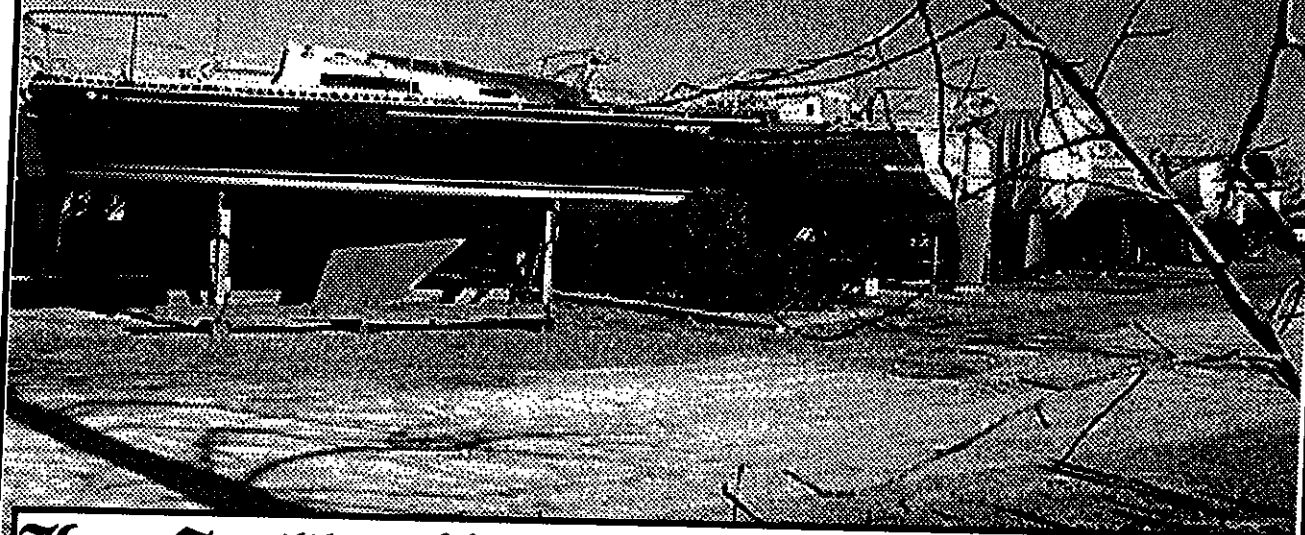


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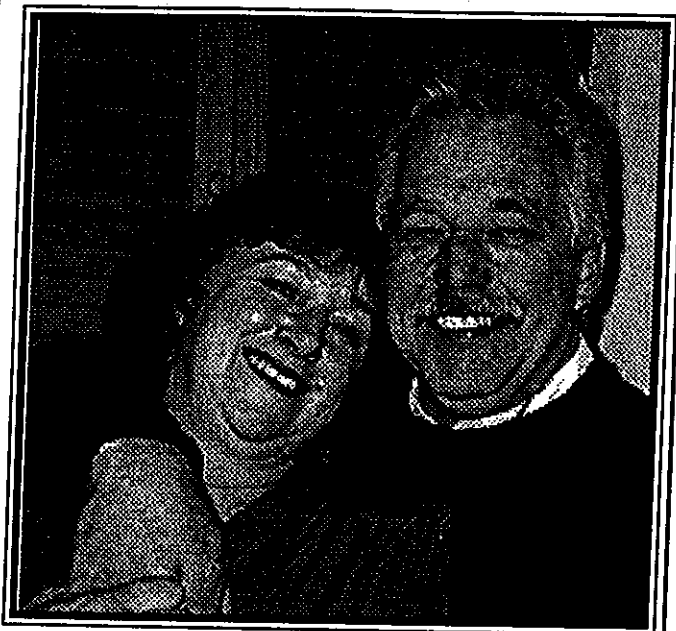
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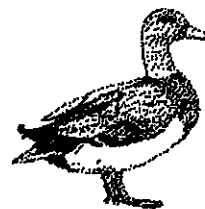
CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Doris and Ralph Kepran who during the month of March celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss.

Notice

The Grey Duck Bay CO-OP would like to thank you for using our service. Since all of our members are equally important to us, we pledge to provide you with the best possible service at all times. Our goal is to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction. Those members who have not made contributions lately are encouraged to do so.



Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Robert and Carol Ferguson (Members) on the passing of his father Frank, (Fergy) 87 years. Yours prayers are most appreciated.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Elaine Prettyman

Hello All,

Here it is Spring, and like everyone else we are trying to get organized. Hopefully, everyone received their newsletter package (including membership cards, event calendar, phone list, etc.). If you haven't received it, please call me at 978-9820. If you would like to be included in our e-mail directory, please drop me a byte at eprettym@jet2.net, and I'll add your address to my list.

In the next few weeks, the bulletin boards will be reorganized. Boats for sale will be put on the large notice board outside the clubhouse. A small board will be set up near the race results "window", and small size notices (4x6) of items for sale can be placed there. The bulletin board beside the ladies washroom is for club announcements, upcoming events, thank you cards, and correspondence from other clubs. Items placed on the for sale and event bulletin boards will be left for approx. one month, giving everyone a chance to read the "news". The board at the front door will have our club phone list, emergency phone numbers, etc.

A new large size calendar has been posted on the door to the handicapped washroom/storage room, and shows the dates marked on the event calendar. There are still two events to be given dates: The Boatwise program, and the Cadet White Sail Week. These dates will be marked on the calendar as soon as they are available.

Currently the search is on for "permanent wall space" to house our reciprocal agreement cards for the 1998 season, and future seasons.

To the "First Mates" of the Club, I urge you to put together your "before April 25th list of things that need to be done at home prior to launch, or you will have to wait until after November for any "household" type work projects (ie. Fixing the leaky faucet!).

Thanks to Perry and Gloria for a great PC Party. Everyone had a great time.

Interest has been expressed in having a Ladies get together in April (possibly the Saturday night of the Easter weekend). Anyone interested should contact June or myself.

LMYC has been sailing for 30 years. May this be our best season yet!

Of Special Note:

Lindy Walker's new harbour 737 Ouellette #1711
N9A 6T2 Phone: 258-6471

POT LUCK THEME NIGHT

APRIL 4, 1998 7:00 P.M.

AT LA SALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB.

This Year Gloria and I thought we would like to try something different and unusual for the pot luck theme night so here's the concept. Your all welcome to come and bring your favorite "Italian Style Pasta Sauce", or what ever your description is for this item, whether it be Primavera, Marinara, Clam Sauce, or Good Old Fashioned Meatballs. Remember, **BRING THE SAUCE ONLY**. A few will be asked to bring different types of Salads and Gloria and I will bring various types of Pasta and Rolls, ready to serve, and of course, desserts. Please call Gloria at 972 5949 and let her know what type of pasta you would like to have ready for your Sauce. Please don't go overboard and bring too much. The idea is to have enough available for everyone to try a selection, get to share your favorite and experience others! It should be another fun night out, and not too expensive either. Make it a date! We'll see you at "CLUB NAUTICA RISTORANTE", 7:00 P.M., La Salle Mariners Yacht Club.

Perry & Gloria Basden



Who Lost Their Boat Box?

General Meeting

April 19, 1998

Preparation For Launch
Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes

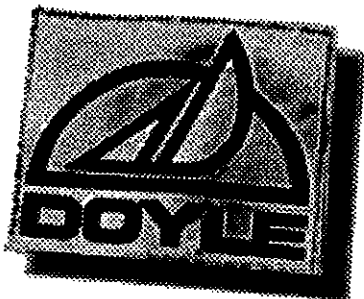




SAIL CLINIC 98-



Sunday, March the 8th was a dreary, rainy day, but just the right kind of day for wintering sailors to engage in their favourite pastime which is to look at shapes to analyse, criticise and evaluate. **Sail shapes of course!**



They joined sailmaker Spike Boston and sons Tac and Brad for the second of their sail clinics. Some of the audience had made the trip to the sail loft in Pt. Edward (Sarnia) for the first session and probably found another old sail in the garage to be looked over. Others were new comers and most brought an assortment of mains and jibs, cruising, racing, high-tech fabrics and dacrons.

For the uninitiated, I will briefly describe this sail evaluation. The loft is equipped with a taut, horizontal cable, spanning the building at waist height. It simulates a mast or a headstay. Sails are attached to it with their hanks or clips. The owners of a sail would then see it "hoisted", a tackle doing the job of the halyard, and one person holding the clew of the sail. Beautifully simple and totally adjustable, this system can duplicated any condition a sail may have seen, or will experience, including mast bend or head stay sag, except wind.

A critical and candid evaluation by Spike (and the audience) would then reveal the good and the bad of the sail. A tip about proper trim or set up to cure a malady, the need for a recut or just a tweak here and there may do wonders for some. In all cases, every one attending these sessions normally returned with knowledge gained.

A properly set and trimmed sail is a joy to behold and since new ones are expensive it does not hurt to treat the old ones with respect. Remember there is no substitute for boat speed.

Noted with interest: The prize this time was a highly "stressed" spinnaker (River Rat Race '97') with a claimed minor tear. "Colour of the new panel? Unimportant!"

Although both sail clinics were not only advertised at LMYC, the attending numbers showed that LMYC overwhelmed the 'OTHERS'.

Think Sailing - Juergen Hendel -

Project H.M.S. Detroit News Update

After 15 years in the making, the board of directors announced on February 27th that the project is only \$65.000 away from commencing construction on the Tall Ship.

The \$65.000 will be used to cover the cost of drafting a complete construction drawings which will include necessary materials and equipment.

Once the blueprints are complete and sponsors in place, Hike Metal of Wheatley is ready to start construction. The construction drawings and associated fund raising will be completed in three phases.

Phase I, which will cost \$21.000, will be a blue print of the main hull.

Once funding is reached for this phase and the blueprint completed construction of the hull would begin.

The HMS Detroit will be 126 feet in length, have 11 sails and operate with a crew of 45. Once completed it will be the largest tall ship sailing the Great Lakes.

LMYC members are encouraged to join up and be part of history in the making.

- Robert Ferguson -





Wine Appreciation At LMYC



Wine Appreciation Night at LMYC was another great success. This yearly tradition boasted over 90 guests for the evening. The clubhouse was standing room only with guests and members squeezed into every available space. The LMYC philosophy is that learning about wine and food should be a delightful and delicious experience. Enjoying many years of tremendous appeal, LMYC Wine Appreciation Night has affectionately been referred to as an adult candy store. And, who doesn't love candy? The evening was organized by club members Carol and Bob Ferguson, Bernard and Holly Wolter, and Gord and Diane Freeman. Special guest for the evening was Steven Brook from the Vintages at "The Roundhouse Centre", who along with Chef Bernard took us on a WORLD TOUR of wines and food.



What made the night great was that you didn't have to be an expert or a connoisseur to take part. The World Tour with Steven Brook and Chef Bernard answered your questions about selecting just the right wine to go with a specific dinner (or choosing the right course to go with a special wine), and for

me all the other tasty issues that lie on the boundary between food and wine. A communal tasting is a good way for you to discover what wine styles you prefer. Comparing the bouquets, flavours and "mouth-feel" of different wines will enable you to make your own judgments more satisfactorily. Keeping the memory of a taste in your mind while you compare it with what is in your glass is very difficult and I failed miserably.

During the evening we experienced 7 different wines beginning with a 1995 Segura Viudas - Spanish Cavall (Sparkling) and ending with Canadian Framboise, a ripe luscious raspberry wine from Vaughan, Ontario which was



Steven Brook and Carol Ferguson



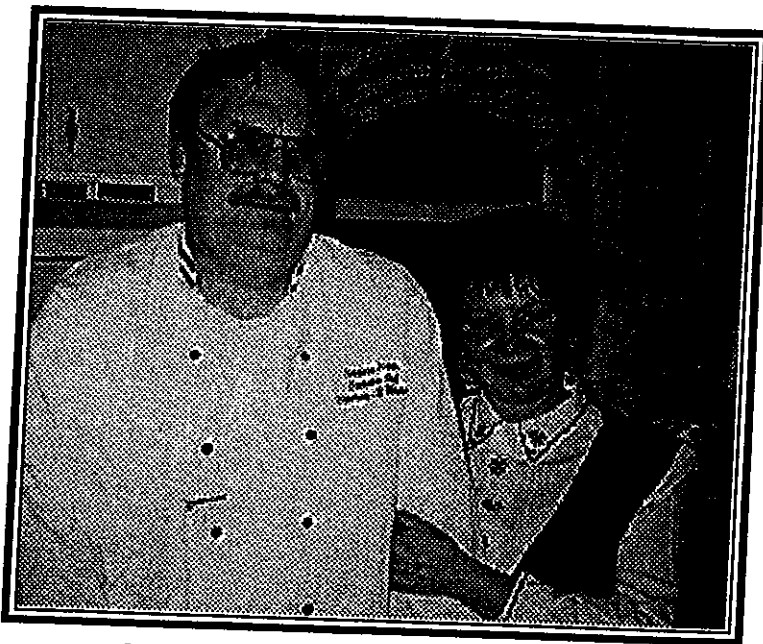
my favourite this evening. Strongly flavoured but not weighty and moderately sweet.

In the past I have had the opportunity to see and taste some of the goodies that Chef Bernard has created and this evening was no exception. His seafood stuffed mushroom caps was out of this world and people were coming back for more until the supply was exhausted. What struck me about Chef Bernard was not just his cuisine but the pure energy and exuberance that he projected about his food. His was genuinely excited to be doing his thing. I just knew that when I finally ate that this energy would translate on the plate. Boy was I right!! Chef Bernard's menu showed an eclectic diversity that had me pondering on just were to start and worried that I might be too full and miss something wonderful. So I just decided to eat a lot and I did.

The evening ended with a raffle of two bottles of wine donated by Segrams, and the winners were Juergen Hendel and Linda Schreiber.

Special thanks to Carol and Bob Ferguson, Bernard and Holly Wolter, Gord and Diane Freeman, and Steven Brook, who without their hard work and effort this evening would not have been the success it was.

Finally, true wine appreciators always travel with a corkscrew. Have you ever heard of a hockey player turning up to a game without a stick? Remember your tools for next year.



Chef Bernard Wolter and Wife Holly



Jeff and Laurie Williams



Liz and John Metcalf





Wine Appreciation Night at L.M.Y.C



Gus Martin and Linda Guy



John Amyot Junior and Kelly Wigle



Juergen Hendel and Linda Schreiber



Katrina Ackermann,
Ralph and Doris Kepran

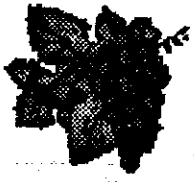


Paul and Faye Laing



Bob and Jean Williams





L.M.Y.C. Wine Appreciation Night



Bob and Andrea Bingham



John Amyot Senior and Gail White



Roy and Gail Oliver



Phil and June Smith



Maggie Evans and Yvonne McRobbie



Bob Reaume and Sue Ouellette



PAST COMMODORE'S BALL

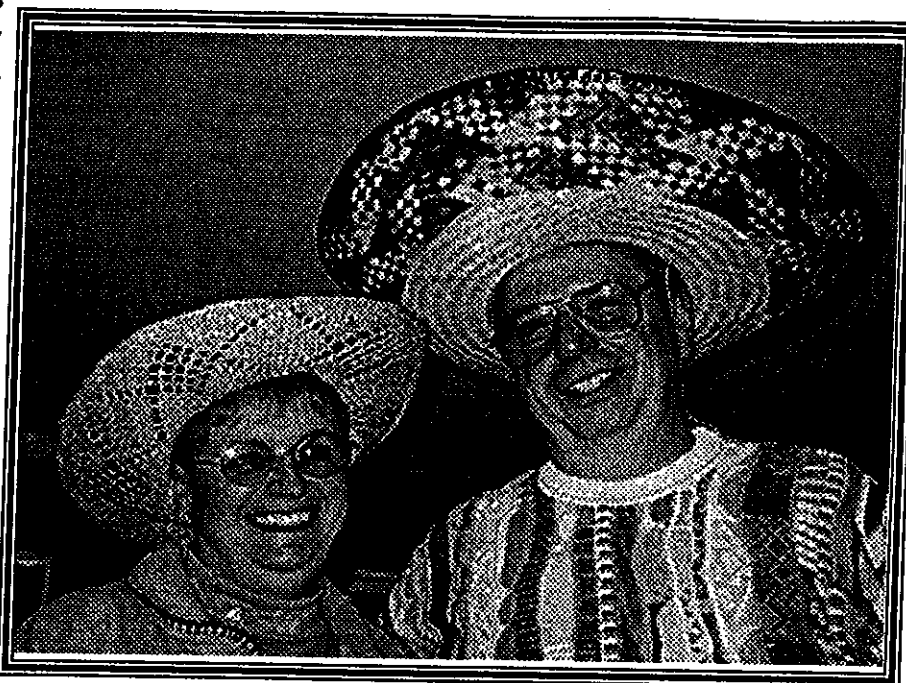


The Past Commodore's Ball came off very nicely with a good attendance, fine Mexican food, excellent Mexican refreshments, and most of all we enjoyed poking fun at Ralph Allen. This was his day and most of all we were proud to honour him. This was yet another chance to get together with members and friends, perhaps to discuss sharing equipment or anti-fouling paint; or just to enjoy a night out. But most important, it was a chance to honour Ralph Allen for his work on behalf of the club during 1997.

It's easy to overlook the time and effort the commodore put into the job. Some jobs are much clearly more visible than others.

Ralph during his year of tenure has demonstrated a clear commitment to LMYC and its members. During the evening Ralph Allen was presented with the Past-Commodore flag to commemorate his term of office, and a fine bottle of Scotch.

As I'm sure everyone appreciates, an event of this importance and magnitude could not take place were it not for many people working behind the scenes. The behind the scenes organization and lead time to prepare for this event are incredible and it is because of these people that the evening goes off without a hitch. Thank you for the members and friends who attended and to Perry and Gloria Basden for planning this event.



Molly Allen and Ralph Allen (Past Commodore)



Ralf Fiedler, John Amyot Junior, Bob Reaume, Juergen Hendel, Sam Irwin, Jim Blackton, Ralph Kepran

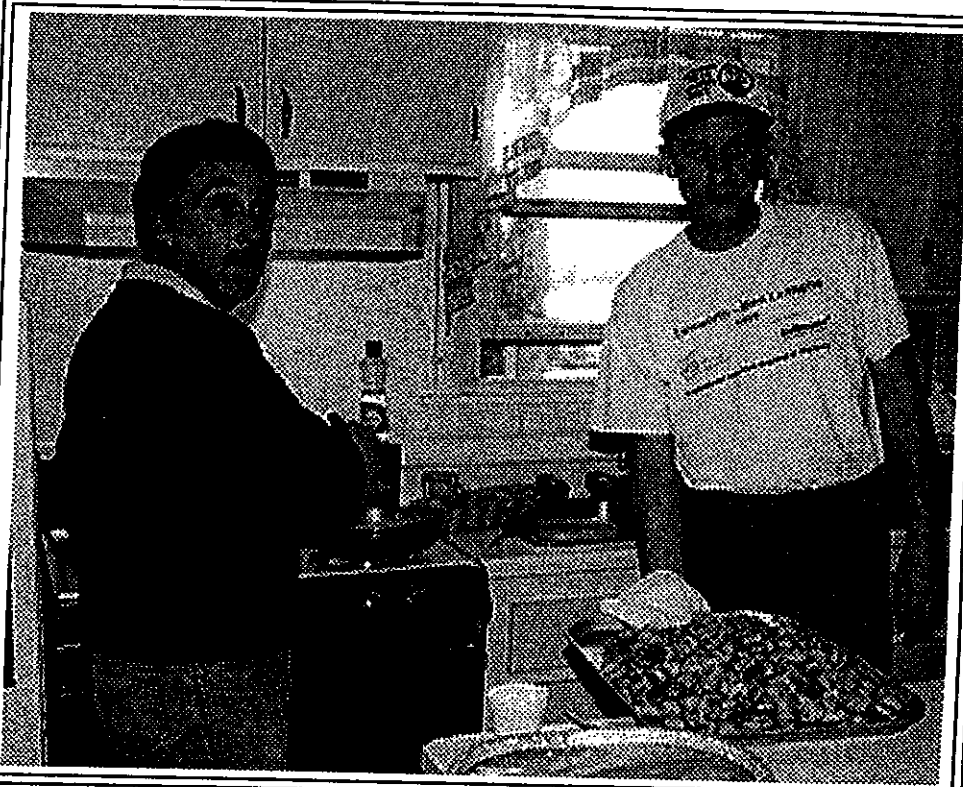




Racers' Breakfast

Breakfast at LMYC is cheerful, simple, and unpretentious, with an emphasis on nature and light. The spacious club and kitchen displays knotty-pine walls, carpeted floors, and nautical prints on white painted walls. Potted plants complement hand crafted knotty-pine furnishings. Someone here clearly has the makings of a green thumb. The Racers' Breakfast bespeaks of home and family to everyone who steps through its welcoming doors.

Chef Prettyman and Chef Murphy were happy to introduce club members and guests to their services and were looking forward to provide members and guests



with a delicious, mouth watering breakfast menu. The price was quite reasonable (\$3.00) for the level of food and service one receives.

Breakfast consisted of two eggs with ham, bacon and sausage. This was served with fresh hash brown potatoes and toast, followed by an excellent freshly brewed cup of coffee.

Pigging out before the meeting is a great way to bond.

Before the meeting we saw Extreme Racing Videos from Australia which during one race had a momentary EYE opening diversion.

The race meeting was chaired by Robert Reaume and lasted about 40 minutes with about 35 racers in attendance. Some of the highlights of the meeting:

- ✓ Change for spring and fall season. 10 races in the spring. First 9 to be held in the spring and the 10th to be counted for the fall season. Eight races in the fall. (9 races for spring/fall)
- ✓ Juergen Hendel suggested that all racers purchase the new racing rule book.
- ✓ First race slated for May 13 th.
- ✓ Sam Irwin discussed the importance of PFD and the US prescription to the effect that personal flotation shall be worn when starting and finishing races. Sam indicated that members of LMYC would be offered a tremendous discount if they purchased a new PFD from Sea & Ski during the month of April.
- ✓ Race Fees were to be paid up front or you would not be entered.
- ✓ Also the following rule was discussed and clarified.
- ✓ A person may not skipper a boat in a race or series where their own boat is registered in the same class, race or series. Also all skippers must be club members.



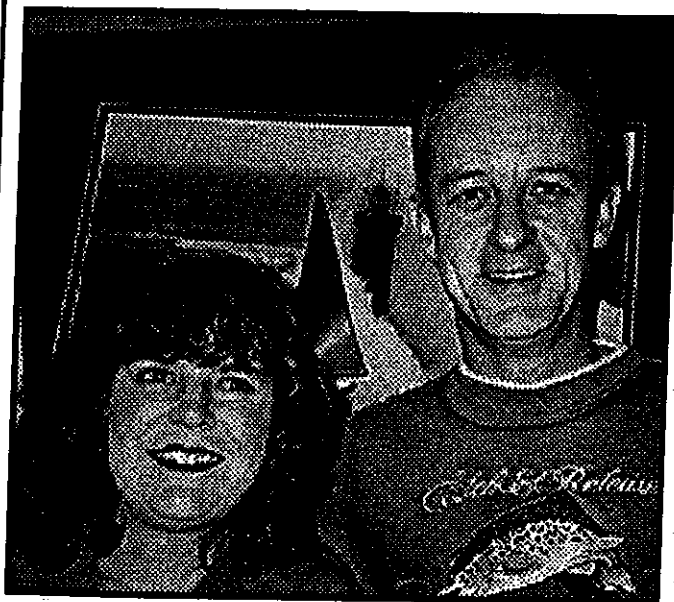
L.H.D.C. Photo Gallery



*Wine Appreciation Night
Andy and Carol Bellehumeur*



*Wine Appreciation Night
Jessica and Chris Barron*



*Past Commodore's Ball
Elaine and Al an Prettyman*



*Wine Appreciation Night
Bob and Carol Ferguson*



*Past Commodore's Ball
Gloria and Perry Basden*

REGIONAL CADET SAILING SCHOOL (CENTRAL)

SAILING CENTRE #6



Shirley Beresford
Lieutenant (N)
Officer Commanding



Spring is coming. Only 2 months to launch. Lots of interesting things happening this year. Sub-Lieutenant Nick Kouvalis and I are busy instructing White Sail Theory classes during March and April to the Sea Cadets at AGAMEMNON. This year for the first time, we have a cadet CYA Green Instructor helping with the instruction as well. When the cadets come out sailing in the summer, all they will need to do is improve on their Practical Skills and be evaluated for the appropriate level. White Sail II is required for promotion to Petty Officer Second Class. Our goal is to have Sailing Badges on the uniform of every cadet by the year 2000. It is our goal for the Millennium!

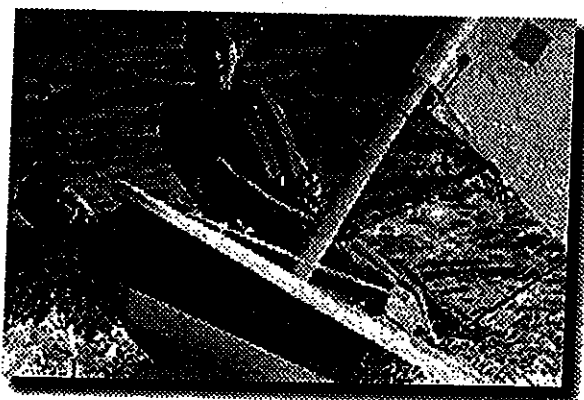
I am now qualified to instruct and test for Restricted Marine Radio Operator Licences. If there is an interest in a class for any members, it can be arranged. Or, if you prefer to do home study, please contact me and I will provide the material.

There is no charge for the test itself, but I would ask for a donation of \$2.00 to pay for the cost of photocopying the study guide.

There is a Whaler Pulling/Sailing Competition planned for Sunday, May 10, hosted by our Sailing Centre. HMS Detroit, RCSCC Repulse

(Sarnia) and RCSCC Agamemnon (Windsor) are invited. It's something new and we're looking forward to it. It should be fun. Training for Aggie's team will commence mid-April. Fingers are crossed that the weather will be greatly improved over last April. At the risk of tempting fate, anything will be better.

In addition, this summer in July, (date to be announced), we would like to offer a Junior Sailor Course for the offspring of Club Members if there is enough interest. The class size would be from 6-10 candidates, age 10 and up. There will be a fee of \$7.50 each to cover the cost of CYA certificates and fuel. Instruction and fun are free. It would be of 5 day duration and qualify to a maximum of CYA White Sail II Level. I may need the assistance of a few experienced power boat drivers as my staff all work days. If you are interested in helping



or have someone to participate, please let me know no later than May 31, 1998.

My number is 726-6806.

