget to check the website, bulletin board and SGA's Facebook page for the latest news, events and race reports. Follow our Twitter channel too!



Docking

Ed. The below article is the opinion of the author and not club or harbour policy.

We all appreciate the assistance we receive from anyone at the harbour when we come into dock, especially on windy days. Such assistance is mutual and after all, we are there to help each other effect a safe landing. There are a few things to remember though:

1. Catch the line passed to you by the arriving boat and pass it just once around a suitable cleat on the dock. Hold it there and adjust it as needed. Holding a boat line without looping it once around a dock cleat can be dangerous especially in an offshore breeze. This could result in the boat drifting away from the dock, pulling you into the drink, or possible injury.
2. Allow the bow of the arriving boat to go straight ahead. Pulling it sideward to the dock causes the stern to pull away from the dock, making it awkward to deal with the stern lines. Ensure the bow does not hit the dock if possible.
3. Do not take a dock line from anyone on the dock who may be assisting at the landing unless they ask for help. The skipper may have given them explicit instructions or they may have experience docking that particular boat.
4. And most importantly, never tie up someone else's boat. Just hold the line around the dock cleat till the skipper, or his/her designated crew comes ashore and ties up the boat (see video below for tips). It is a matter of liability.

Cdr. H.H. Pape AP ret.

Video Resource: Docking

Check out the SavvySalt's Ultimate Guide to Dockline Handling. Cleating a boat during docking is found at minute 8:15: <https://savvysalt.com/blog/ultimate-guide-to-dockline-handling/>

Georgina Cup

The Georgina Cup is the final regatta in the Lake Simcoe Interclub Series (LSIS). Hosted by Sail Georgina, this major event began in 2003 as the only medium-distance race in the series. The Cup is awarded to the boat with the best adjusted time regardless of class, White Sail or Spinnaker for the Saturday race. A Sunday short-distance race was added later.

SGA assists visiting yachts with mooring, provides a hot breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday, and hosts a rum pour and an off-site banquet on the Saturday evening. This year's regatta will be held on September 7 and 8.

Members may participate in any of the above. A fee may be required.

In order to make this event a success, the club needs volunteers. Please contact Fleet Captain/Race Chair, [Jeff Reid](#) or Commodore, [Nancy Glover](#) if you can assist.



Boats rafted up in Jackson's Point Harbour, Georgina Cup, 2017

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