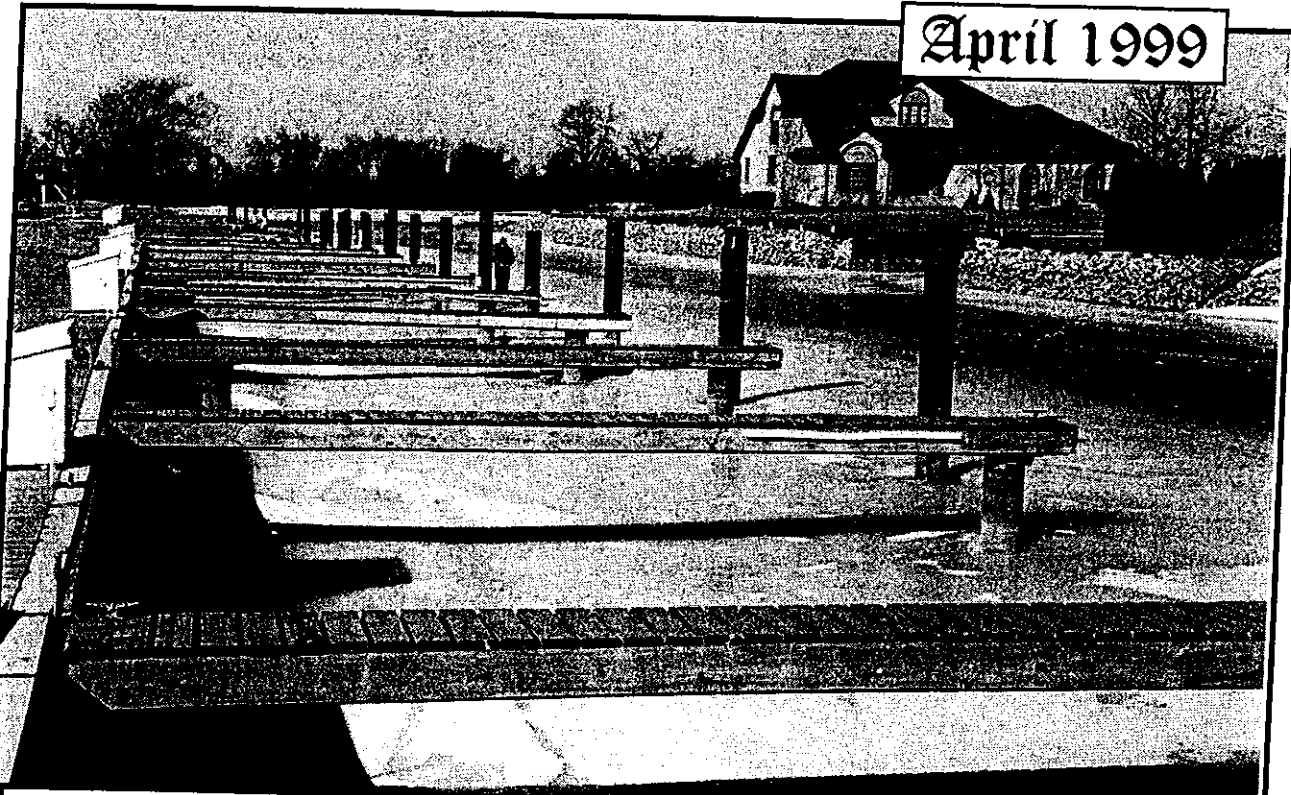


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# La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

LMYC - North Harbour looking West

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## From the Commodore



Spring is here! Its official. Time to get serious about readying your boat for launch on the 24th. Speaking of launching boats, your Executive and the Boat lift Committee are busy moving our project forward. Financing is being arranged. In addition we are working with a contractor to finalize specifications and price. Our goal is to have everything in place for haulout this fall.

Many of the projects for which funding was approved at our February General Meeting have begun to take shape including enhancing the entrance to the Club at the highway and investigating renovations/repairs to the clubhouse. We hope to be able to report on our progress soon.

March 13th saw a very successful Past Commodore's Party for Commodore Bob. Members brought some very interesting food items based on the party's theme of Circus. The Basdins provided a decadent chocolate cake and Bob Reaume constructed a plaque commemorating Bob's year as Commodore. Commodore Bob's commitment, hard work and accomplishments were recognized along with the efforts of Andrea, his wife. We thank you all for your efforts.

And to wrap-up, there is a Pre-Launch and General Membership Meeting scheduled for 1300 hours, Sunday

April 18. Please plan on attending. -  
Commodore: John Amyot Senior

## From the Vice-Commodore



Here we are, finally at the beginning of spring. The signs are all around us, first the warm, back to the cold, then the warm. It's the biggest weather tease of the year! Some of us were fortunate enough to have gone south (way to go John), while the others drew their strength looking towards launch and the much awaited LAUNCH and all that it brings with it! Everyone will have received their special anniversary publication showing past club history. For those that were involved from the very beginning - you should know we appreciate every bit of what you went through to make today a reality - and WOW, some of you guys, (although you're very handsome now) - you were knockouts!

Work hours are coming along slowly at the moment. As the weather turns, there will be more work to be done. So far we have volunteers to help with the landscaping at the front of the clubhouse, and someone to start with the grass cutting. I have updated the work hour sheets in the club. Please call if you think something has been missed. I do keep all the forms that have been filled out, but anyone can miss something, so don't think that your work hours are not appreciated and have been left out. I am in need of two more volunteers for grass-cutting duty (the PC has already taken the primo spot for this job - but we

need a backup). There will be many hours upcoming for the new boat lift and work related to the storage shed slated for the early months of this year. We also need two people to volunteer to look after trimming back the sides of the drive (not that we don't like Mother Natures creations but) because we do need to get to our boats! Another member could volunteer to water all the plants around the clubhouse, and one more to look after watering the grass. The first project that needs to be addressed is moving the chair lift from the front of the clubhouse. I would like to get this project going as soon as possible. If two or three people are available, this job can be completed before launch - then it's "away to the races" for them for the rest of the year! Everyone enjoys the club in the summer time, and a very useful job maybe to look after maintaining our barbecues through the season. All that is needed is to give them a quick brush and rinse as required, AND to check to make sure no-one accidentally left the gas turned on. There will be (as always) small work parties throughout the year to get things "shiny" before events, so there is lots of opportunity to "do our respective bits" as they say. If you are interested in any of the lawn maintenance jobs, it may be better if you call to book it (978-9820 and leave a message), or email eprettyman@jet2.net. Otherwise a sheet will be posted at the club for anyone wishing to sign up for a specific project. To date, no-one has come through with a great new idea that they wish to pursue. Have one? Call me, and we can put it in motion. With the members we have, I am surprised that I haven't got any new ideas yet! Get your bottoms ready to go, but don't rub too hard - you might get a rash!

Vice Commodore -- Elaine Prettyman



# News and Information

## Boat Lift Proposal

Feb 28, 1999

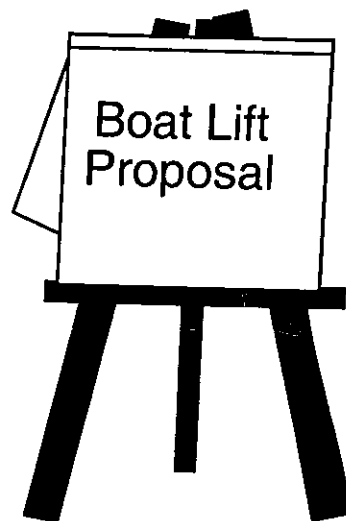
On Sunday February 28, 1999 LMYC held a special meeting to discuss and vote on a new proposal -- "Boat Lift". The following is a short summary of the events for those who could not make the meeting.

Sunday 1:00 pm was the special meeting to discuss the boat lift proposal. The members involved in this project were **Ralf Fiedler, Jurgen Hendel, Sam Irwin, Perry Basden, Alan Prettyman, and Dave Evans.**

Jurgen Hendel began at the meeting by giving a short history of the progress of the travel lift through the 30 years of the club's existence. During the presentation it was stressed that this system, if adopted was not going to be an additional to the present system but would **be the system** if passed.

Ralf Fielder stated in his presentation the specifics.

- How the boats were to be moved?
- Who is going to move the boats?
- Cradle modification for some members.



Questions were opened from the floor discussing the pros and cons of this venture. Some questions concerned "pay for use", "number of helpers needed", "owner's presence etc." The motions was read, "BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE PROCEED AND HAVE INSTALLED, A RAIL BASED BOAT LIFT SYSTEM OF A VALUE NOT TO EXCEED \$80.000 AND SUBJECT TO OBTAINING THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS. When the vote was taken 28 members were for the project, 5 against the project and 6 members abstained. The motion carried.

## Chili and B... Festival

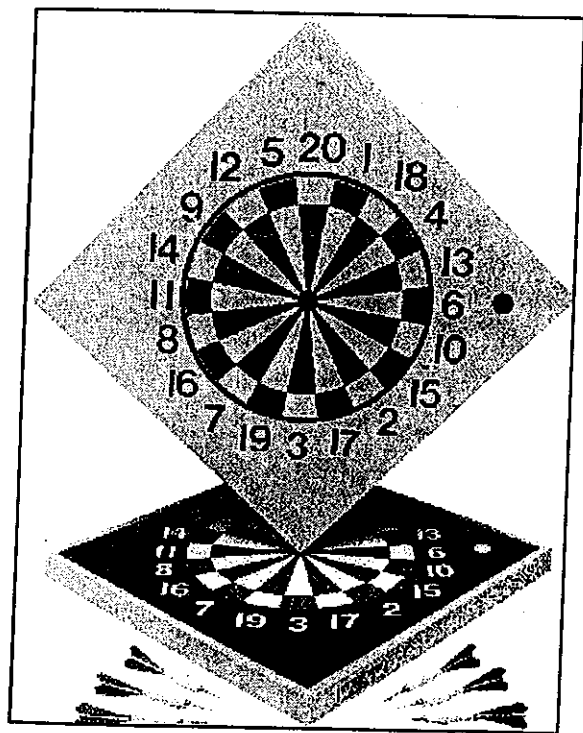
On February 28, 1999, for the first time in many years LMYC did not enjoy the "Wine and Cheese Night", due to the illness of Bob Ferguson (club member). Instead Social Director Andy Kozieradzki planned and presented a Chili and \_\_\_\_\_ Fest. There

were 10 chefs presenting a variety of chili's from vegetarian venison, chuck meat, sweet and spicy to about 35 members and guests. It was real treat for those who attended to rinse between samples of chili. There was great refreshment so the judging was fair and the winners were Kelly and John Amyot. (I wonder who was cooking, Jim Blackton (I know who cooked this one) and Jurgen Hendel and Linda Schreiber. (I know who

was cooking this one). The voting was very close and it was a toss up who could win. In the future I hope we can continue cooking contests with different meals such as wings and cookie nite.



Social Director Andy Kozieradzki



## Darts at LMYC

Dart Season is quickly winding down and will officially end on April 21, 1999. On the last official dart night (Wednesday April 21, 1999) there will be the traditional Dart Party to close the season. Phil Smith and Ralph Kepran have

worked hard this season to make darts a fun and exciting event at LMYC. Phil Smith states that on an average 16-22 members and guests attended the dart matches.

If dart members attended at least 12 sessions they are entitled to **one** of the following:

- T-Shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Hat with LMYC crest

On the last night in conjunction with the party there will be the **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS** which will honour the top 3 scorers.

Thank you Phil Smith and Ralph Kepran who have worked hard this year to make Darts at LMYC a continuing tradition.

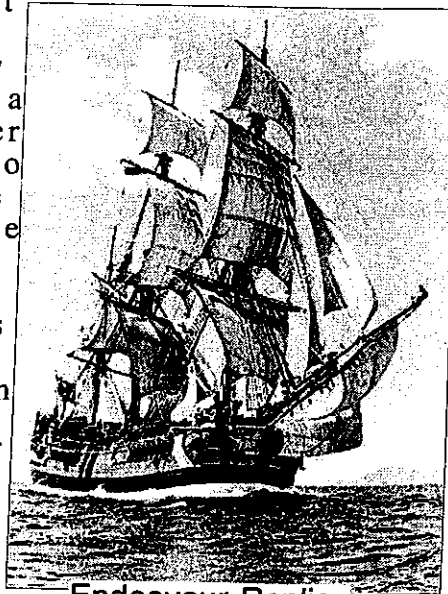
## Cook's Ship Found New York -- March 7, 1997

Associated Press

Marine explorers believe they have found Endeavour, the ship in which Captain James Cook discovered Australia, lying in thick mud at the bottom of an American harbour. It is now believed the Endeavour ended its days as a transport ship and was scuttled by the British as they made their escape during the American War of Independence.

Marine archeologists searching Newport Harbor, R.I., have found an 18th-century wreck matching the Endeavour's specifications in the place where local legend says that it sank.

They obtained a court order Friday to protect the site to enable further exploration. Following its triumphant return from Cook's expedition of 1768-71, during which



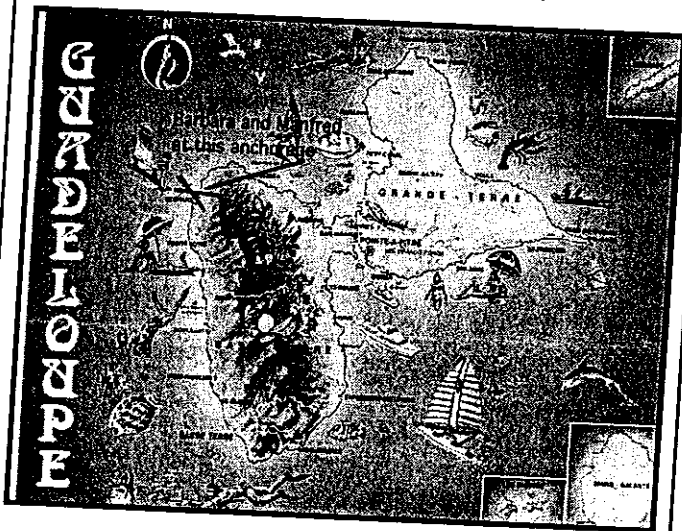
Endeavour Replica

he discovered Australia and New Zealand, the Endeavour was refitted by the British Admiralty and returned to its original role as a collier.

For years historians believed the ship had rotted away in Thames shipyard or was sold to a French whaling company

Ian Boreham, the British editor of Cook's Log, a publication devoted to the study of Captain Cook, said: "I believe that the possibility that the ship is the Endeavour is strong enough that future investigation place."

## Barbara & Manfred Update



March 3, 1999

Hello from St. Paul

We arrived here yesterday after an overnight sail (14 hours) from St. Kitts. Sailed past Monerat and smelled the sulphur from the volcano. We are at anchor in Deshaise a small fishing village. People here are very friendly

## Past Commodore's Ball

The Past Commodore's Ball was held Saturday March 13, 1999 at the LMYC clubhouse. The event was casual and over 40 members and friends were in attendance to honour Past Commodore Bob Bingham. This was the chance for club members to get together to honour Bob

Bingham for his work on behalf of the club for the year 1998.

The format of the evening started with a presentation of appreciation to Bob Bingham hosted by present commodore John Amyot Senior. Commodore John Amyot spoke of the achievements Bob had made for the club and presented him with a decorative peace to place on his mantle at home to remind him of this special day. First Lady Andrea Bingham was also presented with a gift.

After the presentation portion, the celebration continued in the Clubhouse with a gourmet buffet supplied by individual club members. Thanks you members and friends who attended and to Gloria Basden and Mary Ellen Mangles for decorating the clubhouse.

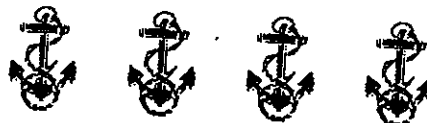
In conclusion Bob will be missed. Bob believed in a hands-on-style of management and was committed to excellence which all LMYC members shared with him in his commitment. The evening which honoured our past Commodore Bob Bingham was a positive success and over the years the event has undergone significant changes. But the one important constant over the years has, and always will be, is to reflect the true nature of and honour excellence found in the commodores of LMYC. For this privilege, LMYC is proud to be able to bring you this event each year with the dignity it deserves..

*Commodore Party Pictures will appear in next months issue of The Currents.*

## 30th Anniversary Booklet

Reminder to all LMYC members. The 30th Anniversary Book is complete. Due to its size it will not be mailed out to members but given to members personally. This booklet tries to give a short snapshot of the club's history from 1968 to the present time.

Editor



## Racers' Breakfast

by Larry Laing (Race Director)

Sunday March 21, 1999

At the racers breakfast the following was discussed.

An excellent breakfast was cooked by John Murphy, Allan Prettyman, and Cathy.

- Race schedule will be very similiar to last year. In each the Spring and Fall series there will be 9 races with 3 throwouts. The last race in the fall series will be done on a Sunday afternoon in the last week of September or 1st week in October. Makeups if needed will also be done on a Sunday afternoon.
- The Race series rules are being updated to match the the International rules - Canadian prescriptions will be used where applicable. All courses will be on there own separate map in the program.
- In an effort to help C - fleet with the problem of diminishing winds on the course we will experiment with modifying the courses to have all fleets finish at the Bifurcation buoy. This will eliminate the problem of fighting the strong current from the Bifurcation to the club after the wind dies - typically at sunset. This may also allow all the fleets a larger variety of courses.
- There will be no negative words directed to the race committee. Any problems with the race committee will be taken up with the race director.



## Boating Regulation 1999

Boating regulation 1999 update was held at Lakewood Golf Club in St. Clair Beach on March 22, 1999 at 7:00. At 7:00 pm when I arrived the place was completely filled with all types of boater from sail to power. In attendance beside myself were 4 club members.

The evening was designed to inform boaters about the new regulation changes and how it would affect local boaters.

The first speaker was a representataive from the Canadian Coast Guard and he spoke of how the changes came about and what the new changes would be. A new boating manual will be sent to our club outlining the new regulations.

Other speakers included a Windsor Marine Police Officer and a Marine Officer from the OPP. They spoke of what their jurisdiction was and what they enforce. Many questions concerning liquor and liquor infractions were fielded from the boaters in attendance.

The most interesting feature I thought was the 10 year competency phase in period which will begin September 15, 1999 with the new regulations going into effect on April 1, 1999. (See new manual for regulation changes)

At one point there was talk about boaters who were 55 and older would be grandfathered, this is not the case in the new revisions.

One high point of the new phase in legislation is that if you have taken a basic boating (13 week) course in the past, no further lessons are required. You can put your certificate in a waterproof bag and keep it on your vessel. All current Power Squadron members will get an opportunity to receive a plastic, wallet size, boat operators card when they renew their membership this year only. If you are no longer a member and you want the card, you havetwo choices. You can call Power Squdron headquaraters @ 1-888-277-2628 and request the card which will cost you \$20.00. Your second choice is to reinstate your membership for \$38.00. Many people are choosing to spend the extra \$18.00 because of the many benefits and discounts available to members of the Power Squadron.



# Spring Song



*My wife is suing for divorce.  
My car's been repossessed.  
My bank won't honour any cheques,  
But I don't feel depressed.  
My sister's working Jarvis Street.  
My oldest son's gone gay.  
These little things don't bother me;  
My boat gets launched today!*

*I got a letter in the mail  
From my Dad, in Kingston Pen.  
He wrote, "The Family's closer now;  
Your brother's in again".*

*My girlfriend's lawyer called to say  
She's in the family way.  
These little things don't bother me,  
My boat gets launched today.*

*In cold and dreary winter days,  
Despair and gloom assailed me.  
Amid the chains of snow and ice,  
It seems that hope had failed me.  
Now trees may bud, and birds may  
sing,  
The Sun may gild the day.  
But I surely know it's spring, because,  
My boat gets launched today!*

*R/C Alexander Roulstone, N  
Okanilla Power and Sail Club*



## Road & Grounds

Lothar Bauer

Our club has purchased a new tractor and for those members who are interested here are some specifics.

- John Deere, K-Series
- V-twin 18 hp liquid cooled engine
- 48 inch mower deck,
- 48 inch hydr blade
- 1000 pound capacity utility cart.

We have **FOR SALE**  
NOMA LAWN TRACTOR IN GOOD  
RUNNING CONDITION FOR SALE **AS IS.**

- 12 hp Briggs & Statton engine
- 38 inch mower deck

\$600 or best offer



## From The Harbour Master

A reminder to all member to please submit your forms to the Harbour master for this season's dockage. Forms are in the clubhouse. Reminder that launch will occur on April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am. Breakfast will be served. Members will be doing the same jobs as last year unless otherwise informed. If you are not able to attend please contact Ralf Fiedler. If you cannot attend and appoint an alternate to do your job, please make sure the individual is fit for the job.



## Smokers Poorer Risk For Marriage

### Toronto

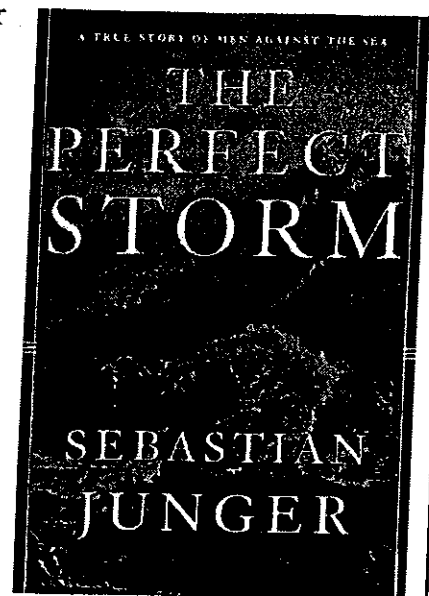
New research suggest that smokers are prime candidates for divorce, an American study has found.

The study, by Eric Doherty, a student and his father Dr. William Doherty, a family therapist at the University of Minnesota, found smokers far more likely than non-smokers to get divorced, the National Post reported recently. "there is no question that smoking is an indication for divorce," the William Doherty said.

The Dohertys studied 3, 123 adults aged 18 and over using data collected researchers at the University of Chicago.

Their analysis revealed that 49 percent of smokers had been divorced while only 32 per cent of non-smokers had been

-The Canadian Press



Sebastian Junger conjures for the reader the meteorological conditions that created the "storm of the century" and the impact the storm had on many of the people caught in it. Chief among these are the six crew members of the swordfish boat the Andrea Gail, all of whom were lost 500 miles from home beneath roiling seas and high waves. Working from published material, radio dialogues, eyewitness accounts, and the experiences of people who have survived similar events, Junger attempts to recreate the last moments of the Andrea Gail as well as the perilous high-seas rescues of other victims of the storm.

This book is currently available at all local book stores.



## *The Perfect Storm*

*Ron Stubing has suggested that this book is must reading for LMYC members. This is a short summary of what this book is about.*

Meteorologists called the storm that hit North America's eastern seaboard in October 1991 a "perfect storm" because of the rare combination of factors that created it. For everyone else, it was perfect hell. In *The Perfect Storm*, author

"If the scale representation on a chart is shown as 1:437,480, how many nautical miles would you travel by moving one inch across the chart?"

Answer: 6 nm

(437,480 divided by the number of inches in a nautical mile, 72,913.39)





# RENDEZVOUS ABBOT 33

◀ by Juergen Hendel ▶



**T**his year's annual get-to-gether of Abbot owners, mates and crew members was slated for Saturday March 6, 1999 in the city of glass on the Maumee River, Toledo, Ohio.

On Friday night the weatherman talked of a winter Storm Warning, with lots of snow and high gasterly winds. Well this time he was right! The Honda looked comfortable under a nine inch white blanket, but, once dug out and out of the country the trip proved not too difficult.

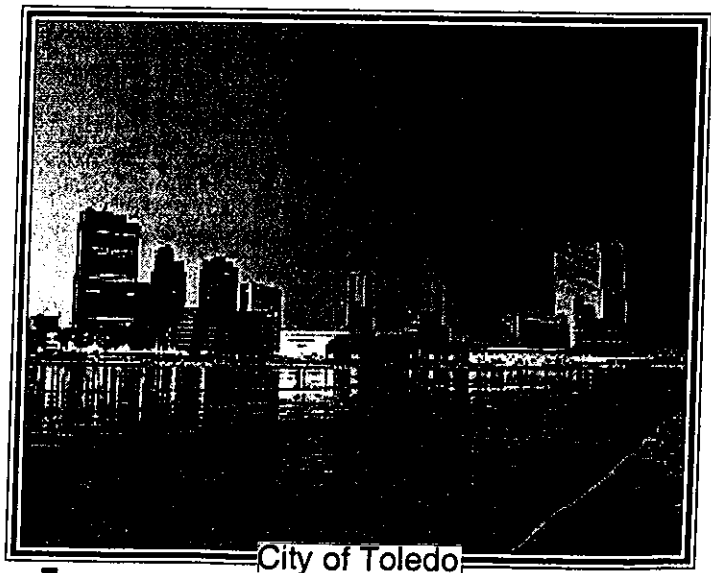
It was a shame, because on a clear day we can see Toledo across the lake and almost touch it and this trip by road would take over two hours.

We were guided by a computer generated (not mine) trip map to find the Wyndham Hotel of Toledo. The map was very detailed. It told us everything we needed to know. It gave us Exit 203B, told us to turn left, then right and so and so, then right, then left, etc., right to the target. It led us right into probably Toledo's darkest residential area. Certainly not an area for a fancy hotel! A helpful proprietor of one of those iron clad Carry Out Stores sent us off in the right direction to find the hotel, which was right downtown on the banks of the Maumee and where I remember it was, but under a different name, during our stay from a previous Rendezvous.

Really the weather was not conducive for our planned visit to the wonderful Museum of Arts, or other sight seeing. So we settled in our comfortable accommodation with a spectacular view of the Maumee and all its bridges.

We met Shirley and Jim Ouellette and later Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume. Jim the proud purveyor of the trip map had also shared this information with Bob, who had used it the night before with the same results. **OH TECHNOLOGY!**

The arrival of the Grosse Folks warranted an in hotel warmup party. Bob our bus tour wizard, secured the hotel's shuttle bus to take this group of revelers to the destination of our rendezvous which was The Oliver House of the Maumee Brewing Company. This historic, lovely old palace fit the mood perfectly. It's taps were pouring a variety of good quaffs from the adjacent



City of Toledo



brewery and their "RED" seemed the night's favorite. A rough count of thirty five familiar faces included Alice and Spike Boston of Doyle Boston Sail Makers, bearing gifts as "Door Prizes". These were awarded to those who could present the numbers 33 on drivers licenses, license plates, age, sail numbers, serial numbers of bills in their wallets or anything that adds up to thirty three

Eileen and Harold Hoffman, who live in Toledo are coeditors of our international A33 Association's Newsletter, hosted this Rendezvous. They are to be highly commended for choosing The Oliver House, its fine food, good bar and warm atmosphere and for a job well done! Can they sail as well? You bet!

After the dinner, it was time to find the winners of the door prizes, a bit of jesting and the presentation of the 1998 SEASON'S AWARDS. Qualifiers must compete in at least five designated events. Two of these are mandatory, which included Bay Week, (Seven Races) and the September series (Three Races), both strictly "one design". The others are major regattas. The Hoffmans and their "Valeidoscope" had a spectacular season winning all but one event to become our new champions, followed by the "youngsters", Patti and Todd Duffett's of "I Love You Baby", competing in their first full season. Matriarch "Rakaia" was hard pressed to garner a third place in this, the most hotly contested season.

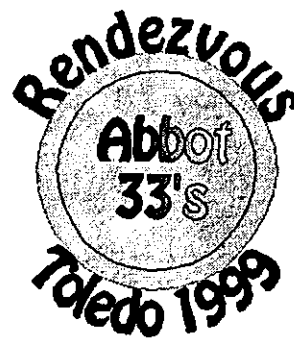
Todd Hoffman was elated to announce the impending arrival of a new "Baby" Hull #31 from the Toronto fleet, to replace "I Love You Baby", that was blown from it's jack stands by an ill wind in November 1998. Andy Kozieradzki of LMYC has purchased the "Baby" and it join will our fleet when he completes the extensive repairs. Andy chose to go skiing rather than joining the Rendezvous, a factor to be considered in this acceptance into "Abbottville" at LMYC!

Back to the Rendezvous. While others partied, the skippers held a brief meeting. Items addressed were the 1999 Race Calendar, dues, sail limitations, choice of qualifying events, proposed site of the next Rendezvous, proposed old age correction factor and the "election" of a new Fleet Captain. With the sound of a train whistle Todd Suffett was thus installed.

The party was going well until the bar closed. There were some good-byes but the "Wyndham" dozen accepted a ride in the oversized van of The Olivers, the proprietors who understand the Toledo Cab situation and took the group to "Murphy's" Murphy's is Toledo's famous Jazz Spot that on this night near midnight, demanded an eight dollar cover charge. No deals! Sailors are frugal, the weather chilling, definitely not a night to scour the downtown area for nightly entertainment. The gang opted to walk back to the hotel into a biting easterly for an "Afterglow" in Room 423.

From our Room we marveled of the view of Toledo at night, The Maumee, it's bridges all alit, city lights and a new moon reflecting from the ice free water. The afterglow faded to the eventual "lights out", in the wee hours to see us back together again at mid morning in the hotel's restaurant for breakfast with the whole gang.

A last good bye to our Toledo friends, checkout and the trip home. It was our second Rendezvous in Toledo and again, a very enjoyable weekend. Toronto, Sarnia, Wyandotte and LMYC were previous places for these winter gathering of class association that serve so well to keep this small one design class from getting into the winter "Blahs". After all, the A33 one-design is recognized as an International Class by US Sailing and C.Y.A, the authoritative bodies of North American sailing. Although only forty two Abbot 33 boats were manufactured since 1979, we can claim the highest concentration of this widely spread fleet is sailing in our home waters. We are also active, organized and competitive group of this class and we are proud of it.



# A Look Back In Time

## The Walkerville Boat Club

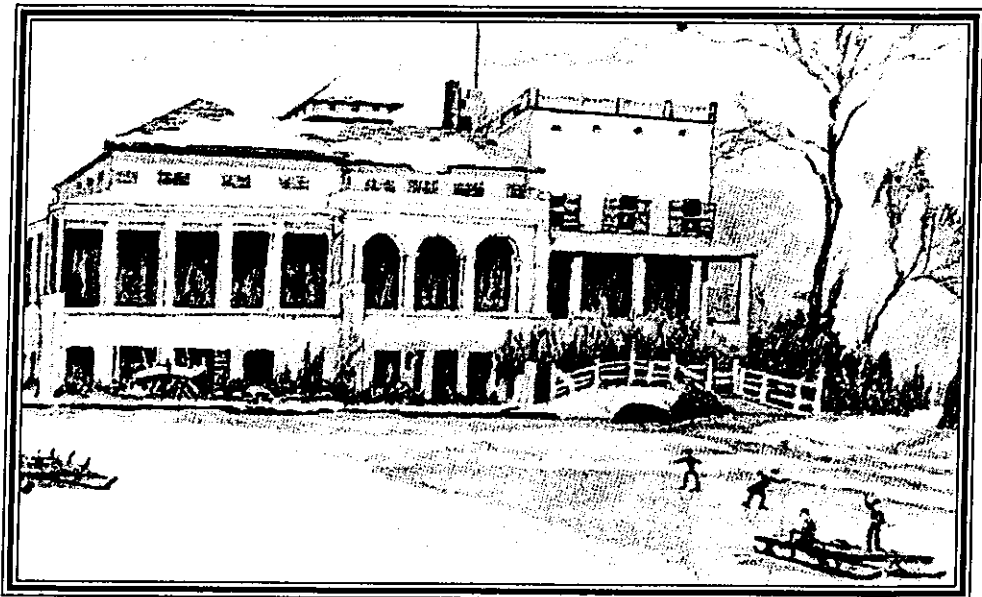
Here's the story of the Walkerville Boat Club as told by Angus Munro in the book "WINDSOR, A Moment in Time".

Probably the largest single shipment ever to cross the Detroit River to Windsor was the house of the Detroit Boat Club which was floated across from the foot of Jos. Campeau, in 1890, to an area just west of Hiram Walker's distillery.

It was in payment of a debt owed to the late Hiram Walker, founder of that noted firm and it became known for a time as the Tecumseh Boat Club. Mr. Walker had no particular interest in boat racing, but he was no one to let assets of any sort wither on the vine. Little did he know what he had started when he accepted the boat club in lieu of money owed to him by the Detroit organization. For the Tecumseh Boat Club soon became the scene of many festive social events as well as racing and boating of all sorts, establishing a record of sporting activity seldom equaled on this side of the river. The entire structure however was wiped out by fire on April 26, 1908.

A new building was subsequently erected in 1909 farther upstream and became the famed Walkerville Boat Club. Crews which were recruited and trained in that era became international

oarsmen of note. An eight-oared shell crew remembered from those days comprised the following: Elmer W. Luxford, Name" Wilson, V. Jones, R. Reynolds, J. Isaac, O. Panabaker, W.N. Campbell, J. Johnson, and J. Broderick. That makes nine, but Mr. Luxford was an organizer and administrator, not actually a crew member,



Walkerville Boat Club was the centre of social life in the 1880's

so the story goes.

In 1912, the boat club reached the peak of its prominence when the World International Regatta was held on the Detroit River. The inexperienced Walkerville crew, although not winning, made themselves respected and well-known in

rowing circles.

Like so many other landmarks, the old boat club has disappeared under the advance of progress. It stood just east of where the sand pile used by the Ford of Canada foundry operation is now.

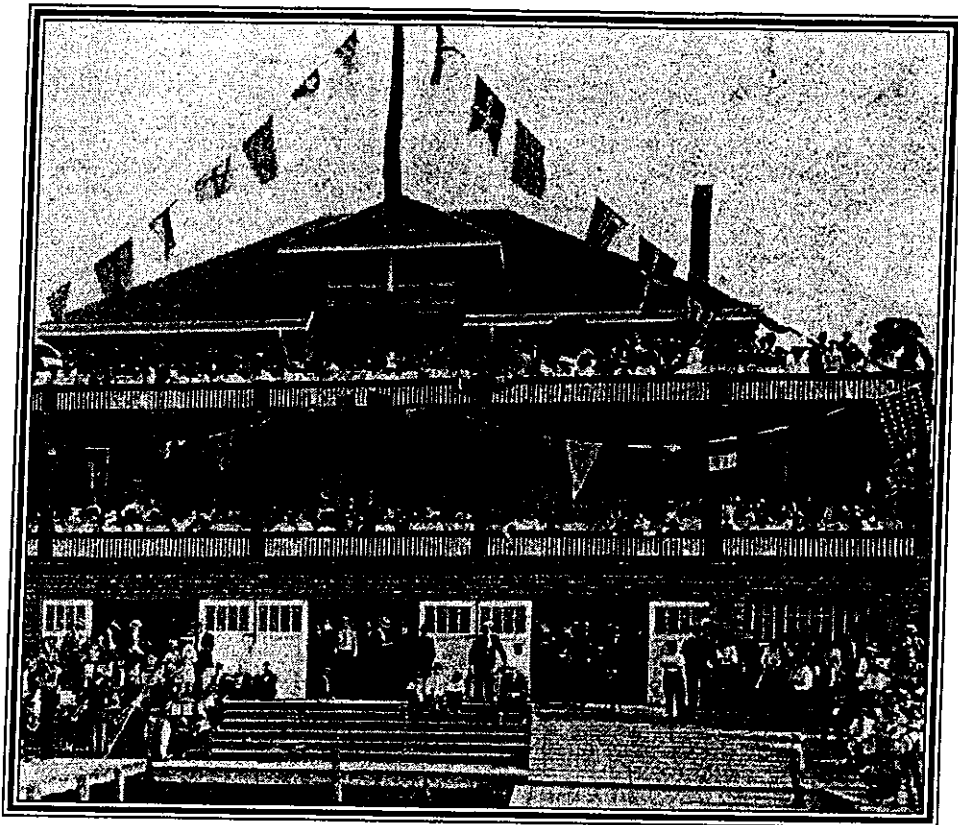
Pollution was not a commonly used word in that far off era. The waterfront still was a thing of joy when the weather was pleasant, and the sight of the canoes and rowboats lined up in front of the old Walkerville Boat Club was something of a sight indeed for tourists as well as for local residents.

A great deal of pride went into the building and launching of the various craft. Young men of the time were given opportunity to distinguish themselves, not only as athletes of note, but also as creators of craft that would outdo those of visiting teams of oarsmen from other centres in Canada and the United States.

The social events held at the club were also something to behold. It was there that the elite gathered when dances of the ballroom variety were more common. It was there, also, that many noted families sent their sons and daughters to be seen with the "right" people of the time. To belong to the "boat club" crowd was a status symbol of value since memberships were not that easy to obtain. There were few clubs of any sort and the boat club supplied a need that was widely felt and highly regarded.

One went to the boat club in formal clothes or in the brightest of summer blazers and boating attire. Fine meals were served on the broad verandah of the boat club while at the same time providing the member a splendid view of the river and the Detroit skyline.

Few are left now who were members of the noted club, but there are some who can still recall stories of victory on the river and the nights of partying and good fun which went with them. Today's yacht club is a much more elaborate place and much more material wealth is represented in the ships that line the shore, but the Walkerville Boat Club will live in the memories of those fortunate enough to have been part of it.



A view of the Walkerville Boat Club  
August 3, 1909

*WINDSOR A MOMENT IN TIME*

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