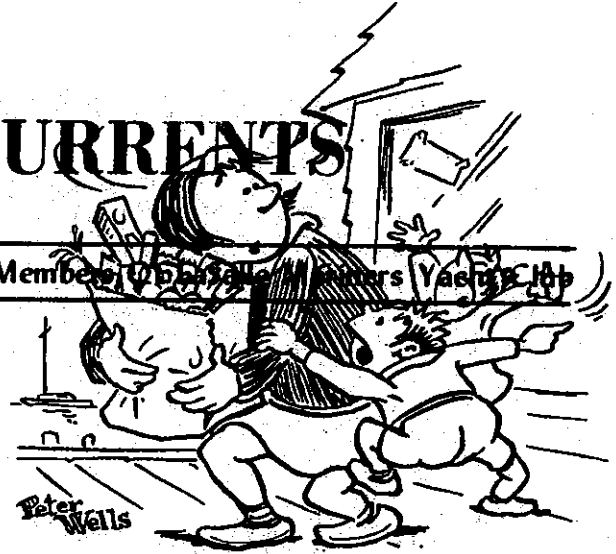
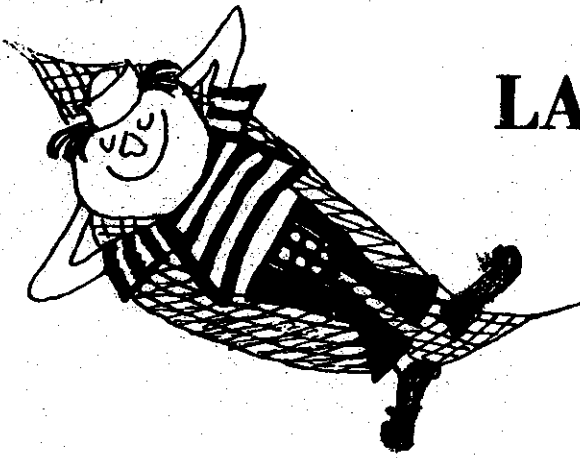


LASALLE CURRENTS

A Newsletter For Members of the Lasalle Yachting Club



AHOY MARINERS!!

"Quick! Daddy's gone into another ship's store!"

As we are getting ready to go to press we are sweltering through the first heatwave of the new season, seeing open water, a very excited Tapani sanding the bottom of his boat and a whole lot of soft earth. Please, treat the club road gently when driving on it.

Here is a hearty welcome to new member Ed Greesik, whose Aloha 28 is still in Oshawa, but should arrive around launch date. Is bending the wind direction an inherent design feature of the Aloha 28, or does "One Tack Jack" really possess supernatural powers? That will be the question! Ed is also an experienced model sail boat builder, and sailor, and is showing much interest in Dennis's "Mini Series". Ed and wife Jean live in Windsor. Fair winds and pleasant sailing!

"To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake." Gazette.

Our apologies for... Getting the dart teams mixed up - Team Superior (they are now) is the youthful all male team, captained by Dennis Hendel; John Geary captains Team Huron, a mixed team with players rotating around work schedules, Team Ontario is a Rubery Family affair assisted by our high scoring Commodore, Marty, the youngest player in the league and Captain Frank, and Dale Souilliere's Eries, the spoilers with a fine mixture of enthusiasm and talent...

Misspelling Aileens pretty name!!

"Open House" proved a success, prompting Ron Price to tell area folks about our Club once more, through the Windsor Daily Star. A very enthusiastic group of sailors from the youngest area club, The Thames River Yacht Club visited the following day (a miscue in dates). It was also the coldest weekend of the winter: eventually freezing the pipes under the Clubhouse.

USYRU, DRYA, ILYA, RIYA, RCYC, LMYC, PHRF, SPSC, IOR, and on and on - often and mostly knowledgably used initials by sailors...

R.I.Y.A. - River Isles Yachting Association, formed in 1963 and quoting here from its constitution: Article II, A - The object of R.I.Y.A. shall be to encourage and promote sail yacht racing. D - To standardize racing rules. H - To make the race schedule, race program, protest committee, sailing awards and other such items for a successful sailboat season. Article III, A - The membership of the R.I.Y.A. shall consist of: B - Members Clubs: Yacht and boat clubs of the U.S.A. and Canada with locations and boating on Lake Erie, Detroit River and their tributaries, and C - Sustaining member: Shall be persons who are members of the yacht and boat clubs of the association.

L.M.Y.C. has been a member club of R.I.Y.A. since 1964 together presently with Grosse Ile Y.C. Ford Y.C., Hickory Island Y.C., Gibraltar S.C., West Shore Y.C., Waters Edge Y.C. L.M.Y.C. is well represented at R.I.Y.A. with two of the Associations past Commodores, R. Clark, and J. Hendel serving on the board of governors

and by D. Ellis (Curley) as a delegate. With L.M.Y.C. the Association has and is enjoying its international status while L.M.Y.C. and its members are enjoying the sailing and social program and hospitality of the U.S. Memberclubs.

The annual memberclub fees of \$25.00 ea., sustaining membership fees at \$5.00 per, and racing yacht registrations at \$15.00 ea. are the only income of R.I.Y.A. with an expected membership of about 130 members and a hopeful 10 registrations, R.I.Y.A. will sponsor a fine regatta program, winter program, maintain its own race committee boat, race markers and all race related gear, purchase all awards, print and mail all correspondence, etc., remaining "non-profit", naturally! The 1979 race program, a totally new concept for R.I.Y.A. is awaiting approval by the members at the General meeting March 25th. The racing season, consisting of three "Regatta Weekends" and two Sunday races will be opening up many weekends for cruising or participation in the many other open regattas. A Regatta weekend will have two races on Saturday with a dinner and dance following, one race on Sunday with the award presentation following.

The Sunday races will not have their separate awards but will be counting in the annual overall award structure. Participation in a minimum eight of these eleven races will assure eligibility for the seasons awards. (Even missing a total weekend series will now keep you in contention for the rest of the season). The dates for these weekends are June 2-3, - July 28, - August 18-19, - Sept. 9, - Sept. 15-16. P.H.R.F. and M.O.R.C. classes will be racing in four or five starts, including a non-spinnaker - P.H.R.F. start. The full R.I.Y.A. schedule is available and be printed in the next issue.

D.R.Y.A. - Detroit River Yachting Association is serving the same purpose as R.I.Y.A. on a larger scale (about twenty clubs) for Lake St. Clair and Detroit River. The Windsor Yacht Club and Southport Sailing Club are members of D.R.Y.A.

There is no space for our promised blurb on the P.H.R.F. system, sorry, next issue (good article in sail, March 1979).

Guest and members alike have nothing but complimentary comments about the "new look" of the club house interior and chairman Ralph Allen is equally pleased with clean up duties performed. Here is his schedule:

March 11 - 24 - A. Buliga, J. Sloan, D. Brigham

Mar. 25 - Apr. 7 - R. Ferguson, B. Wolter

Apr. 8 - 21 - T. Mason, Y. McRobbie

General clean-up consists of: Vacuuming all carpets, damp mop tiled floors, take out garbage, clean washrooms, dust tables and shelves, tidy galley; extra duties at request of house committee - wax tiled floor, clean windows, clean & defrost fridge, clean stove, clean panelling...

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR CLEAN UP DUTIES, PLEASE CONTACT R. ALLEN - 734-8202

Social solatium: St. Patricks Day Party and also a bash for those born in month of March and anyone born, of course. Refreshments and food available (nominal charge), Saturday, March 17th, 8:00 p.m.

Curling Bonspiel - For the experts and beginners alike (practise can be arranged before, if enough people need it) \$15.00 per person will keep you entertained for the day. Please consult poster on bulletin board. Saturday March 31.

Race Meeting Race Comm. Chairman I. Henderson, seasons schedules, format, rules, handicap systems, etc., assisted by J. Hendel. Fried chicken - RSVP Yvonne (Red) Sunday, April 8th 6:00 p.m. (come in after working on your boat).

Flotsam

Remember An amendment of small vessel regulation! Previously excluded: Pleasure boats 18-26 feet must now carry 6 distress signals of either type A-BorC, you may mix these or have all one type:

- Type A (Parachute flare)
- Type B (Fires twin rockets)
- Type C (orange smoke flare)

Boats 26 feet and larger - 6 of the 12 mandatory pyrotechnic distress signals must be either: Type A-BorC, the remaining 6 may be Type D (a smoke float), all must be D.O.T. approved - exempt are open boats, not equipped for sleeping when they are preparing to race or are racing only.

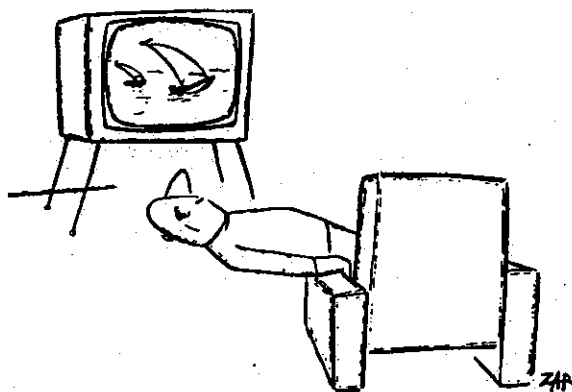
SEEN - Our John Geary in Havana, Cuba, trying to convince Fidel Castro that smoking is bad for his health.....

Did you notice us making a small change to a prominent part of the "Currents" with every issue? Yep, and we are continuing these changes up to and including the July issue. How many changes will you detect?

Fighting Island, most of it serving as a dumping ground for BASF Co. has risen to a height of about 30 ft. at its centre. But its lower end is only being built up by about 8 inches, instead of the previous 18" a year, so claims BASF! Wondering about those new higher dikes at the southend?

SEEN - Red under the lee of Tortola, learning to sail and thence just sailing... the ultimate guarantee?

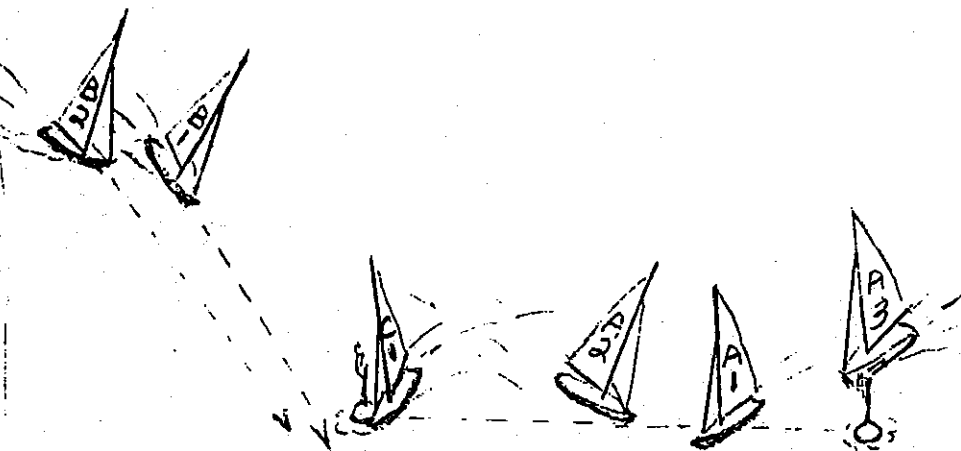
For the less fortunate....Hang in there, it won't be long now!



KNOW YOUR RULES?

A = Rule 38.1 states a yacht clear ahead or a leeward yacht ("A1") may luff as she pleases and "A1" will enjoy this right until "A2" can claim a "mast abeam" position. More on this later. B = Rule 37.3 a fundamental rule. A yacht which establishes an overlap to leeward from clear astern ("B2") shall allow the windward yacht ("B1") ample room and opportunity to keep clear, and during the existence of that overlap the leeward yacht shall not sail above her proper course. "B2" making contact on the leeward side of "B1" is subject to protest here. C = Rule 37.1 a fundamental rule of the same tack rules simply reads: A windward yacht ("C2") shall keep clear of a leeward yacht, "C1". (Even if "C2" is a maxi ketch under spinnaker, blooper, vanged down main, mizzen, spinnaker, and mizzen.

A = Rule 36 & 51.5
B = Rule 42.1 (a) (iv)
C = Rule 52.1 (b) & 45



A tight "situation" at the finish line! "C1" has contacted the finish mark. Determine the finishing order of the boat on or near the line and the rights of the individual competitors.

Dear Skippy,

A couple of people I know well take me sailing sometimes, and I enjoy it very much. My problem is they don't take me racing. I feel I could contribute a great deal in the cockpit tailing. The problem is I think lack of proper deck shoes for my paws, my sizes are 3" x 3" (front 2) and 1" x 2" (rear 2).

Thank you
Reggie

Dear Reg,

I think your barking up the wrong spar.

Dear Skippy,

My very existence is being threatened, let me explain. My new owner and crew have a reputation for hard driving and reckless driving, this would not be so bad if their former craft hadn't suffered the awful fate of running into fishing craft, demeaned with name calling (dog etc.), being barked at and accused of going "soft, raced out" etc. etc. I am depressed please help!

A33 hull #3

Dear A33,

Launch is April 21st be there!!!!

The above is a new regular feature of LaSalle Currents, see the Editor for publication of any boating or related questions.

Skippy

FOR SALE

Honda 9.9 outboard, less than 10 hrs. running asking \$850.00 call Ron Stuebing 736-5582

CALENDAR

March 10 - Teen Party
March 17 - St. Patrick's day party
March 18 - General Meeting
March 31 - Curling Bonspiel
April 8 - Race Meeting

con't from last weeks story: Piracy on Lake Erie

Some of the men on board the boat during its capture said that they were Confederate solkiers, and they ran up the Confederate flag. Their purpose, they said, was to board the U. S. S. Michigan, capture it, release the 3,000 prisoners of war on Johnson's Island, and then capture Sandusky, which would be headquarters for an attempt upon the Northwest, to release prisoners and occupy the territory for the Confederates.

To understand this plot and its part in the whole Confederate scheme, it is necessary to retrace our steps in time and location, and to begin at Sandusky with the appearance upon the scene of one Charles H. Cole, who represented himself to be an oil man from Titusville, Pennsylvania. He and Anne Davis, alias Anna Brown, were regular visitors at the famous Sandusky hotel, the West House, located at the corner of Water Street and Columbus Avenue, with a good view of the Bay and its activities, and of Johnson's Island, where the Federal Government in 1862 had erected a prison in which were committed some 3,000 captives, mostly Confederate officers. The usual stories of expected raids upon the island prison for the release of the prisoners were current, and as a safeguard, the sole United States armed vessel on the Great Lakes, the Michigan, was stationed in Sandusky Bay to protect the island.

It is reported that Cole was a lavish entertainer, and that the special objects of his attention were the officers of the Michigan. There is some report that he kept a sizable bank account in one of the Sandusky banks in the name of the Mount Hope Oil Company of which he was represented to be secretary. He came and went, and did business through the telegraph offices, with other persons in other parts of the states, under the name of the oil company.

Cole is reported to have been summoned into secret service as a military officer, with orders to report to the Hon. Jake Thompson, formerly Secretary of the Interior under Buchanan, who now served as the head of the Confederate Government in Canada, with headquarters in Toronto. Cole was assigned to the command of the Department of Ohio, with headquarters at Sandusky. He reported that Major Tom Hinds at Chicago had the state of Illinois; Major Castleman at Centralia had Indiana. These men were to work with the Confederate underground, and with Northern sympathizers, through organizations such as "Knights of the Golden Circle," "Sons of Liberty," etc.

A time was chosen for a united effort, and originally set to coincide with the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Four thousand sympathetic men were said to be in Chicago. At that convention the war was declared to be a failure, and the Northwest in its discontent was a fertile field. However, General Early deferred his attack upon Washington, which was to be a keynote of this plot, so that the whole effort was postponed from July until September. Cole reports that he telegraphed from Detroit to Charley Walsh, Major Hinds' assistant, on the morning of the 19th before leaving for Sandusky:

Close out all the stock in the Mount Hope Oil Company before three o'clock today. Be prompt.

This was supposed to be the signal for raids to release about 8,000 Confederate prisoners at Camp Douglas, near Chicago; 8,000 more at Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio; 4,000 more at Camp Morton near Indianapolis; and to officer these groups with men to be released from Johnson's Island prison in Sandusky Bay. To that last business, Major Cole was himself to attend- and he was to arrange a dinner party on board the U.S.S. Michigan with drugged wine as a special treat for his officer friends.

What happened at this point varies according to the source of information; but since the plot failed, it is probably best to take the word of Commander J. C. Carter of the Michigan as reported in the Sandusky Register, that he had been in communication with certain parties in Detroit and elsewhere for some time concerning the conspiracy, and on Sunday, the 18th, he sent Ensign C. C. Eddy to the West House. That night at midnight, he received a dispatch from Lieutenant Colonel Hill at Detroit as follows:

con't next month....

L.M.Y.C. MEETING AGENDA MARCH 18, 1979

Meeting to Order 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Minutes approval.

Committee Chairman reviews.

Establishment of Spring work parties.

Discussion to determine consensus of membership regarding real estate holdings and development.

New business proposed from the general membership.

Adjourn.