



LASALLE CURRENTS

A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

June 15, 1978

FROM THE BRIDGE

It's summertime and the living is easy. The mud of spring has passed and Mariner's Hill is finally levelled awaiting the sod treatment. At the rate the club is reclaiming land from the water we will rival the Dutch.

The Shakedown race this season was super! The wind gods provided ample gusto to put the near ninety boats in the Bay in almost record time. Even the shark skippers were smiling and drinking early. Of course every Shakedown has its list of tales:

the Viking 28 skipper who thought he could lighten ship by disposing of breakfast over the side...

the Tanager 22 crew member who, after a night of Frosties, decided to take the four wheeled ferry around the lake...

Oh the wages of sin as morning dawned with the wind howling in the rigging and the lake alive. Most boats enjoyed an exciting ride to Middle Sister. And when finally in home port the Ladies Auxiliary provided a good meal to hungry Mariners and visiting crews.

Now the results:

PIRF 1st - Paul Paine WYC
 2nd - Bill Noakes SPSC
 3rd - Ralph Allen LMVC

MORC 1st - Dennis Allechin WYC
 2nd - Jim McTaggart SPSC
 3rd - Bob Gurs CIYC

MIRAGE 1st - C. Eagan SPSC
 2nd - Jim Norris CIYC
 3rd - G. Bauld SPSC

SHARKS 1st - S. Weber SPSC
 2nd - Jim Halpin SPSC
 3rd - G. Hess SPSC

DUETS 1st - Jürgen Hendel LMYC
 2nd - Craig Bennett LMYC
 3rd - Chuck McDermand LMYC

VIKING 28 1st - R. Coleman GIYC
 2nd - R. Fiedler LMYC
 3rd - J. Hrino SPSC

While we are talking racing, the Mariner's have racked up an impressive score in the current RIYA 1st Weekend Regatta with Jürgen and Dennis Hendel taking second each in their prospective classes and Dick Benning grabbing third.

The Wednesday night club bash and pizza party is enjoying an average of nineteen boats racing. We encourage all skippers to join in the fun and if you feel uncompetitive, at least help cover the Hendels and that damn Mega.

The race committee request that those on weekly duty fulfill their task of managing the race and ignore the shouts of the racing skippers threatening to turn the flag station into a gallows.

RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

June 28 -- Lorne Gillespie, Dennis Hendel
July 5 -- Jürgen Hendel, Ian Henderson
July 19 -- Art Letts, Terry Mason
July 26 -- Ed Mazak, Rino Masotti
August 2 -- Charlie McDermand, Bob Munden
August 9 -- Al Pavan, Rick Popovich
August 16 -- Rick Renwick, Ken Robataille

CLUB HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Mariners who still require keys for the new main entrance door get in touch with club secretary Rick Renwick.

Now that the South Harbour has been rejuvenated by dredging and with new docks, we are hoping to fill the empty wells with new mariners.

It has been noted that Mr. "Green Jeans" Jack Sloan and Co. have been doing excellent work on the yard. Skippers are requested to take as much pride in their berths as they do in their boats.

CLEAN UP DUTY

July 2 -- Art Letts, Dale Souilliere
July 16 -- Gord Freeman, Frank Hart
July 30 -- Ron Wigle, Bernard Wolter
August 13 -- Terry Mason, Jack Sloan
(one week)

Following is a list of those Mariners who have displayed an academic prowess in the seaman arts.

Power Squadron -- Art Letts, Doris Dalla Bona, Ron Stubing,
Anita Robitaille, Jim McWhinney
Advance Piloting -- Ken Robitaille
Seamanship Sail -- Lorraine Hoffman

MISCELLANEOUS NAUTICAL NONSENSE

For several years Mariner's have been bullied, chased out of the way by those blasted freighters. Now a blow has finally been struck for area sailors. One of our newest skippers challenged one of these steel dreadoughts, registered a hit and withdrew. Who says women are the weaker sex.

A candidate for the Hard Luck Trophy for this year should be the present skipper of Neroid I, a Matilda, which came to grief in home waters. They say Lorne is now taking up skin diving.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL RACE

The second annual Freedom Festival Race on July 2nd will be sponsored by Molson's Brewery and hosted by our club. All entries will receive a Festival medallion and be eligible to win trophies supplied by Molson. Entry forms are available at the bar and must be in by June 30th. A steak barbeque will follow the race -- pick your own/cook your own/for only \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 2 -- Freedom Festival Race
- July 8 -- Cedar Island Yacht Club 100 Mile Race
- Flea Market at club - marine equipment
 and artifacts only
- August 5 -- Downriver Race GIVC