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LMYC Wine Appreciation Night --Andrea & Bob Bingham with attendants

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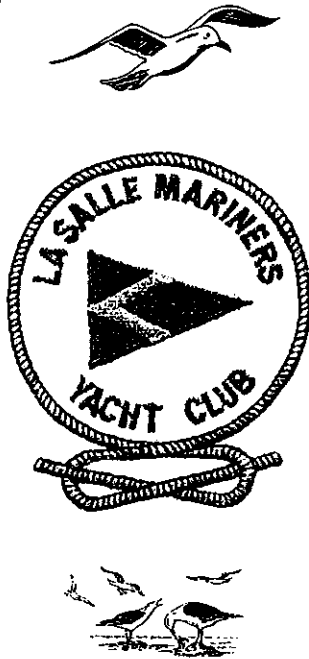
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

I am writing this the day after a wonderful evening of food and wine. I'd like to give a special thanks to Bob and Andrea for taking on the task, their crew and Grape Tree Winery for their expertise. This was a great kick-off to what I hope is an enjoyable season.

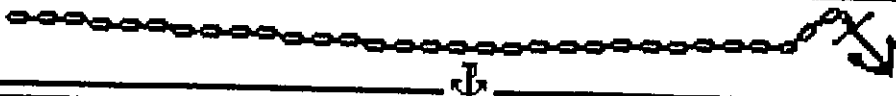
The events calendar is included in this month's newsletter. I know everyone is anxious for spring and hopefully the weather will co-operate so we can get our boats ready for launch.

Commodore Chris Barron

Well, Spring is here and our thoughts turn to spring cleaning of the club house and also the grounds. I know all the members are anxious to get down to the clubhouse with broom, paintbrushes, rakes and mowers to get your work hours in before your boat is launched. Get it done fast so you can sail free of guilt all summer knowing that you have completed your required work hours. Call the appropriate house director for jobs in your area of interest before all the good ones are done. See you at the general meeting on April 6, 2003

Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

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News and Information

Essex County PHRF Meeting At LMYC

Essex Country P.H.R.F. held their first meeting of the new year on March 16, 2003 at LMYC. Commodore Chuck Beaumont brought the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm with about 30 members and guests in attendance.

- Alan Prettyman secretary read the minutes from the last meeting of March 24, 2002 and it was accepted as read.
- No treasurer report was read at this time, just general information with a report coming forward sometime in April.
- Reports from LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, South Port Sailing Club, Cedar Island, Windsor Yacht Club, Thames River on their proposed racing schedule for the current year was given.
- There was a discussion of the by-laws and the changes to make certain aspects of Essex Country P.H.R.F clearer and more defined. An example was the defined role of the delegate and the measurer.
- It was decided that members would receive a Notice of the By-Law changes with wording of the changes and the reason for such a change. Another meeting for the vote was not scheduled at this time.
- There was also a discussion of whether members should still continue to receive regular mail or go to Electronic Mail. After a brief discussion mail by Canada Post was adopted.
- Mark Steyn of Thames River will create the Web Page for Essex Country P.H.R.F and will be linked to the South Port Sailing Club Web Page created by Matt Baker.
- Sam Irwin from LMYC was introduced as the Chief Handicapper and spoke about his objectives and goals.
- Commodore Chuck Beaumont stepped down and John Murphy assumed the title of Commodore with John Amyot Junior being voted in as Vice-Commodore.

From The House Director

I am disappointed with the condition of the kitchen area of the clubhouse. Early in March I found food that had been left in the oven festering and empty boxes of donuts left in the clubhouse for someone else to clean up after. It cost nothing to be neat, orderly, and clean. It will be the beginning of a new life when the people who are doing most of the messing up, start cleaning up. Bad habits die hard, but put mess makers to work! Anyone old enough to mess up is old enough to clean up! It's never too soon to start teaching that if you got it out, or dropped it there, then you pick it up and put it back. We and we alone, are responsible for the mess we make in the process of living. When you think about it, what's more degrading or disrespectful than asking someone else to cleanup after you? We send a terrible message to people that they are not responsible for their mess, that someone else will retrieve what they leave or toss or dirty up. Cleaning, a basic human responsibility is an individual responsibility.

That being said lets look at a different topic. I am looking for volunteers who are looking for work hours or just willing to work to help clean up the kitchen area of the club. Rat traps have been successful and have been removed. Cupboards should be cleaned and ready for the boating season which will soon be upon us. Please contact the House Director if you wish to contribute your services to this worthy endeavor.

Roads & Grounds Patrick Hollard

I am presently looking for club members to undertake the tremendous job of grass cutting. This is an excellent opportunity for members to get fresh air and exercise to make us a little sharper on the race circuit. Grass cutting for one month has a value of 12 hours. This is determined by cutting the grass once a week for a month (4 weeks) with each week of cutting valued at 3 hours. If interested sign up on provided sheet in clubhouse or give Patrick Holland a call



From The Harbour Master



Launch requirements

The club has decided all members must obtain a ticket authorizing the lift crew to launch a boat before making an appointment for a launch time. To obtain a ticket, you must:

1. Sign a Liability Waiver (to be provided at the club or on the web site);
2. Provide a copy of your current boat insurance policy;
3. Pay all bills including annual launch fee (\$50) and summer dockage (if applicable).

All fees and forms must be submitted to Kevin Conrad, who will issue the launch ticket.

Bob MacKenzie



From The Treasurer



A reminder to the members of LMYC to bring their checkbooks to the April 6, 2003 meeting. Remember that the fee for this year for dockage is \$13.00 per foot plus GST and Launch is \$50.00 plus GST. You must be paid up and have a copy of your current boat insurance and sign a waiver. If you do not know the cost for your boat please contact the Treasurer.

Yvonne McRobbie



Sea Cadet Update



Since last fall, after winning both Flotilla Sail and Sports, the cadets have been very busy.

Pictures show Drill With Arms team with trophy for First Place, Drill Without Arms Team, 7th out of 28,



Air Rifle Team 2nd in Essex County Zone Shoot, 2nd in Flotilla.

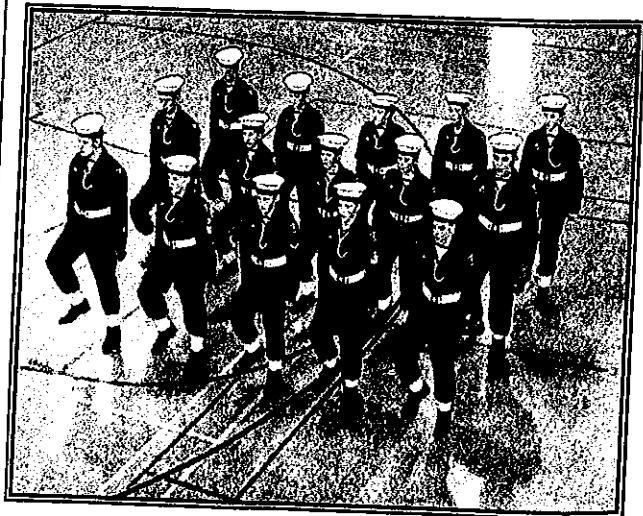
In addition they also placed First in Sheer Legs, 2nd in First Aid and 7th in Seamanship. Yet to come is the Band Competition in May.

The Sheer Legs and Drill With Arms Team and Sail Team go on to compete in Provincials in Apr, May and June.

We have also had 3 training weekends and hosted the Sea Cadets from Ottawa on their way to and from Chicago.

We are gearing up for rank testing in a few weeks, practicing for our Annual Review on Wed 28 May (All are welcome), and last but not least plans are under way for our annual sail testing weekend on 6-8 Jun.

As you can see it has been a busy winter and we can hardly wait for the ice to go and the water to come back.



Olympic Bound

Jennifer and Jim Beaudoin of LMYC are hosting a FAREWELL PASTA DINNER at the Fogolar Furlan Club located at 1800 EC Row in Windsor. The date is not yet set but tentatively before the end of April. You will be able to find the exact date under Updates on the Web Page. This event is to help defer the costs for Nick Beaudoin and Craig Noakes with their European Tour for the Olympics.

Also look for a brochure in this newsletter outlining other activities for this endeavor.

LMYC Web Page

LMYC went on line March 22, 2003. Our club now has a new website which has several purposes. Its main purpose is to inform our members, prospective members and interested parties about our club. This website is best viewed on a PC running Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. When this site runs on a Macintosh Computer there are slight differences but not glaring.

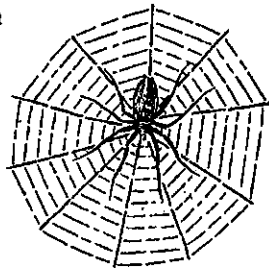
I tried to make this site simple to view and easy to look at without any fancy flashing buttons and roll-overs. The pictures are small files and should load easily with a 56 k modem.

At the present time the webpage has three distinct sections. General Navigation Bar, History Navigation Bar, and Racing Navigation Bar. The Social Navigation Bar is still under construction.

By clicking on these bars you will be able to view a different aspects of LMYC. There is a history section, and a racing section.

Under Calendar there is and will be a monthly calendar to show the events for that month. If information is available for that event there will be a link to it.

UPDATES is a section which will be updated when information is available and needs to get to the members immediately. Example: Date of work party or special meeting or something members need to know. Under the Racing Naviga-



tion Bar you will be able to download race application for our club as well as see that results and download them if you wish.

There is the sailing link which has important sites for members to visit Check it out and if you have sites that you think members would be interested in then you can Email the Webmaster at lmyc@wincom.net

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Monday Luncheons

Monday luncheons will continue throughout the month of April beginning at noon. You still have a chance to become the Chef of the Day.

There is some talk about the luncheons or maybe barbecues to continue in May. Check at the club for more information.



Up Coming Events

April 6, 2003

Racers' Breakfast 9:00 AM
Racers' Meeting to be held after the breakfast

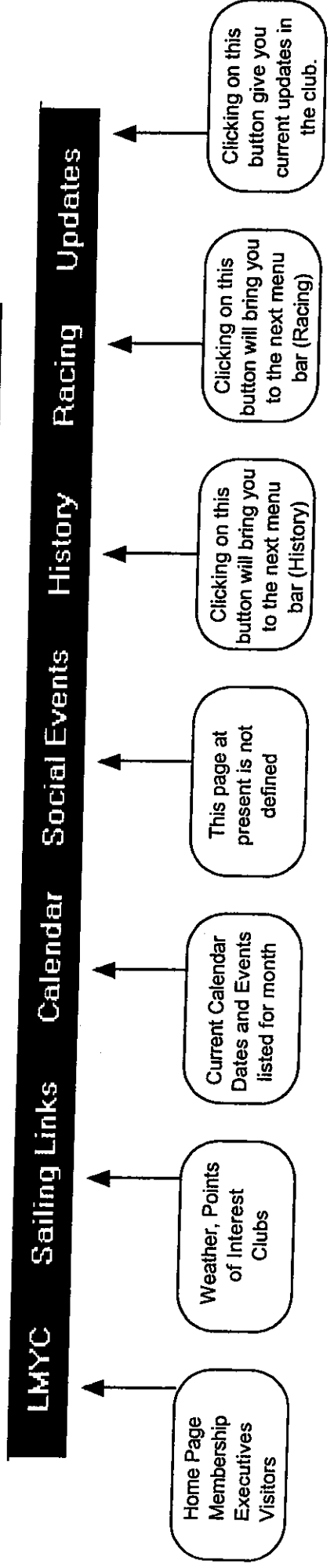
General Meeting 1:00 PM

April 26, 2003

Fitting Out Breakfast 9:00 AM

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LMYC Web Page Layout



Clicking on Home will bring you back to LMYC Home Page. When you click on the history button on the first menu you will go to the Commodore's Page and see the above menu. When you click on a year you will go to that year in the club's history.



Clicking on Home will bring you back to LMYC Home Page. When you click on Racing in the first menu you will open up with this menu bar and you will be at Club Races. Click Shakedown and you will find information about this race. Other Races are under construction

Wine Appreciation At LMYC

Wine Appreciation Night at LMYC was another great success. The clubhouse was standing room only with over 80 members and friends squeezed into every available nook and cranny. LMYC holds the philosophy that learning about wine and food should be a delightful and delicious experience. This evening was no exception.

The evening was organized by club members Andrea and Bob Bingham with special guests for the evening, Steven Brook and Tina Morgan from Grape Tree Estate Wine. A communal tasting is a good way for you to discover what wine styles you prefer. Comparing the bouquets and flavours 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 to what is in your glass is very difficult and I failed miserably.

During the evening we experienced seven different wines beginning with a 2000 Hexagon Sparkling Wine accompanied with Seafood Hors D'oeuvres and ending with an Ice Wine with warm gingery rice pudding with Mandarin/Peach, Macaroon Squares with Caramel & Chocolate. The evening ended with a raffle with winners as follows:

- 1) Dennis Pare
- 2) Bob Reaume, Sue Ouellette and friends
- 3) Bev and Jerry Angus.

Special thanks to Bob and Andrea Bingham (and the Attendants) Steven Brook and Tina Morgan, who without their hard work and effort this evening would not have been the success it was.

Bob and Andrea Bingham would also like to thank the club members who helped with the food and wine service. Their dedication and untiring devotion to detail added to the success of the evening.



Tina Morgan with Steven Brook



Bob and Andrea Bingham



Wine Appreciation



Laurier & Falf Fiedler



Doug Warford & Janet Williams



Mike & Janice Myers, G. Mooney M. Nantais, L. Venney



Rob & Rebecca Belanger and Dennis & Barbara Pare



Gail & Roy Oliver



Jeff Williams & Constance A. Arner



Wine Appreciation



Shirley & Rick Beresford



Beverly & Jerry Angus



Jean & Bob Williams



Joanne Tiborcz & Dave Nantais



Jessica & Chris Barron



Fred & Sharon Bolton



Wine Appreciation



Steve Kepran, Laura Blair, Sarah, Ardra, & Jennifer Kepran, Ryan Blair



Linda and Richard Parchoma



Vicki & Tom Boyce



Gus & Judy Martin with Doris Boomer



Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume



Bodo Schaefer & Bob Henson