

LASALLE CURRENTS

A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

May 15th, 1979

AHOY MARINERS!

Well, they all seem to float well and even the staccato beat of clanging halyards sounds pleasantly melodic... A well organized launch it was* And if the weather will be a little more cooperative now, we will all know that winter is really over! For one, spring came very early for he was seen dashing about in a small sailboat when the ice moved out, Bob (Munden), of course!
*By lunch time most of the work was done, and the ladies served delicious goodies and refreshments to keep everyone content. By Sunday afternoon most spars were up.

Here is the new watch coming on deck:

- Jim Kainz
- Eric and Emily Oldenburg
- Ted and Millie Parent
- Ken Reaume
- G. David and Margaret Evans
- Bob and Monique Goyeau
- Philip K. and June Smith

Welcome aboard!

In the last Newsletter, there was a question asked about a new and better lawnmower, what with all that expanse of grass! Well, a riding mower with all the bells and whistles is now ready to do the job! A gift to the club from Bob(Williams) and Curly (Ellis) who feel they cannot contribute enough time and labour to the club. We shall also go on record here to thank those who assist financially in lieu of physical assistance to keep the club shipshape, so, when a work party is called, please, show up! Become a member of the group called "Dirty dozen, less six"!

Those that attended the race meeting of April 8th voted to have two club race series, spring and fall, with a midsummer break this season, with a nominal fee being charged to offset the cost of the extra awards, also voting on the date of Sunday, July 1st as the only possible date for the club's "Freedom Festival Regatta". This, unfortunately is also the date of T.R.Y.C.'s new annual Lake St. Clair Regatta.

The primary rating systems for club races and regattas will be P.H.R.F. the decision of the Hendersons and Allens to serve as a permanent race committee in 1979 met with great applause!

The format of the "Currents" will change somewhat with the season and will keep you up to date with race dates, results, protests etc. As the official race season starts with the Shakedown we can only report that a small group tried their boats on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. in nice and gentle south winds in a impromptu "Race". All we can say is that the high waterlevel is misleading.

(1) But, ah shakedown is nearing! Chairman Ian must find at least your support in filing your entry at the earliest possible time, so important for him to get all the "scratch sheets" done and to get a feel of the type of the fleet.

There are no changes from previous years except of a split class in P.H.R.F. and a separate start granted to the C&C 25's. It looks like a big fleet of about a hundred boats, some and their crews will be guests of L.M.Y.C. with the normal rafting, extra cars and hustle and bustle of a good time. There will be some impromptu partying but the ladies are inviting us again to sample and enjoy their culinary treats after returning from the Bay. There will be coffee and dough-nuts on race morning.

(2) The second "practice race" on Sunday, May 6th saw a bigger and very enthusiastic fleet charge the starting line for a common start and a bit of excitement! South winds of 10-12 knots and brilliant sunshine at long last!... Rino and crew used a perfect start to stay on top of the whole fleet until "Elan" and "Hot Licks" got by at the bottom end of Turkey Island. "R-Escape" and "Rhiannon" traded positions and the order of rounding the #2 course mark was "Elan", "Hot Licks", "Rhiannon", "R-escape", and "Gallant Lady". Rino and crew demonstrated their quiet way of sailing "R-escape" fast passing the Duet on the spinnaker run and these two exchanged positions several times on the run to the finish. "Hot Licks" was first to finish followed by "Elan", "Rhiannon" "R-escape" and "Reverie". Rino corrected to a well deserved first place by 6 seconds over "Rhiannon" with "Elan" finishing third.

FLOTSAM....

There are two very small boats sailing around the club, sailed by two large "boys". One boat is very conventional the other looks weird, one sails very nicely the other fell on its side....(300 grams of ballast has since been added) these two are tuning up for the expected other model boat competitors.

SOCIAL CALENDAR:

A "get acquainted" party is planned for Saturday, May 26th, 8:00 p.m. it is a get together of the "old timers" and the many new members. Details will follow and will be on the bulletin board.

Congratulations to the L.M.Y.C. ROADRUNNER!



We do have one in the club - Doris Dalla Bona, of course,! After 3.1 miles of hard running Doris came through with a Second Place in the Belle Isle Run sponsored by the downtown Y.W. C. A. Detroit, finishing in 28 minutes and 21 seconds. Eat your heart out Coyote!!!

Clean Up Schedule

May 6 - 19 C. Bennett - J. Citron - R. Goyeau - J. Hendel

May 29 - June 2 H. Porter - Ch. McDermand - M. Albrecht.

June 3 - 16 - R. Renwick - J. Yankovich



Good advice for all sailors!

(Kind of looks like Jorg Albrecht and Dennis Clark)!

Piracy on the Lake con't

D. K. Huntington of North Olmsted, Ohio, was a passenger on the Island Queen. He was one of a group of 25 men who had returned from their 100-day enlistments, to be mustered out at Toledo, and went A.W.O.L. for a week end on the islands, since they learned that the mustering-out officer would not appear at Toledo before the 20th. When they were at Kelleys Island, their friend Alfred Kelly, manager of the Island Queen, said that if they would await the return of the boat from Sandusky, he would send her to Toledo with the men. So, they were apparently en route when they touched at Middle Bass and made fast to Philo Parsons.

Bennett G. Burley, 22 years old, who with John Yeats Beall, about 30, led the capture of the two boats, escaped into Canada, but was apprehended and extradition was requested by the United States under an indictment returned by a grand jury at Port Clinton, Ohio, for theft of a \$20 Treasury note. The case was heard by Recorder Duggan in Toronto, who rendered his decision on January 20, 1865, that the prisoner should be extradited. On appeal, the order was unanimously confirmed by a three-judge court of common law in Toronto. The Chief Judge held that the fact that the person is charged with piracy committed in a foreign country, ought not to prevent the government of that country where the fugitive is found, surrendering him on the other charge-the government of the latter country is bound to try him for the offense for which he is surrendered and not for any other or different offense. So, on July 11, 1865, the trial began at the Court House in Port Clinton. Mr. Ashley of the Philo Parsons, and Captain Orr of the Island Queen, and William Rehberg of Middle Bass were witnesses. Alfred Russell of Detroit and J. M. Root of Sandusky represented the prosecution, while Sylvester Larned and Judge Rufus Ranney of Cleveland, defended Burley before Judge Fitch, of Toledo sitting by assignment. Incidentally, Burley was brought down from Detroit on the Philo Parsons by the United States Marshall and was transferred in the middle of Sandusky Bay to the steamer General Grant, then taken to Plaster Bed, thence to Port Clinton by the Sheriff of Ottawa County.

The sum and substance of the charge to the jury by Judge Fitch was that a state of war was existing, and the Confederacy had appointed the defendant an Acting Master, and that he was under the orders of Beall, who engaged to capture the U. S. S. Michigan. Was this man executing the orders of his government? If so, it would take away the right to punish him under the civil law for robbing for his own personal benefit, his commission would not shield him. The only act the jury had to look to was the robbery charged. He had a right if commissioned, to take the boat, money, or other property for the furtherance of his government, but not for his own private purpose. The jury deliberated for five hours, disagreed, and was discharged.

The Detroit Tribune was not very kind to Judge Fitch:

Was he insane; was he drunk; was he in the rebel army; was he making Copperhead speeches-where was he? Judge Fitch evidently needs looking after. If he is an ignoramus he ought to be removed. If he is a rebel sympathizer he ought to be impeached. We may be pardoned, in this locality, for some feeling upon the subject of this decision.

John Yeats Beall did not fare so well. Besides being involved in the Johnson's Island conspiracy he was also indentified with the attempt to derail a Lake Shore train (supposed to carry Cole) in New York state. He was apprehended at Niagara City, New York, on December 16, 1864, in company with one Anderson, who testified as to the facts on the railroad matter, in the effort to capture the train between Dunkirk and Buffalo. Mr. Ashley testified as to the piracy on Lake Erie. It didn't help any to learn from a guard at the Mulberry Street Police Station that Beall tried to elude his way out while confined there. His trial began February 1, 1865, before a Military Commission at Fort Lafayette in New York Harbor, on two charges: six specifications of violation of the laws of war, of which the first four charges concerned the Lake Erie incident; and three specifications of acting as a spy, of which the first two concerned Lake Erie. On February 8, 1865, the accused was found guilty on both charges and in fact, on eight of the nine specifications and he was sentenced to be hanged. For technical reasons, the sentence was suspended but merely referred back to the Commission, which corrected the finding, and reaffirmed their sentence, following which Beall was hanged on Governor's Island February 24, 1865.

It is not known how much credence can be given to Cole's further story concerning Beall. Beall is unquestionably a native of Virginia. It is said he was an intimate friend of John Wilkes Booth, who made an earnest attempt to save his life. It is said further that Secretary Stanton interfered with the President's inclination to commute Beall's sentence and that this failure to save his friend's life preyed upon Booth's mind. It will be recalled that the newspapers of the nation carried the news of the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth in their editions of April 15, 1865.

Piracy on Lake Erie con't

A manifesto issued by Jefferson Davis as President of the Confederate States of America on December 24, 1864, acknowledges that the enterprise for the capture of the U. S. S. Michigan and for the release of "numerous citizens of the Confederate States, held as prisoners of war by the United States at a certain island called Johnson's Island", was a proper and legitimate belligerent operation, ordered, directed and sustained by the Government of the Confederate States. Residents of Sandusky recall that battery of guns was mounted at the entrance to Sandusky Bay, on Cedar Point!

LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB

1979 Yacht Racing Registration
SPRING AND FALL SERIES

OWNER'S NAME _____
TYPE OF YACHT _____
STATE LARGEST GENOA L.P. UNDER 156% _____
156%-170% _____
over-170% _____

YACHT NAME _____
SAIL NO. _____
SPINNAKER COLOURS _____

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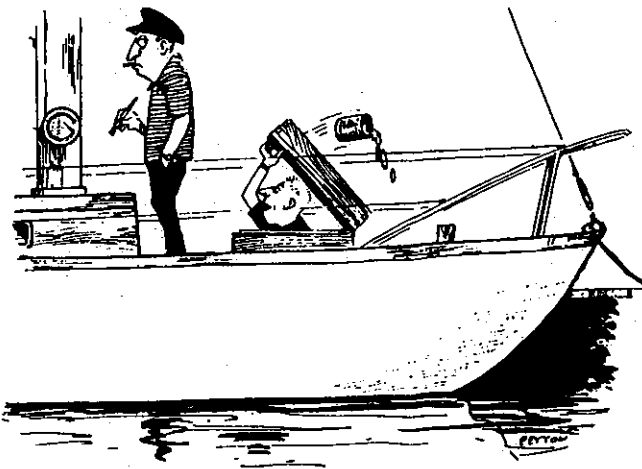
A fee of \$5.00 has been set to help cover the cost of awards. Fee covers Spring and Fall Series single-handed race, and women's race.

Cheques payable to Lasalle Mariners Yacht Club. Mail to: Ian Henderson
420 Indian Rd.
Windsor, Ontario
N9C 2M4

Applications must be received before May 23rd, 1979 or your times will not be taken. Race dates, yacht ratings and results will be posted on bulletin board at the club.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!!- Hopefully we will be able to schedule more than one race this season, but it has been decided to have the first Bikini Cup Race on the 24th day of June, 1979. 2:00 p.m.

- Race Schedule: May 19-20 Shakedown L.M.Y.C.
- May 23rd - 2nd Club Race 7:00 p.m.
- May 30th - 3rd Club Race 7:00 p.m.
- May 26-27-28- Memorial Day Open
- June 2-3 - R.I.Y.A. Regatta Weekend
- June 9 - Port to Port
- June 16 - Commodore Perry race
- June 23 - G.I.Y.C. Day race
- June 30 - W.S.S.C. Regatta



"Finished with the varnish, Skip?"

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FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF APRIL 20, 1979

1978 FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD \$ 7,606
(Excluding Refreshment Account)

RECEIPTS thru April 20, 1979 \$ 9,240

LESS: DISBURSEMENTS

Clubhouse Renovations & Repairs\$ 3,510
Taxes 228
Insurance 636
Rental House Repairs 1,049
Awards Banquet 500
Advances 300
Mortgage 3,000
G.I.Y.C. 169
Utilities 800
Refunds 325
Miscellaneous 185

\$10,702

NET DISBURSEMENTS \$ (1,462)

FUNDS BALANCE \$ 6,144

MEMO: Current Account \$3,144
Savings Account 3,000
TOTAL..... \$6,144


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