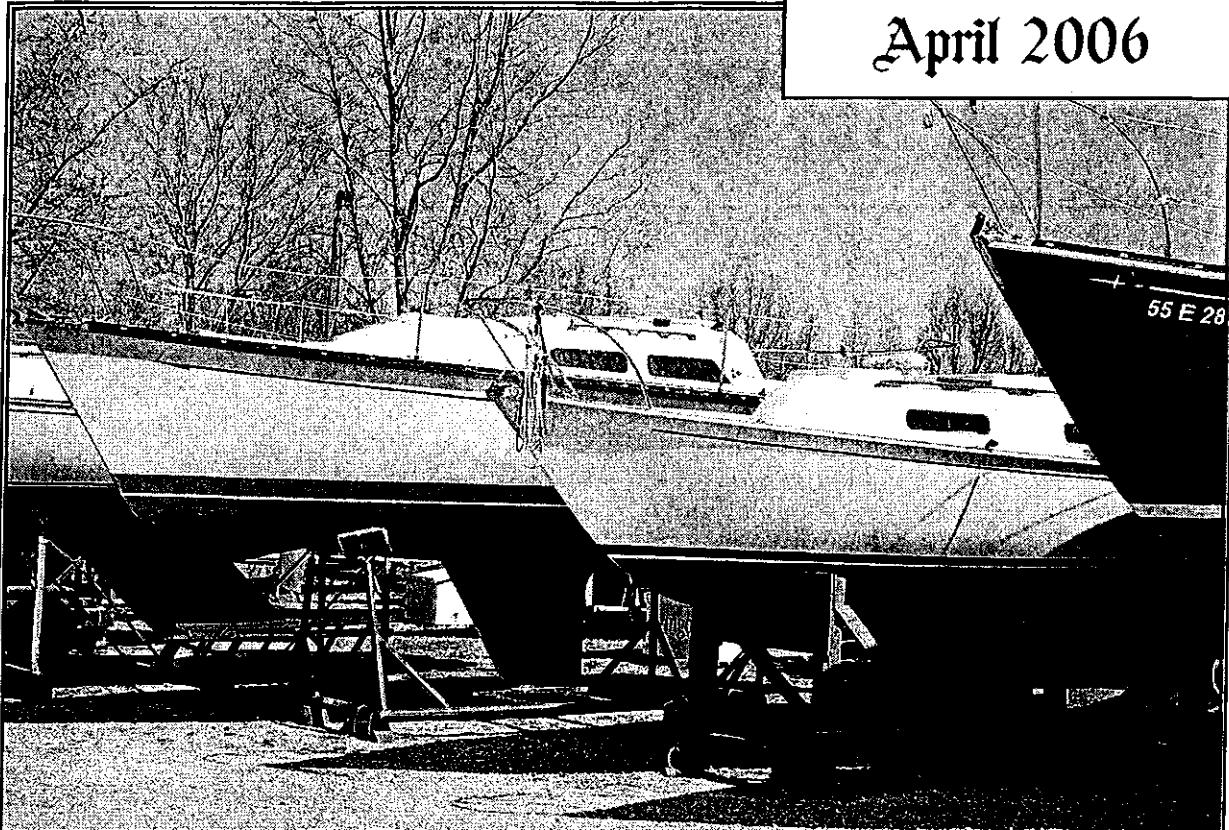


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## LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Boats Waiting For Spring Launch

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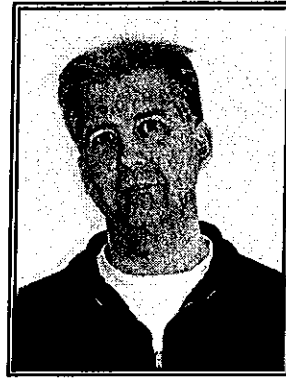
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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Rick Beresford



Vice-Commodore Larry Laing

*A big thank you to all the members who showed up for the General Meeting on March 26. We required a quorum of 50 % of our membership in order to approve any By-Law changes and it was a close one - we had to delay the start of the meeting until 1:10 pm when we finally had our numbers. All the proposed changes were approved by the membership with only one minor amendment.*

*With the break in the weather a few members started working on their boats on the 27<sup>th</sup>. With the first launches possible by April 1 the Club is going to be a pretty busy place over the next couple of weeks. Just a reminder to lock up your ladder and clean up around your boat when you are finished.*

*Mark your calendar for Saturday April 29. This will be our Fitting Out Breakfast and Spring Cleanup Day. We expect all able bodied members to show up. Associates are more than welcome to join us. The Fitting Out Breakfast will be from 8 to 9 am at a cost of \$ 5. Once again the Sea Cadets have offered their help for the day to clean the grounds and the Club's facilities. For members who are going to work with the cadets for the day starting at 9:00 the breakfast will be free.*

*Commodore Rick Beresford*

*I am very pleased to say that the LMYC Bylaw change meeting went very well on Sunday. Almost all the bylaws passed as proposed. I think the bylaw changes that were made were all very positive and I am sure that these changes will allow for a better and even friendlier club environment at LMYC (if that is possible). The Commodore and Past Commodore's put a lot of thought and planning into the intent and wording of these new bylaws and should be commended on a job very well done.*

*April 29th at 9:00am is our Spring Cleanup and Fitting Out breakfast. This will be a great opportunity to get some work hours in and help get our club looking ship shape for the new sailing season. Please make every effort to show up and lend a hand.*

*Also please remember to bring your own shovels and rakes.*

*Vice Commodore Larry Laing*

# *News and Information*

## *Welcome Aboard*



**Adam Prettyman**

LMYC welcomes Adam Prettyman as a full member. Adam has been an associate member for several years and has now advanced to full membership.

Adam is the proud owner of a Columbia 26

## *Boat For Sale*

Tanzer 7.5 (Windrush ) Price \$6500.00

- New man sail (UK July 2005)
- 2001 Nissan 9.8 HP—Long shaft like new maintained annually by Chatham Marine.
- Harken Roller Furling (New forestay cable in roller furling July 2005)
- Additional sails (165 jib and 130 jib DRS & backup main sail)
- Steel cradle

Contact Doug Warford (519) 972-5441



**Jimmy Souilliere**

Proud parent Dave Souilliere and Paula Anderson Souilliere

## *LMYC 12th Annual Pelee Island Winery Regatta & Cruise*

This year the regatta and cruise will be held on Saturday July 15, 2006.

7:00 PM Gilligans Island Theme Party at the Pelee Island Winery Pavilion.

Dinner will be served by the Skipper himself as well as Live Entertainment. Costume are encouraged.

For more information check LMYC webpage @ <http://www.wincom.net/lmyc> or contact John Vandereerden at (519) 978-2898

## Sea Cadet Fundraiser

The Sea Cadets are hosting a fund-raiser to help replace their sailboats over a 3-year period. I would like to ask the members to support us with their attendance. Also if any one of them can donate or has contacts to donate tangible items for the raffle, it would greatly be appreciated.

Contact Shirley Beresford  
519-726-6806

### STEAK BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER APRIL 29, 2006

Windsor Sea Cadets invite you to the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lauzon Rd. to enjoy a delicious BarBQ Steak, baked potato, pasta and salad dinner for only \$20. Corporate tables of 10 are available for only \$150. Contact Mark Uttley @ 969-6230 for tickets.

The Sea Cadet sailing program teaches youth aged 12-18yrs. to sail absolutely free of charge. The cadet boats are in dire need of replacement and this "Fill the Boat" campaign is to help purchase small sailboats to replace the over 20 years old, well used boats.

Please join us on April 29, 2006 for good food, good entertainment, silent auction and 50/50 draw. Doors open @ 6P.M. and dinner served @ 7P.M. – Cash bar is available.

## New Retiree



Fred Bolton

Congratulations to Fred Bolton who will be retiring from General Motors after many years of service.

Fred plans to do more sailing and take part in the Monday Luncheons

### Fitting Out Breakfast



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# Racers' Breakfast



**John Murphy and Cathy Harris Preparing Breakfast**

The annual Racers' Breakfast was held at LMYC on March 5, 2006.

John Murphy and crew prepared the traditional breakfast of bacon and eggs, potatoes, toast and coffee.

After breakfast members enjoyed watching the 1987 Fighting Island Regatta and all that it entailed.

At 11:00 AM the Racers Meeting began and thanks to Robbie Ferguson these are the highlights.

Jim Beaudoin to chair Shakedown.

The race mark off Rattlesnake Island will be removed as a mark of the course. George and Bob are looking into going to the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. We are also welcome at Lonses Winery and they will take reservations. There is at least a 6' depth in the harbour that will accommodate most boats. The last ferry leaves



from the Boardwalk at 12:00 midnight to get back to Middle Bass Island. We will try to set up some sort of breakfast on the Sunday morning at Middle Bass Island. You will still have to check in when you get to Put-In-Bay through the video phone. The awards will still be held at 9:00 pm at the fountain.

The Pelee Island race will be held on July the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Fighting Island Regatta will be held on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>. We are trying on a Saturday this year to see if the participation will be increased.

Monday and Wednesday racing will follow the posted schedule;

Mondays- May 15, 23(Tuesday), 29

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3, 10

Break 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 4, 11, 18

Makeup dates if necessary September 25, October 2



Wednesdays- May 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12

Break 19, 26, August 2

August 9, 16, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20

Makeup dates if necessary, or Frost Bite series September 27, October 4, 11

Fleets will remain the same. If turn out low from the "C" fleet they will be put in with the "B" fleet. At the moment the Race Committees will be Brian and Charlie on Mondays and Denny on Wednesdays. There is the possibility of adding a protection mark, if this is done it will be put in the racing instructions.

The Start box- Push the horn button at the 10 minute to start. 10 seconds before the 5 minute start push the start button. It will give you a series of beeps telling you that something is about to happen, follow the directions as to what flags to put up and down at those tones. There is a sheet with the box explaining which flags are used and what to do with each of them.

Over Early- There will be a flag and a sound. The Race Committee will try to hail the boat at fault. The R.C. monitors ch 9.

We will try to keep track of the best corrected time each week with an overall winner announced at the end of the year.

Dingy Racing- Jonathan Smith will try to organize a dingy racing schedule this year.

Protest Committee- The protest committee is still forming, but at the moment will be comprised of Rob Doiron, Alan Prettyman, George Mooney.

Things under consideration- Possibility of making the racing free to all members to try and get every one out to race even if they cannot race every week. Another possibility is getting T-Shirts made up with L.M.Y.C. Racing on the front and a collage of our boats racing on the back, to sell at all the events throughout the year.



## Stories by George



**S**ince I have taken the liberty of telling sailing stories of many of you in this club, maybe it is time to tell the story of the sinking of my Classic 22 (also know as a Viking 22).

A Viking 22 is a sweet looking daysailer with a small cuddy and two small berths up forward. It has a huge cockpit with floatation tanks along each side disguised as seats. The boat is open from the cockpit all the way forward, no bulkheads. This is an important part of the story.

Now to the story.....

Dale Souilliere and yours truly are sailing along in a spanking breeze over in the area that we use for starting our club races. Things are perfect!!! Then, a hard squall hammers us from under an innocent looking sky. We luff up to get the sails down and instantly get hit with a 90 degree wind shift. Lots of air! The Viking heels under the onslaught until the coaming is under water. We take on torrents of water as the wind pins us in a full knockdown.

Exciting!! Too much air to get the sails off, no steerage. We're settling rapidly but don't have too much concern because the cockpit is full of flotation and there's flotation up forward as well. Then Dale asks "What the bloody #!? is that whistling sound?". The squall has abated so it's not the sound of the wind. No question we're not settling anymore..... we're sinking!!!!!!

The sound we hear is the air rushing out of the floatation tanks. Sounds almost like a jet engine. Slowly the boat sinks until Dale and I, sitting on the side deck, are getting our bums wet. Now she noses down until the bow hits the bottom--- the transom on which we are now standing is just awash. From shore this scene would have a distinctly religious flavour. Two very wet intrepid sailors apparently standing ON the water carrying on a very animated conversation.

We put a line on a life jacket and tie it to the backstay so if she drifts we'll at least be able to keep track of the boat.

This is the part that even now is very difficult for me to admit to all of you..... we are rescued by a POWERBOAT!

We were dropped off at Ralph and Molly's. Immediately a crew jumps into one of the tin boats and out they go to survey the damage. They report back in about half an hour - No sign of the boat - a fisherman did report to them seeing a boat stop and pick up a lifejacket (our lifejacket) after much effort. Can you believe it?

Some of the guys lead by Ralph went back out and after substantial effort managed to snag my sunken boat by dragging an anchor, by this time it had drifted down to the bifurcation mark.

Next day, one of Bob Ferguson's brother's brought his diving equipment and went out and dove



George Mooney



down and attached a tow line under the bow of the boat. Now we turn to the (here comes that word again) POWERBOATS for assistance.

Louis Mayrand and Rolly Gignac were neighbours of Ralph and Molly, how great is that? Because they both owned good, strong powerboats in the 30 foot range. According to the amateur marine engineers in our club, if we could get one of the powerboats to start towing my sunken boat it would rise to the surface as it moved through the water. So, we tried it. Problem. When Louis' boat tried to pull the considerable weight of a Viking 22 full of water, it caused the towing boat to crab sideways. So, Rolly took a line from the tow boat at right angles and pulled hard enough to keep the towing boat on a straight course. Beautiful!

Once this strange ensemble started to move up river the sailboat actually began to surface. What a sight!!! Two powerboats inching up the river and then 100 feet astern the top of a mast breaks the surface.....looks like a periscope.....then the spreaders streaming with seaweed. Slowly she surfaced, sails flapping, weed enshrouded to the cheers of the accompanying flotilla of the LMYC gang.

As she was towed up the river to the home canal, she porpoised two or three times sinking to the spreaders, then rising triumphant to the surface again. We can't turn this towing group into the canal so the poor Viking is allowed to sink in the main channel in front of the canal.

At this point, the tow line was passed ashore to the LaSalle Mariners who then hand over hand pulled the Viking up the channel bank and on to the shore. There it was simple to bail her out. What a performance! Yeah LMYC!

PS. The Viking was resurrected and bought by Bob Williams to be sailed into all kinds of mis-adventures!

PPS. Denny, if you are reading this, I'd hate to admit this to you but I do owe a huge debt of gratitude to POWERBOATS! :->



## *Around the Club Photos*



**Dennis Douthart Looking For His Newsletter**



**Robert Doiron reading the club bylaws**





# Abbott Party

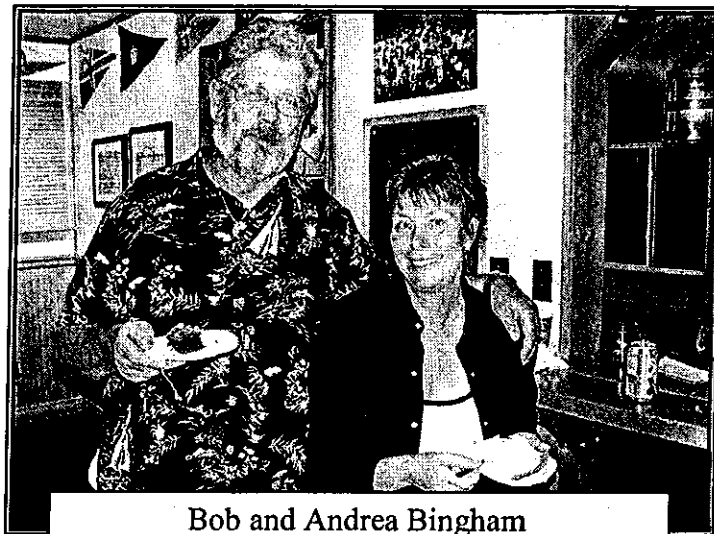


The Annual Abbott Party for Abbotters, members and friends was held on March 18, 2006 at LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club with over 30 in attendance. This year Bob and Andrea Bingham had the distinct privilege of hosting this years event which is in its 26th year and still going strong.

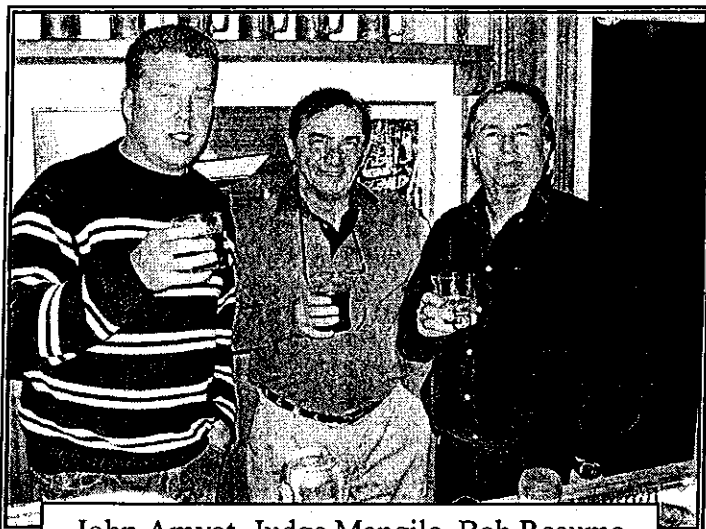
The Abbott owners or Abbotters usually have three occasions in which owners get together every year.

- Put-in-Bay during Bay Week
- Grosse Isle One Design
- Mid winter meeting at a club or location in North America

This year the meal was pot luck and enjoyed by all in attendance.



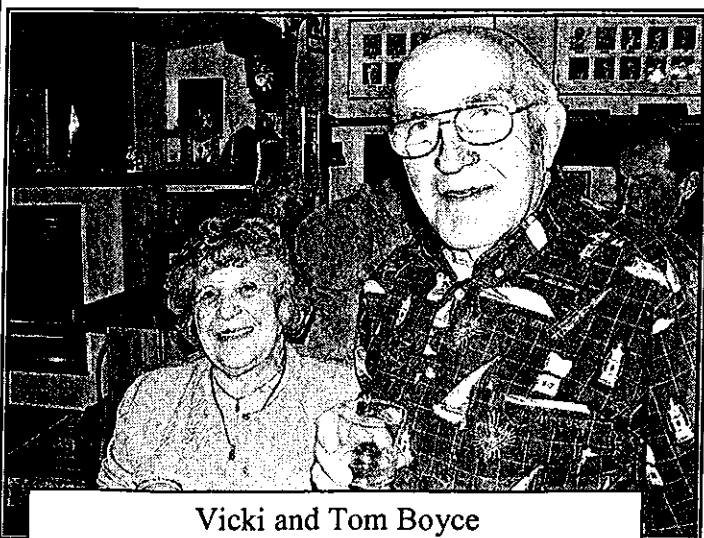
Bob and Andrea Bingham



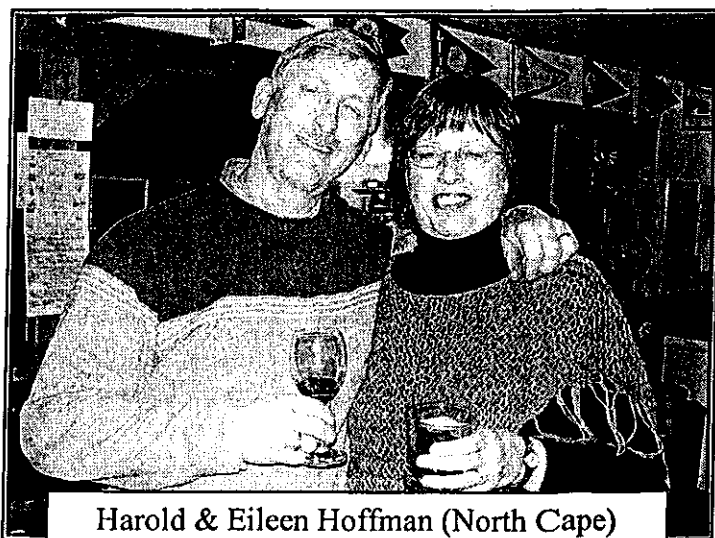
John Amyot, Judge Mangile, Bob Reaume



Linda Parchoma & Andrea Bingham



Vicki and Tom Boyce



Harold & Eileen Hoffman (North Cape)



Michelle Grondin, George Mooney  
Sue Ouellette and Laurel Venney



Judge and Mary Ellen Mangile  
Terri, Hanna & Peter Skope



Ted Popel, Linda Schreiber, Tim McWilliams



Dave and Jimmy Souilliere, Linda Schreiber and  
Paula Anderson



## Birth Announcement



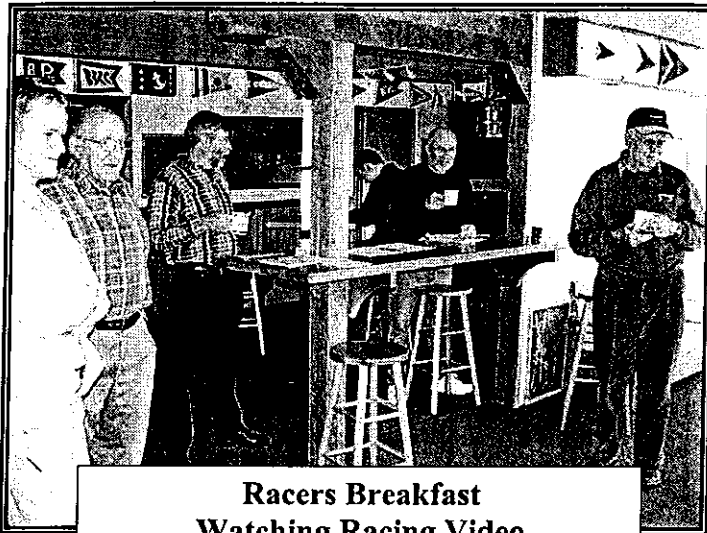
Donald and Maryann Beneteau are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Adria Sophia Beneteau on December 4, 2005.

Adria came into this world at Metropolitan Hospital 3 weeks early weighing 7 lbs 8 oz with a height of 20.5 inches.





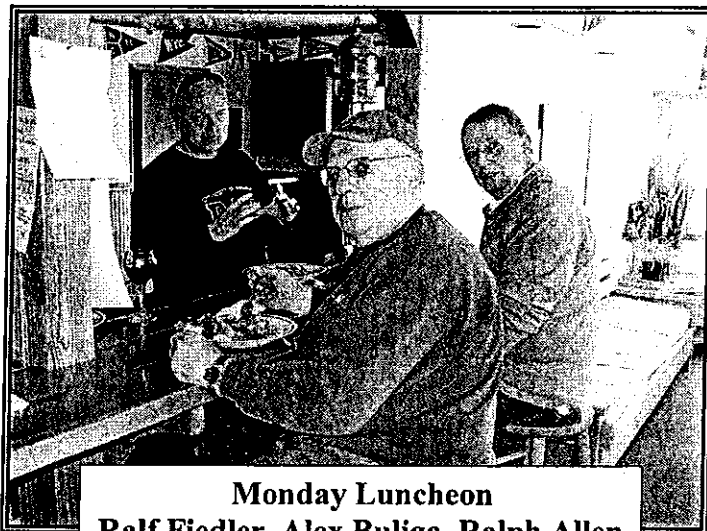
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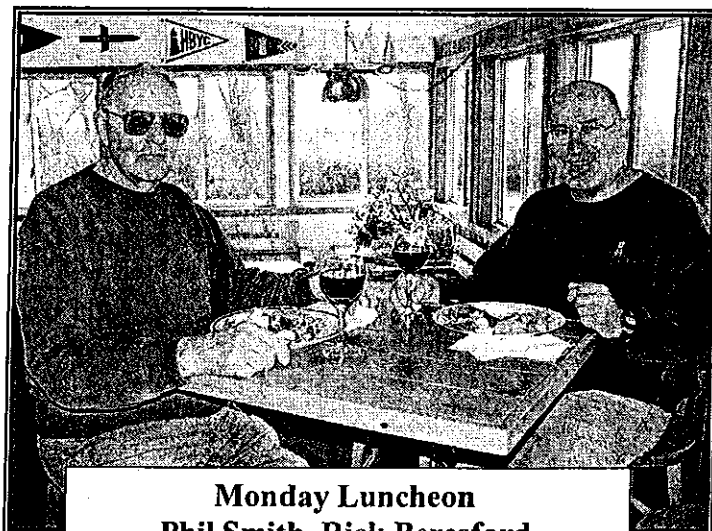
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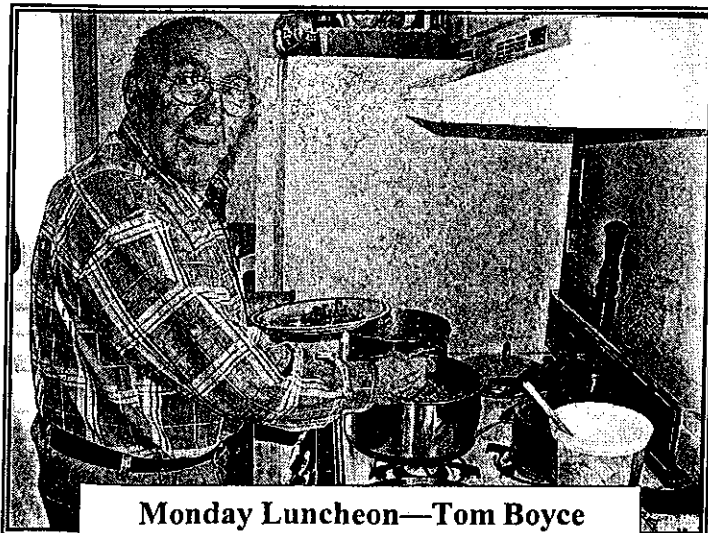
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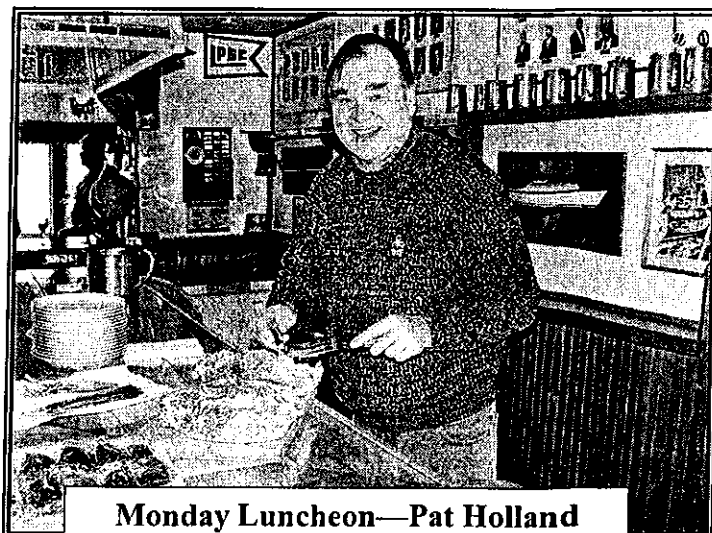
**Monday Luncheon  
Ralf Fiedler, Alex Buliga, Ralph Allen**



**Monday Luncheon  
Phil Smith, Rick Beresford**



**Monday Luncheon—Tom Boyce**



**Monday Luncheon—Pat Holland**



# LMYC 2006 Racing Schedule



May

20th

*SHAKEDOWN to Put-in-Bay*



June

2nd-4th

*Detroit NOOD*

9th

*CIYC Canadian Island Night Race*

17th

*South Port C-Course*

24th

*S.P.S.C. Women's Challenge*

24th

*LMYC to GIYC Port to Port*



July

8th-9th

*Shark World Cup SPSC*

15th

*LMYC Pelee Wine Race/Cruise*

15th

*Bayview Mackinac Race*

22nd

*CIYC Maple Leaf Regatta*

29th

*CIYC Down River*

30th

*GIYC/ILYA Deep-Water Feeder*



August

1st-4th

*Bay Week Regatta Put-in-Bay*

12th-13th

*South Port Invitational*

18th-20th

*TRANS ERIE*

24th

*LMYC Fighting Island Regatta*



September

2nd

*CIYC Labour Day Regatta*

9-10 or 16-17

*GIYC One Design*

30th

*SPSC Harvest Moon*



October

7th-8th

*Put-in-Bay Regatta*

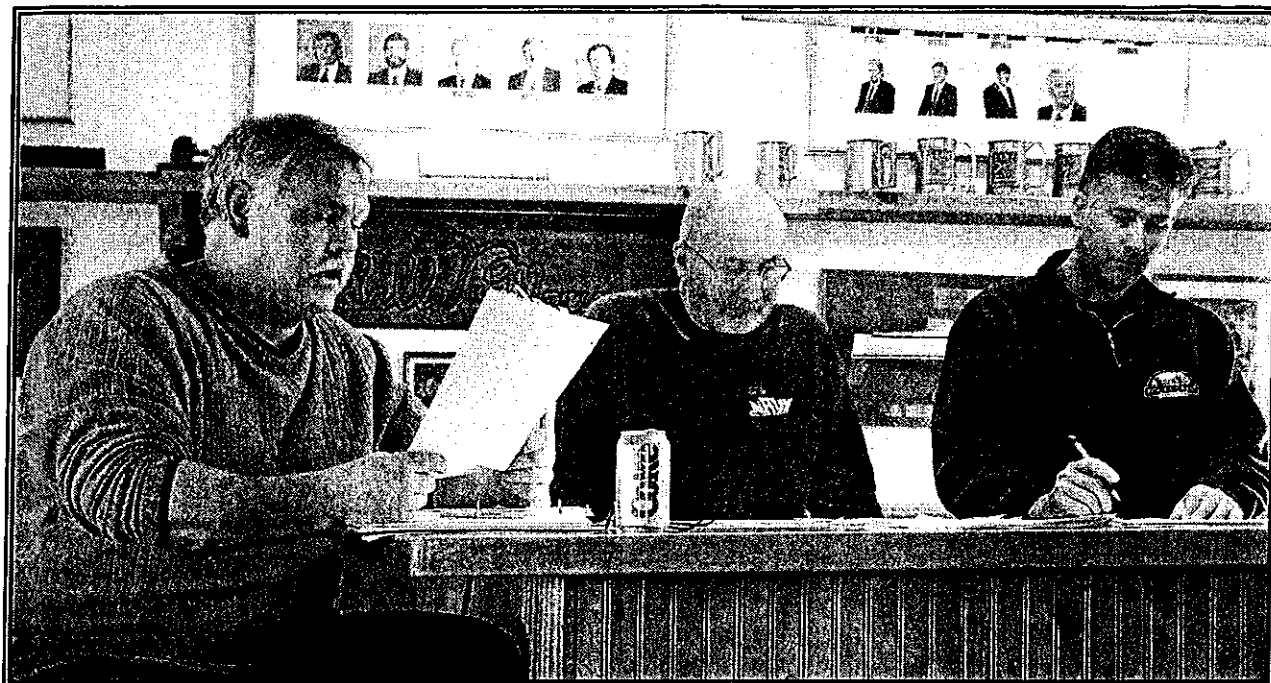
15th

*River Rat LMYC*





# General Meeting



## General Membership Meeting

Craig Morrison (Secretary), Rick Beresford (Commodore) Larry Laing (Vice-Commodore)

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

General Membership Meeting – March 26, 2006

## COMMODORE'S AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Time 1310 pm  
I welcome all members to this General Meeting. The main purpose of this meeting will be to deal with our Spring Launch , but we will also review the By-Law changes that have been recommended by the Past Commodore's Committee and approved by the Executive. Copies of the proposed changes have been provided to all members and they have been posted in the Club House. You will have an opportunity to discuss these changes and you will be asked to vote on them. We will also deal with any unfinished business arising out of the Last General Meeting of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 and we will ask for any New Business and motions that members may wish to bring before this meeting.

Rick asks for a Motion to approve the Agenda as published.

**Motion** to approve the Agenda by Gus Martin, **Seconded** by Phil Smith,  
**Carried.**

2. Attendance: Make sure you sign the Sign in Sheet.

Board:	Rick Beresford	Larry Laing
	Dennis Pare	Craig Morrison
	Tom Boyce	Rob Ferguson
	Mary Nantais	Bob MacKenzie
	Gus Martin	Lothar Bauer



Regrets from Board Members: None, all Executive in attendance

I would like to welcome our newest Full Member of the Club - Adam Prettyman.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on January 22, 2006:  
Read by the Secretary Craig Morrison  
Craig Morrison **moved** acceptance of the Minutes as read.  
**Seconded** by Phil Smith. Any errors or omissions ?

Bob MacKenzie **moves** that the minutes of the previous meeting need not be read that they should be send in the Currents to members only and posted in the club house. **Seconded**, Patrick Holland. Discussion, minutes be simplified to include motions, seconds, whether is passes or not, and committee reports. Cut out a lot of the dialog. **Carried.**

**Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting:

a. Status of the Club's Tractor:

Call on Tom Boyce to report on his findings.

Tom reports that the tractor is back with no faults found. They checked the transmission and all the fluids and found no metal fragments in any of them. As for a used tractor to replace ours there is nothing available at this time that will fit our garage. While it was in they adjusted the clutch.

Since the tractor has been found to not require any repairs at this time we need to look at John Murphy's motion that was approved at the last meeting that required the Executive to "look into the purchase of a new tractor". Does the Membership still want us to proceed with this or will the motion be rescinded? Phil Smith **moves** that we rescind the motion to look into the purchase of a new tractor.

**Seconded**, Al Buliga. **Carried.**

b. Proposed By-Law Changes:

The Proposed By-Law changes that were recommended by the Past Commodore's Committee were mailed to all members with the March CURRENTS. These changes we feel address the issues raised by the members at the March 2005 General Meeting and in addition there are some administrative changes that are being recommended. The Executive is prepared to bring these before the meeting today. I will address each of the proposed changes by the Article Number and read the Current By-Law and then the recommended change and I will call on the Vice Commodore to make a motion to approve the change and ask for a member to second the motion. We can then discuss the change and then vote on it.

Article 3 (q). **Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing

**Seconded** by Bob MacKenzie

Discussion ? Perry Basden **moved** that the age of dependant children be changed from 25 to 21. **Seconded** by Phil Smith. Defeated.

**Carried.**

Article 3 (t) **Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing

**Seconded** by Gord Freeman

Discussion ?

**Carried.**

Article 3 (v) **Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing

**Seconded** by Gus Martin

Discussion ?

**Carried.**

Article 3 (y) This motion is just some housecleaning to move the language to the By-Law where it is more appropriate.  
**Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Gus Martin  
Discussion ?  
**Carried.**

Article 17 (a) This is the Article where the language that was previously in Article 3 (y) has been moved to.  
Motion to approve the change by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Those in favour \_\_\_\_\_ those opposed \_\_\_\_\_ **Carried**  
Taken care of with the last motion covering Article 3 (y)

New Article 3 (y) **Motion** to approve the new By-Law by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Rob Dorion  
Discussion ?  
**Carried.**

Article 4 (c) **Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Phil Smith  
Discussion ?  
**Carried.**

New Article 4 (f) **Motion** to approve the new By-Law by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Al Buliga  
Discussion ? Bob MacKenzie moves that the language be changed to 'The member will be present and responsible for such guests while they are on club premises'. **Seconded**, Gord Freeman. **Carried.**  
**Carried.**

Article 7 (d) **Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by John Vandereerden  
Discussion ?  
**Carried.**

New Article 11 (b) **Motion** to approve the new By-Law by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by John Vandereerden  
Discussion ?  
**Carried.**

Article 12 (g) The proposed new language is to be considered in conjunction with the new Addendum Number 1 that is Gord Freeman's letter dated February 26, 2001.  
**Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Gus Martin  
**Carried.**

Under the Section "Rules and Regulations – Traffic and Grounds"  
Change the current language under item 1. from "speed limit is 5 mph on all access roads" to read " speed limit is 10 km/h on all access roads"  
**Motion** to approve the change by Larry Laing  
**Seconded** by Perry Basden  
**Carried.**

c. Purchase of water weed cutting equipment:



As approved under the Budget we have now purchased the following equipment to help keep our water weeds under control:

Jenson Lake Mower at a cost of \$ 3,835.66 including exchange, GST, PST, shipping and brokerage fees. There is a one year warranty on this but the warranty period does not start until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Eliminator 1200 Powerbox at a cost of \$ 229.99 including GST and PST. This is a rechargeable powerbox that will be used to power the Jenson Lake Mower. It can also be used as an emergency power source around the Club and for starting Boat Motors at launch time.

An Aquatic Weed Eradicator at a cost of \$ 160.08 including GST, PST and shipping. This is a reinforced 28 inch serrated cutting blade on a 2 piece 11 foot handle for removing weeds that are close to the boats.

A Surface Lake Rake at a cost of \$ 160.08 including GST, PST and shipping. This is a 36 inch wide aluminum rake with a detachable styrene float and a 2 piece 11 foot handle for raking out the weeds that have been cut loose.

The total cost of these items was \$ 4,385.81. To cut and clear the weeds takes 2 power boats with a crew of 3 in each boat. I have been assured by the Sea Cadets that we can continue to use their boats for this job. So for future years our only cost to clear the weeds from our harbours should be whatever gas we use.

All of these items are now stored in the garage.

The Vice Commodore is looking for a member to coordinate the removal of harbour weeds and to take on the task of overseeing and maintaining the new equipment.

d. Accounts Payable Status.

Call on Dennis Pare to give the current status of the Accounts Payable problem.

As of now Nick Maroukis and Dick Benning are the only 2 left with outstanding balances. Dick Benning is being put into collection. Nick Marikous as of March 24, 06 will be taking care of his account in order to not be put into collection.

5. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

a. **Commodore (Rick Beresford)**

- (1) I propose that we set aside a Sunday in June or July to have a member's Fun Race. This will be a Club sponsored race where all members will be encouraged to participate whether or not they are usually racers. When I was on the West Coast last year I read about a Sail Club in Seattle that set up a Commodore's Race where all members could participate in a Sail Day and I would like our Club to consider doing something similar here. For our race the course could be from our usual Monday/Wednesday Start line to DF1 and finishing at the Widow's Walk. Another suggestion is for a start at the north end of Grassy Island proceeding down river to the Bifarcation mark and finishing at the Widow's Walk. The Race would be in 3 PHRF fleets and a JOG fleet. There could be 3 Prizes for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – for example a bottle of rum and or bottles of wine. To be eligible for a prize a boat would only be required to complete the course the actual amount of time it takes to complete the course will not be a consideration. Also the boat's actual finishing position in its' fleet will not be a consideration in awarding prizes. The prizes will be determined by a draw of all boat names that complete the course. The Club will provide Pizza following the Race for all participants and members will provide their own refreshments. I think that this could be a great family day that can be enjoyed by all members. Possible dates to consider are June 25, July 2 or July 9.

Can I have a motion to try this as a Club event for this year with the Club paying for the prizes and the pizza?

**Moved by Rob Dorion. Seconded by Al Buliga**

Any discussion?

**Carried.**

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Rick Beresford **moved** acceptance of his report.

**Seconded** by Al Bulgaria.

Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

- b. Vice Commodore (Larry Laing)

We have had poor participation with the sign up sheet posted in the club house. He will start to make calls to try and get people to sign up for the jobs. April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the clean up day at the club. A concern was raised about people falling in off the docks. Larry will look into installing ladders in the harbour to allow people to get out of the water.

Larry Laing **moved** to accept his report.

**Seconded** by Phil Smith. Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

- c. Treasurer (Dennis Pare)

The bank balance at this time is (\$6,647.87). The receivables are at \$40,338.20. The expenditures are \$10,537.00. Invoices are in the club house for dockage and will remain for another couple of week before being mailed out.

Dennis Pare **moved** acceptance of his Treasurer's Report.

**Seconded** by Steve Kepran. Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

Dennis Pare reported on the Monthly Payment Plan and presented his proposal for an operating policy. See attached copy of this document.

Dennis **moved** to have his proposed Monthly Payment Policy implemented. **Seconded** by John Metcalfe.

Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

- d. House Director (Tom Boyce)

Tom has asked for some help in painting the trim around the windows and doors in the club house. He has also asked that when you are finished in the club that you clean up after yourselves.

Tom Boyce **moved** acceptance of his report.

**Seconded** by Phil Smith. Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

Race Director (Rob Ferguson)

With regards to the racers meeting held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We have changed the Regatta forms. The racing season will start the week before the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. We will have a three week break in the middle of the year. Denny, Brian and Charlie will do the race committee this year. Denny will still need help on Wednesday nights. If we do not get volunteers will have to go back to drawing names to fill this need. Bob Reaume **moved** that the Monday and Wednesday racing be free to all club members. **Seconded** by John Metcalfe. Discussion, how will the flags be paid for. Rob to look into this. **Carried.**

Rob Ferguson **moved** acceptance of his report.

**Seconded** by John Vandereerden. Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

Social Director (Mary Nantais)

The past Commodores party will be a go, Mary will check dates with John. November the 25<sup>th</sup> will be the banquet, details to follow soon.

Mary Nantais moved acceptance of her report.

**Seconded** by Phil Smith. Any discussion ?

**Carried.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Harbour Master (Bob MacKenzie); The dock plan is up. You must have current insurance to Red in order to be launched. You must set up your launch with the launch crews, Carl will only be doing launches in the mornings during the week.

b. Roads and Grounds (Gus Martin); Gus moves to complete the grading and leveling of the road up to the pump out building, \$2,775.00. **Seconded** by Patrick Holland. **Carried.** Gus moves to remove both burms and level the low areas by the creek, \$1,200 to \$1,500. **Seconded** by Patrick Holland. **Carried.** The garden at the front of the club has a water valve in it that the city of LaSalle has to conduct work on. We will have to move the garden to allow them to do their work. The bushes that are worth saving will have to be pulled and replanted until the work is complete.

c. Maintenance (Lothar Bauer); All of the equipment will be in service.

7. New Business:

Club House Changes – proposal by Bob Reaume.

It will cost us \$10,000 to \$15,000 to close in the area under the north porch to give us a private room. A lively debate followed this announcement leading to Ted Popel proposing that a planning committee be formed to look into the possibility of the expansion, costs, etc. of a project like this. Volunteers are needed to sit on this committee. John Amyot, John Amyot Jr, Ted Popel, Rob Dorion, Gus Martin, Alan Prettyman, Dave Evans have all agreed to sit on this committee.

The cost for any Club House changes other than the kitchen counter and sink is not in the approved Budget. If the project is approved the cost will have to come out of the Line of Credit as a special expenditure outside of the Budget. We would in effect have a negative Budget for the year.

b. Wine Tasting Night. Bob Bingham has advised that he will not be able to organize this event this year. This is always a very enjoyable and much anticipated event at the Club. Is there anyone who would be willing to take this on this year? No one at this time.

c. Fireplace stone facing – proposal by Ted Popel. Withdrawn at this time.

d. Is there any other New Business? The Sea Cadets are have a benefit dinner to purchase new boats. It will be a steak and pasta dinner for \$20.00. Please contact Mark Uttley at 969-6230 or Shirley Beresford at 726-6806

8. The next General Meeting will be our Regatta Organization Meeting on Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 1:00 pm.

9. The next Executive Meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

10. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn by Phil Smith. **Seconded** by Perry Basden.

**Carried .** Time:1537 pm.