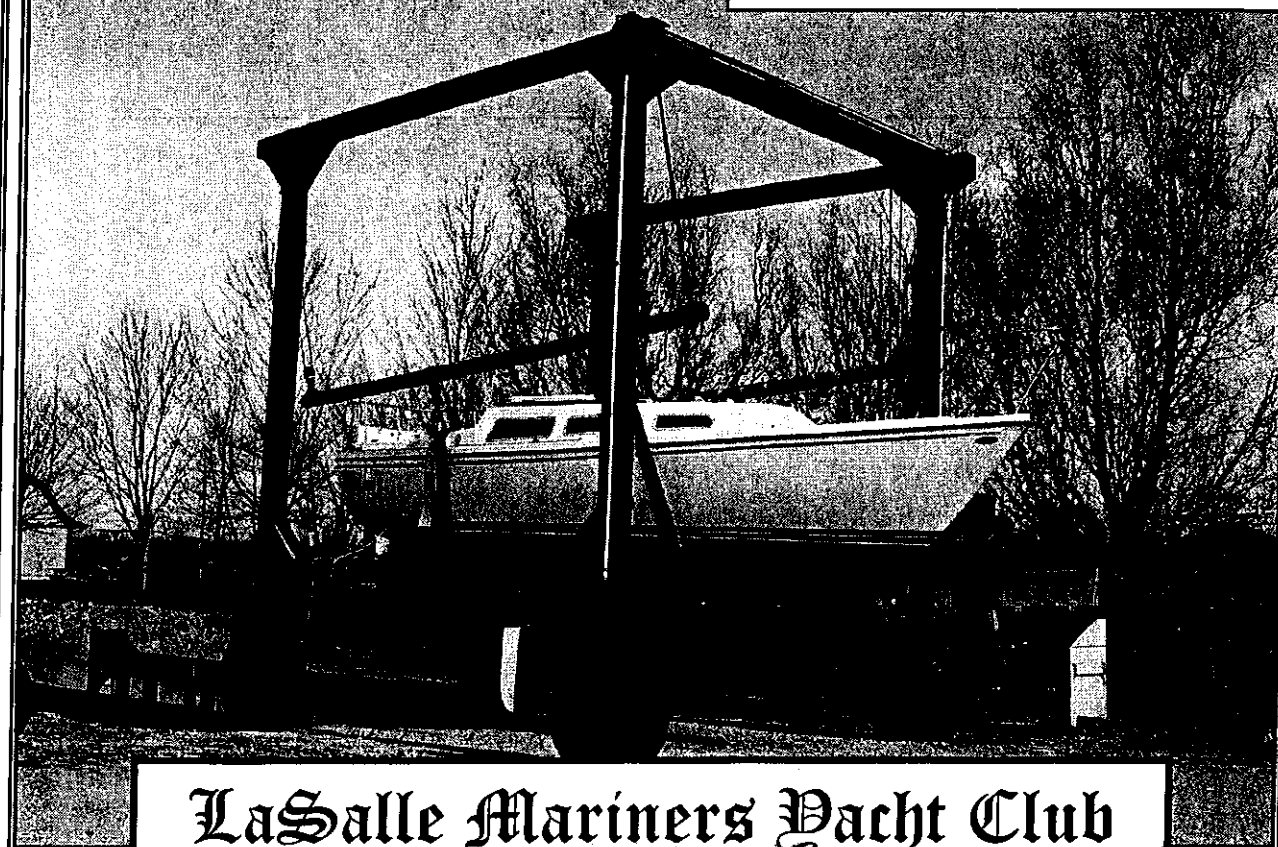


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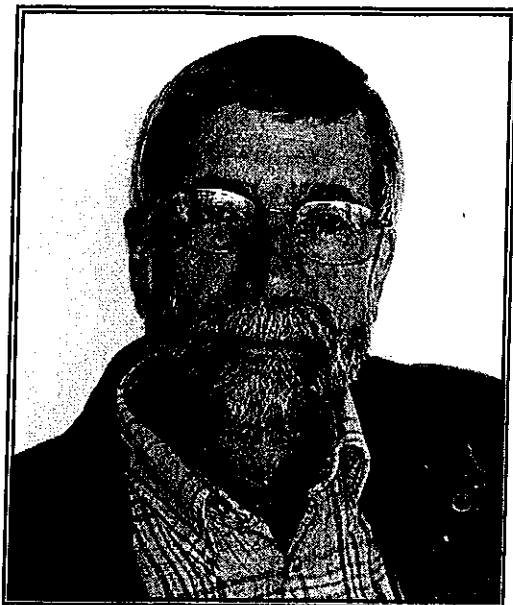


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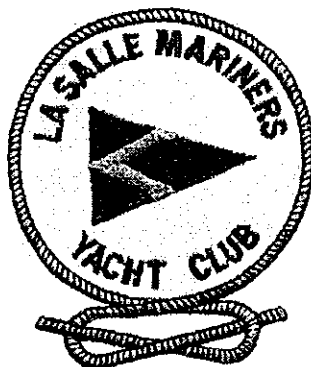
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore John Metcalfe



Vice-Commodore Rick Beresford

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Ralph, Perry and Guy for their hard work and dedication while serving on the board for LMYC. Their presence will be sorely missed. Also, a big thank you to Patrick for his years of taking care of the Roads and Grounds

Now, we need to move forward with the business of **our** club. There are challenges to be faced, but together all of us can cooperate and make this a better place.

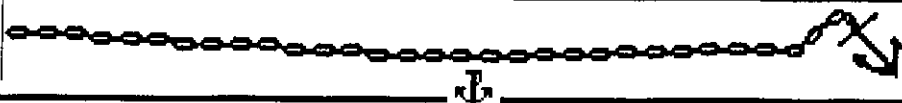
My promise to you is that I will deal with the membership and with the issues we have with honesty, integrity, openness and good humour.

My expectation is that you will in return treat each other, the executive, and myself in the same manner.

As we prepare for and anticipate launch, let us remember the formula for happiness:

HAPPINESS = FIBERGLASS + H₂O

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News and Information



Work Hours

Rick Beresford



As I write this it's finally Spring but you would never know it. Today it's snowing again and there is a cold brisk wind blowing – real dreary and somber day – especially with the sad news of the passing of our good friend Jim Blackton. Jim will be sorely missed around the club especially by the Monday lunch crowd, they have had the good fortune to have shared many hours in his company. He was always cheerful and had a friendly word for everyone and was a willing worker who participated in all club activities and the maintenance of the club.

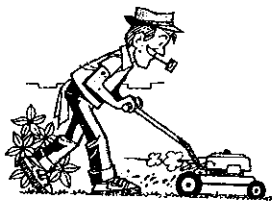
Soon we will be working on our boats – just a reminder to please remember to lock your ladder when you are finished for the day.

A “Jobs to be Done” list is posted on the board in the Club House. Pick a job or 2, sign your name beside the job and get your 12 hours in. We especially need grass cutters for the summer and fall.

For those members who want to get in some early work hours Patrick Holland has asked that we prepare the lawns so that the grass cutters can get an early start. Bring your leaf and grass rakes and rake out all the Winter debris and stones from the lawns (from the Club House to the river; from the Club House to the Parking Lot and from the Parking lot to the Front Road).

Also, mark your calendar for the Club's **Spring Cleanup Work Day**. On April 30 commencing at 9:00 am we will have a number of Sea Cadets on hand to work with Club Members to get our grounds and facilities looking ship shape for the Sailing Season. Bring your yard gloves, weed cutters, rakes and wheel barrows and your appetite. To encourage all members to participate we will be offering a **Breakfast Special**. Show up between 8 and 9 am and register for the work detail and the cost of your breakfast will be covered.

Rick Beresford
Vice- Commodore



Lake Levels Raise Boaters' Spirit

Windsor Star March 7, 2005

By Craig Person

This year's wet and snowy winter has boosted the levels of Lake Ontario and Lake St. Clair which have been lower than average in recent in years - making both spring flooding and happy boaters more likely.



"Most people would like to see water levels trending upward, though getting them up significantly means a lot of rain," Chuck Southam, Environment Canada water resources engineer, said Friday "Most boaters have had a rough time the last couple of years with levels well below average.

"But we're looking a little better heading into this summer"

According to the most recent monthly measurements taken March 2, and posted Friday on the Environment Canada website, lake levels bumped up notably in January

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says Great Lakes water levels had recently plummeted to their lowest levels in three decades. While officials on both sides of the border offer a range of predictions, even conservative estimates suggest higher water levels than the last few years.

The Windsor area has endured near-record levels of snow this winter, along with rain. If March continues that trend, spring levels will climb even higher

"I feel more comfortable myself going anywhere when I know I've got higher levels than my charts show," said Gary Cobs, past commodore of the Sun Parlour Boat Club.

"Everybody benefits (on water) when the lake levels go up because you can go places you couldn't go before," said Capt. Darryl Clow of the Canadian Coast Guard ship the Samuel Risley

"We haven't been to Amherstburg, our home base, in several years because of the lower lake levels.

"With the commercial vessels, for every inch of water and they really do watch inches - they can load another inch of cargo and that translates into additional freight rates."

Final Voyage



James William Blackton
February 10, 1942– March 23, 2005

LMYC member Jim Blackton, 63 left these shores peacefully Wednesday March 23, 2005 with his family at his side.

Jim joined LMYC in 1979 with current members Phil & June Smith, Dave & Maggie Evans, and Lorraine Hoffman and soon became one of the more active club members.

Jim enjoyed sailing on Shady Lady and in the 1980's raced and cruised with many club members. Phil Smith club member remembers cruising many times to Monroe and other ports with Jim and Sue, and the Geary's.

When Jim retired from Northern Telecom he became involved with Meals on Wheels but still continued to take part in LMYC functions especially in handling the food portion of the annual LMYC Fighting Island Regatta.

When Jim took Shady Lady out of the water he stilled sailed with his son and friend Phil Smith.

Jim attended many functions at LMYC and many members would see him at the club's Monday Luncheons.

All members who had an opportunity to work along side Jim at regattas and other functions will truly miss him. Jim Blackton was a loving, heartfelt human being who cared about everyone. We have all lost a hard working and very conscientious friend who helped to better the sport we all love so much.

God Bless you Jim and good sailing.

Announcement

2005 Annual General Meeting
Essex County PHRF Association
Sunday April 10, 2005
1:00 PM
South Port Sailing Club

Order of Business

- Minutes of last meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Executive Office Report

Old Business

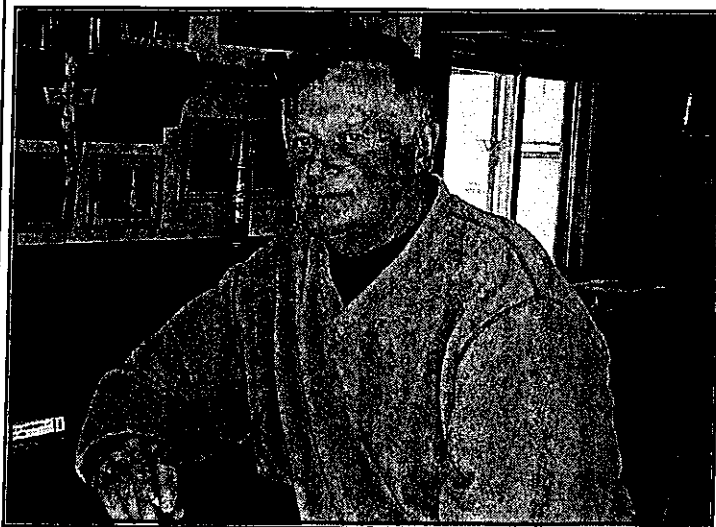
- Discuss utilization of balance of funds
- Discuss association status
- Discuss proposed by-law changes

New Business

- Nomination and election of Executive Officers.
- ◊ Commodore
- ◊ Vice Commodore
- ◊ Secretary/Treasurer



We Remember



Juergen Christian Hendel
August 16, 1929—March 26, 2004

We remember Juergen Hendel founding member of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club on the anniversary of his death. His passing has left a vacuum at LMYC. You are sadly missed and will never be forgotten.





LMYC Darts



LMYC Wednesday Night Dart League is going strong with only a few more matches to go before the annual awards. Here is an Email to Alex Buliga from South Port Sailing Club commenting on the LMYC Dart League.

Hi Al,

On behalf of SPSC we sure had a great time Wednesday night (March 16th) playing Darts against LMYC. Unfortunately for us your team smoked us and swept us 6 games to 0. The scores were close and we are pretty sure your team will not be able to repeat that again. Please thank LMYC for the welcoming, inviting atmosphere with FOOD and your HOSPITALITY.

Respectfully,

Kevin Mogyorody
Chris Eagen
Derek White
Ted Illi



New Arrivals



Proud Parents Lori and Shane Seguin and proud grandparents **Bev and Jerry Angus** are proud to announce the arrival of their son Tennyson Kole Seguin, 6 lbs. 7 oz., born March 12, 2005 at Metropolitan Hospital. Congratulations Bev and Jerry Angus



Congratulations to **Dave and Paula Anderson-Souilliere** on the arrival of their son James Carl Anderson-Souilliere on April 28, 2005 weighting 8 lbs 3 oz. at Oakwood Hospital in Michigan. Everyone is doing well and this is the 4th grandchild for Linda Schreiber.



Highlights Launch Meeting



Thursday March 21, 2005

Highlights of Meeting (best recollection)

- Ralph Kepran Commodore began meeting at 7:05 with a moment of reflection for club member Jim Blackton who

passed away on March 23, 2005.

- Renee Laird club member was involved in an automobile accident and now recovering satisfactorily.
- Welcoming of new club members. Herb Lajoie and Linda Schreiber as new associate members and Johnathan Smith as a full member.
- New Honoree members Howard Porter and Mary Hendel were presented to the members.
- Jobs around the club to be completed would be listed as major and general maintenance projects. Look at the lists posted to see what you would like to do.
- Lawn cutting is a big job cutting front and back would constitute around 5 hours.
- Special Project on April 2 – Lawn raked, cleaning winter debris.
- April 30 – Major Cleanup. Fitting out breakfast will be served at 8:00 am for those working. Some jobs to be completed include: Clean out Widow's Walk, power wash the club, clear debris from ditches etc.
- Some social events which are coming up include: Wine Appreciation April 2, 2005; Past Commodore's Party April 16, 2005 and Blessing of the Fleet June 12, 2005.
- Bodo Schaefer has retired from Blessing of the fleet and new club member Jonathan Smith has volunteered for the position.
- New race program and race application has been completed and will be posted on the web site.
- Need race committee for spring series.
- Need new chairperson for Hospice.
- LMYC Regatta again this year will be on a Sunday. Suggested to make monetary donation to LaSalle Voluntary Firefighters who patrol the event.
- Shakedown – Donnie Beneteau chairperson. Still require a starting and finishing boat. Contact Donnie Beneteau if interested No cruising class this year. Video phones should be working. 1-68 will be phased out but still in effect for this year.
- Roads need improvement. Suggestion to put in drains to clear water. Received only 3 proposals from over 15 contacts.
- Thanks to Al Buliga for taking pictures of the trophies and awards for insurance purposes.
- Insurance forms are due again. Need to be in before your boat is launched. This year you have several options. Yvonne McRobbie will be in charge of collection the policies. Please mail or deliver to her home. 210 Willow Drive, LaSalle Ontario, N9J 1W6. Mail to the club or Email a scan copy of your insurance form to -- microbbie@nusi.net





New Launch Requirements



- 1. Show up on time for appointments. If you don't the launch/haulout will be rescheduled at the convenience of the launch crew.*
- 2. The owner must provide two able-bodied people to handle slings.*
- 3. No boat will be launched unless it has been marked on the port side to show where slings go.*
- 4. Cradles should be marked to show where rear of keel goes.*
- 5. No boat will be hauled unless proper blocks (not concrete) are attached to cradle for pickup by trailer.*
- 6. Boat owner is responsible for the cleanup of winter storage site for his/her boat.*

Harbor Master Bob MacKenzie

Happy Retirement



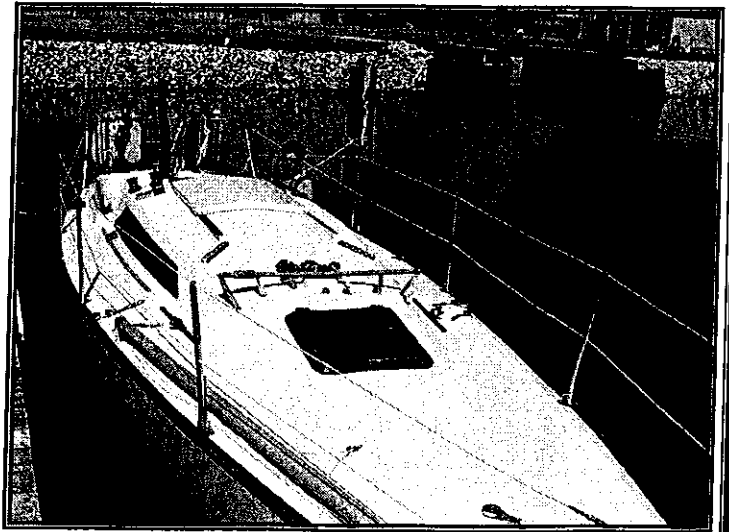
Congratulations to Steve Kepran on his retirement from Ford Motor Company on March 31, 2005.

We know that Steve loves his boat and comes to club whenever he has time.

Welcome to the retired section of LMYC.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

First Boat Launched



It was a warm day with the temperature around 60 degrees F. when the first boat was launched at LMYC on April 4, 2005.

The ice had just cleared the canal when Bob Bingham's Special Delivery was launched and motored to her dock.

This year Bob broke his last year's record by two days.



New Arrival



Morgan Jenner

Judgie and Mary Ellen Mangile are delighted to announce the birth of their youngest crew member, 'Morgan' ... a sweet little sister, for excited big brother, 'Brendan'.



Jenny and Dan Jenner welcomed their beautiful daughter, weighing in at 5 lbs 10 oz, on January 30th.

First niece for doting aunt and uncle Terri and Peter Skope and uncle DJ Jenner. Doug and Mary Jane Jenner, of Amherstburg, are also very happy and proud grandparents.



New Arrival



Maxwell Eric Pouget

Tammi and Peter Pouget and big brother Ryan are pleased to announce the newest addition to their family. Maxwell Eric Pouget sailed into our hearts Thursday April 21, 2005 at 8:21 P.M., weighing 8 lbs 10 oz.

The newest baby addition to L.M.Y.C.
All are doing well.
Aunt Sue, Uncle Bobby and Cousin Keith can't wait to bring him sailing.



Did You Know ?



Did you know that Bob Bingham was responsible for constructing the sign at Point Pelee National Park?

The arches were constructed in the early 60's when Bob was employed at Faucher Lumber in Amherstburg. Bob described the process for the construction of the entrance arches.

The forms were made up and then a few layers of wood were laminated together and were held in place every night in a large press. After completion many coats of some type of clear finish was applied and then as Bob recollects were installed during the winter months.

The company Bob worked for originally constructed doors and windows and prior to his leaving were construction oak picture frames for Master Craft, paint by number kits for delivery to locations in Stratford Ontario & Toledo Ohio.

The company has since closed and the owner retired and living along River Canard near the entrance to \Ranta Marina.

A Good Time Had By All



Please join us in wishing Linda Schreiber a very happy 60th Birthday!!!
(belated felicitations by the time you read this)

The surprise party was held at Bob and Sue's place on Sunday, April 17th. A very appetizing array of food was contributed by all well-wishers present and absent. There was also an abundance of home-made/bought wines. It could have very well doubled as a wine tasting party to boot. The decorations were also to be complimented, as great minds think alike. The streamers matched the flowers brought by Lou and Sue respectively. great bruschetta too!



Greetings came from near and far; one of which was from Barb and Manfred on their yearly sojourn enjoying sunsets and sailing.

Once the party was well underway, a few hungry, randy sailors wandered in after a hard days work of exercising their elbows (on their boats, I think :-)))

This memorable event was on a great tack, and plenty of camaraderie was floating about as usual when this writer set sail. I'm not sure who was the last to leave; but, as always a good time had by all. Thank you Sue, Lou and all for hosting a great afternoon for our Linda.

And the best part? Well, I would have to say that it was, in essence, the TOTAL surprise on my friends face when she arrived. - - - - - and she thought she was going to dinner at the race track.

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!!!!
U GO GIRL!
Darlene Brill



Linda Schreiber



Party Time



Opening Gifts

Photos by Darlene Brill





SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING
Larry Laing Secretary and New Commodore John Metcalfe

LMYC Special Election Meeting began shortly after 7:00 PM on Thursday April 28, 2005 at the LMYC clubhouse. Larry Laing Secretary reminded the membership that this was an election meeting only and no other business would be discussed. Bob Ferguson Past Commodore presented the new slate to the membership.

Commodore: John Metcalfe

Vice-Commodore: Rick Beresford

Treasurer: Dennis Pare

Race Director: Bob Ferguson

There were no nominations from the floor and the new slate was accepted by the membership.

The new commodore John Metcalfe addressed the membership stating briefly that he was saddened that he would have to be standing before the membership. The commodore spoke of a NEW RULE that all club members would adhere to. (In essence all members would treat each other with honour and integrity).

The commodore reminded the membership about the club clean-up day to be held on Saturday April 30th beginning with a free breakfast between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM with a work party to follow.

The meeting adjourned around 7:30 PM making it one of the shortest meetings on record.



Club members attending the special election meeting



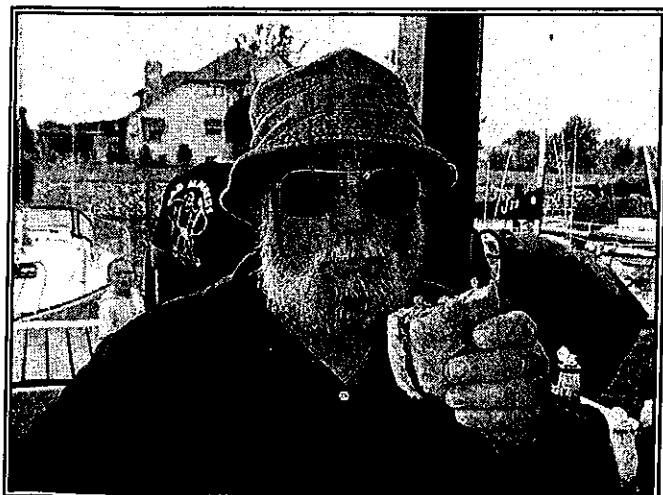


Jim Blackton 1942-2005

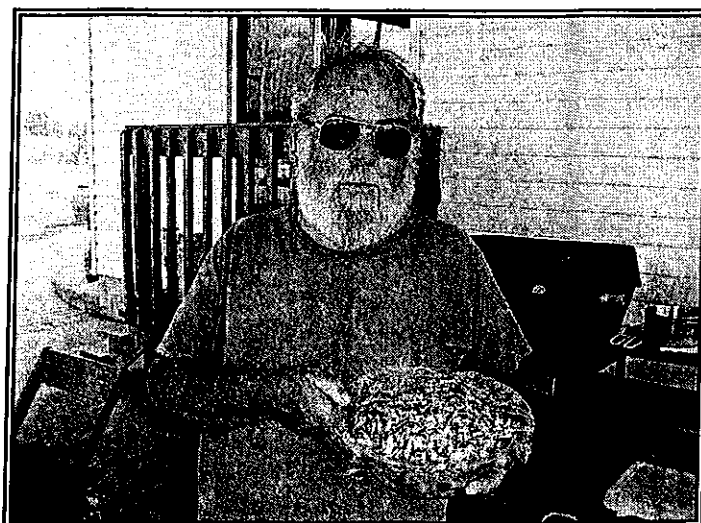


Maurice Dupuis, Roy Oliver, Mary Nantais, Rick Beresford, Amy Irving, Robert Dorion,
June Smith, Ralph Kepran, Richard Parchoma, Jim Blackton

New Year's Eve 2001



Jim Blackton
LMYC Regatta 2001



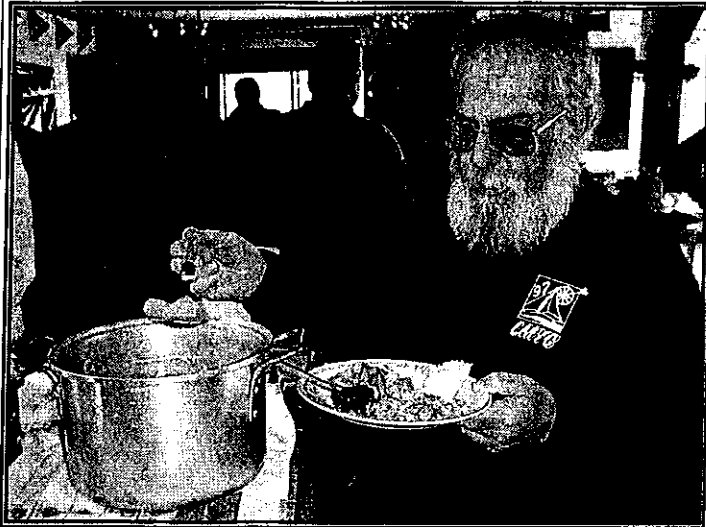
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Jim Blackton
Around The Club September 2003



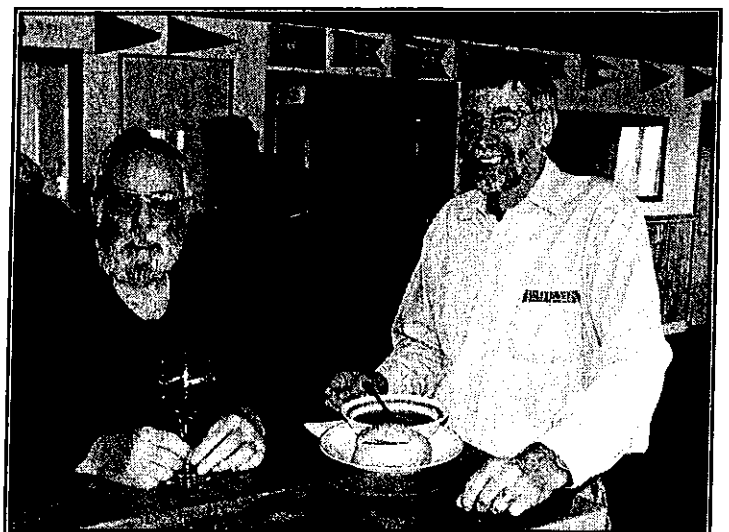
Jim Blackton — LMYC Turkey Dinner December 2003



Jim Blackton — LMYC New Year's Eve Party 2003



Jim Blackton with son and grandchildren
Monday Luncheon 2004



Jim Blackton — Monday Luncheon 2004



Wine Appreciation



Bob Bingham, Jerry Carnahan, Linda Parchoma, Kritin Wogan, Andrea Bingham, Dylan Wake

A wine appreciation evening has become a well accepted practice at LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club. Working on the same formula as last year the 2005 LMYC Appreciation Night hosted by Bob and Andrea Bingham was once again a tremendous success.

Over 60 member and friends attended to enjoy the selective wines and tasty entries provided and prepared by our hosts Bob and Andrea Bingham.

We were fortunate this year to have John Carnahan wine expert who provided us with insights into the intricacies of wine and wine tasting.

It was a very informative, relaxed evening and for some of us discovering new wines for the first time.

This year as last year, we were fortunate to take away our wine glasses as a remembrance of a highly entertaining and informative evening.

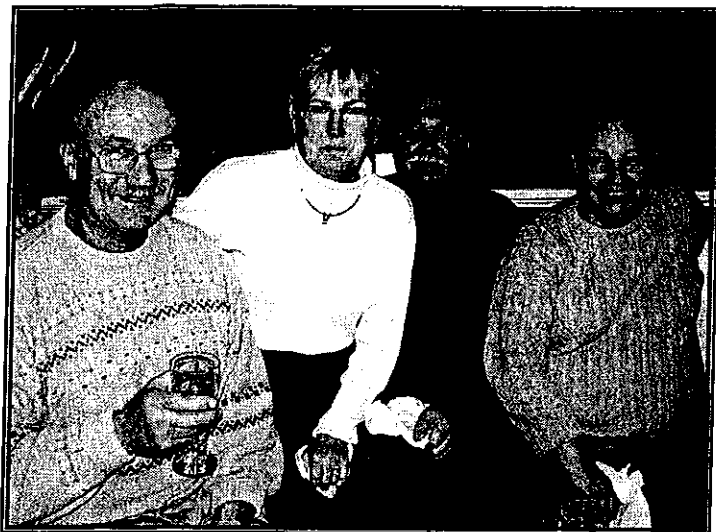
Andrea and Bob Bingham would like to thank everyone who attended the wine night.

Special Thanks to John Carnahan our wine expert, Linda Parchoma, Kristin Wogan, and Dylan Wake



Bob and Andrea Bingham





Rick Beresford, Margaret & Roger Odette, Shirley Beresford



Bradley and Jo-Anne Blackton



Doug Wilson, Fred & Sharon Bolton, Christine Wilson



Tom & Vicki Boyce & Mary Hendel



Roy and Gail Oliver



Bodo Schaefer and Lu McKim



Colleen Fox, Barrie and Susan Brewin, Frank (Red) Fox



Linda Schreiber, Perry and Gloria Basden



Brian and Elaine Casey, Bob Henson



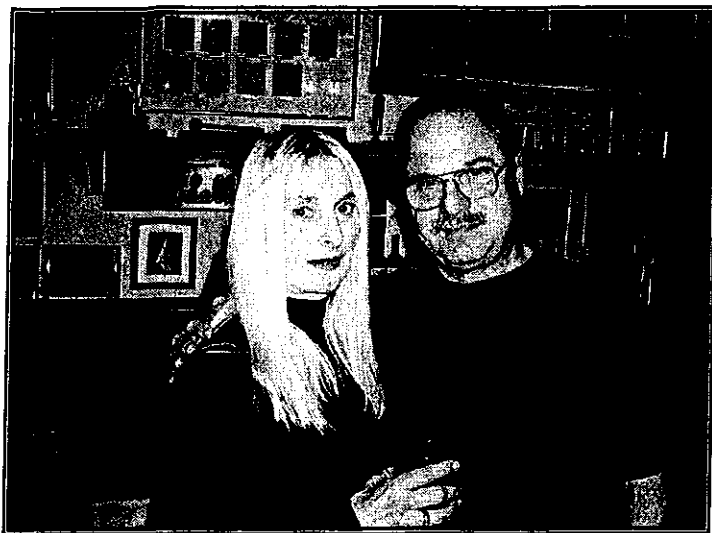
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Bob and Sue MacKenzie and friends



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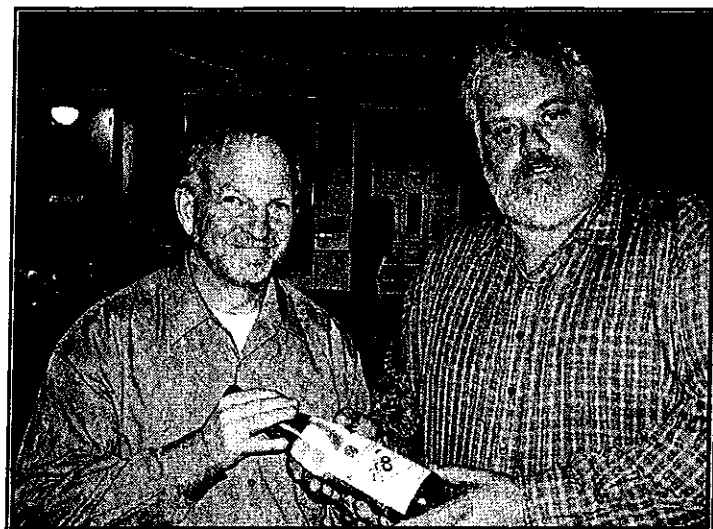
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John Carnahan and Andy Bellehumeur



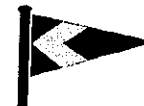
John Carnahan and Cathy Pare



Dennis Hendel and Deb Scott



LMYC Darts



LMYC Dart League Champions Tracey Moroze, Guy Meseck, Gus Martin, Vicki Boyce, Alex Buliga



The LMYC Dart League concluded on Wednesday April 27 at LMYC clubhouse with a pizza party followed by an Awards Presentation.

This was followed by a final game of darts for the season.

Men's Double Out	Alex Buliga
Ladies Double Out	Vicki Boyce
Men's High Score	Gus Martin—140 Guy Meseck—140
Ladies High Score	Tracey Moroze
Perfect Attendance	Tom Boyce Vicki Boyce Alex Buliga



Perfect Attendance
Tom and Vicki Boyce, and Alex Buliga



Vicki Boyce and Doris Kepran



Paulette and Guy Meseck



Ralph Kepran



Paul Neveu



Christine Drouillard



Gus Martin



Tracey Moroze



Doris Kepran



Alex Buliga



Dennis Pare

LMYC Chili Fest

LMYC will be holding a Chili Night on Saturday May 28, 2005 beginning at 7:00 PM. Andy Kozieradzki will be preparing his famous chili. This is something you don't want to miss.

Members who are attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert. For more information please contact Mary Nantais or Andy Kozieradzki.



Updates



I spoke to Donnie Beneteau chairperson for LMYC annual Shakedown. He informs me that the Application form has been proof read and will be ready for printing the first week in May.

The Monday and Wednesday Night Application and Race Program will be printed during the first week in May. The copies will be available from the Commodore, Race Director or from a distribution center in the clubhouse. These forms will also be available from the website on the Update Page.

Please note: The Port to Port Race which was scheduled for Saturday June 25 will be on Sunday June 26.



Clean-up At LMYC



Mary and Dave Nantais (Social Director) Preparing Breakfast At LMYC

Coming up to the LMYC clubhouse you could smell the cooking of eggs and bacon as Mary and Dave Nantais (Social Director) prepared the traditional Launch breakfast. Since launch is now an on-going endeavor this breakfast was in conjunction with the annual winter cleanup of LMYC. Over 20 breakfasts were served during the morning hours.

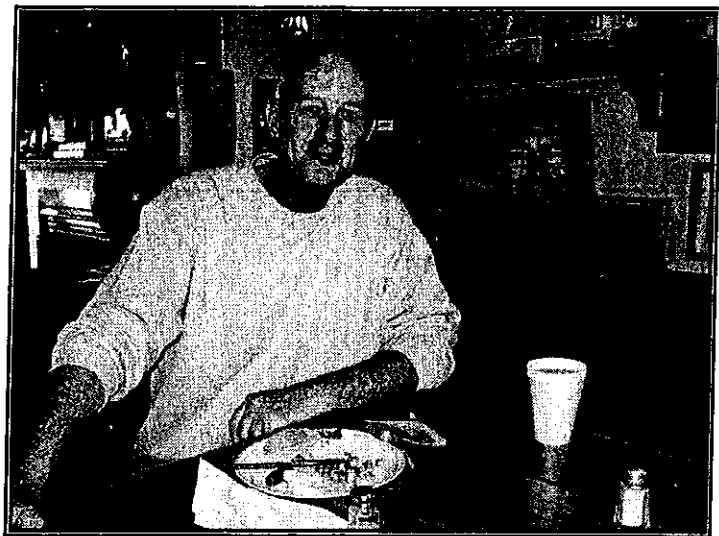
This year as in previous years the Sea Cadets under the direction of Rick Beresford Vice-Commodore and Commodore John Metcalfe assisted in the awesome event.

Some members, assisted with sea cadets, cleaned areas around the Window's Walk picking up debris along the rocks. Other repaired the decking around the boat wells while other worked around the grounds grooming and preparing them for flowers and new plants.

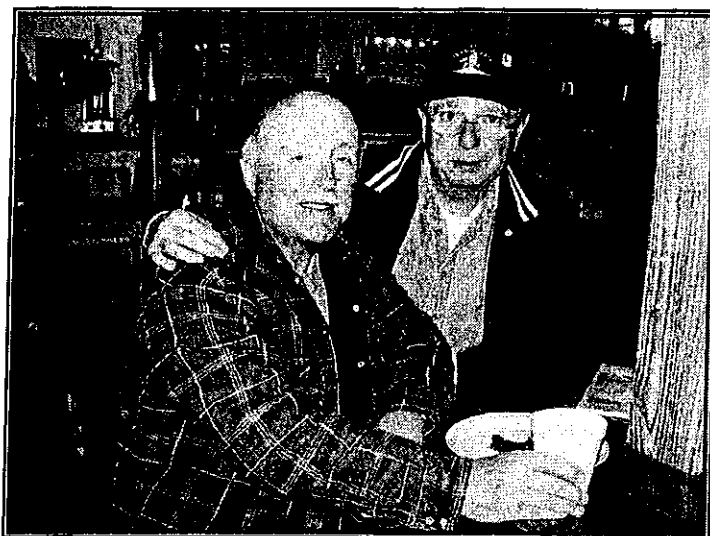
Mary and Dave would like to thanks all the members who came down to offers their assistance and to thank Tom and Vicki Boyce and Alan Prettyman who assisted in the kitchen.



Vicki Boyce



Allan Prettyman and Bob Reaume



Gord Freeman and Ralph Allen



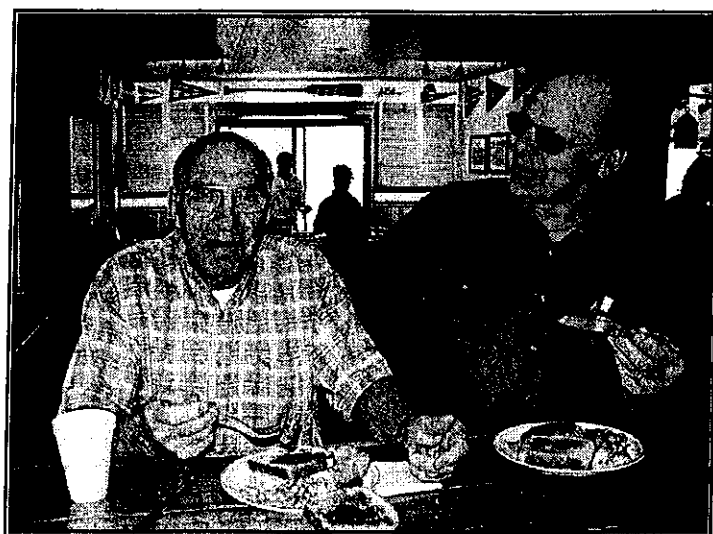
Ted Popel and Tim McWilliams



*Dave Nantais, Bob Binham, Bob Ferguson and
Richard Parchoma*



*Vice Commadore Rick Beresford
and Commadore John Metcalfe*



Tom Boyce and Lothar Bauer



Sea Cadets with Bob Ferguson



Sea Cadets



Sea Cadets With Gail Oliver



Gloria and Perry Basden



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Gord Freeman, John Metcalfe, Rick Beresford



Lothar Bauer



Sea Cadets



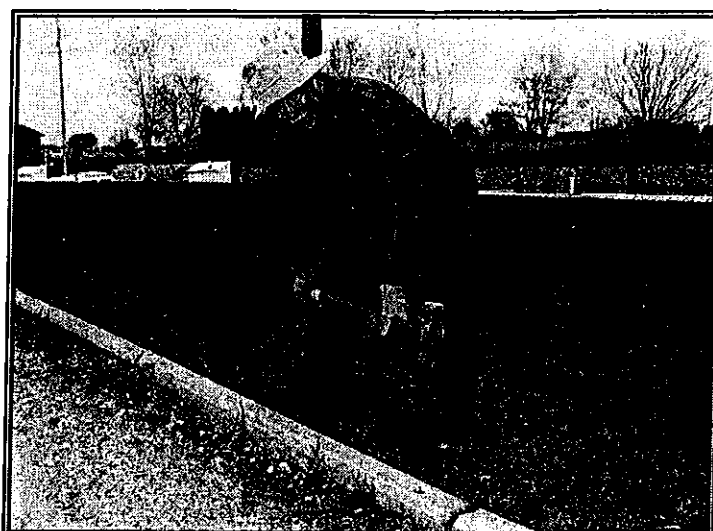
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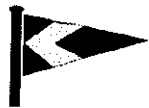
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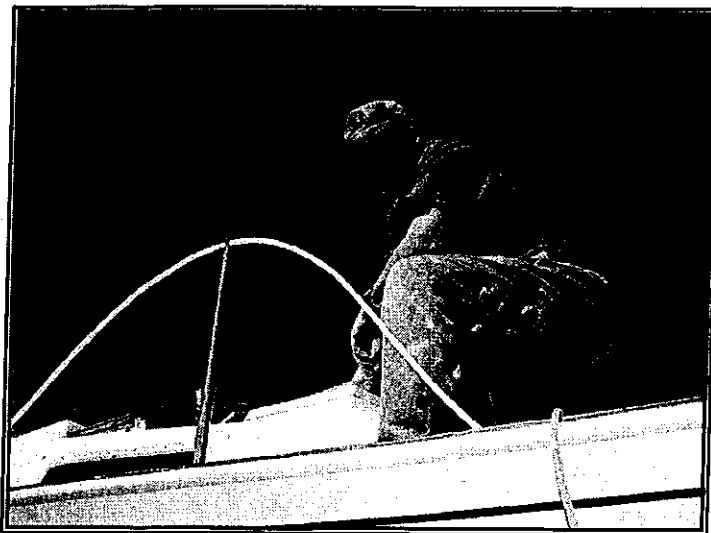
Bob Reaume



Bernie Wolter pounding in spikes (whoops)



Around The Club



Bernie Wolter



Craig Morrison



Dave Nantais



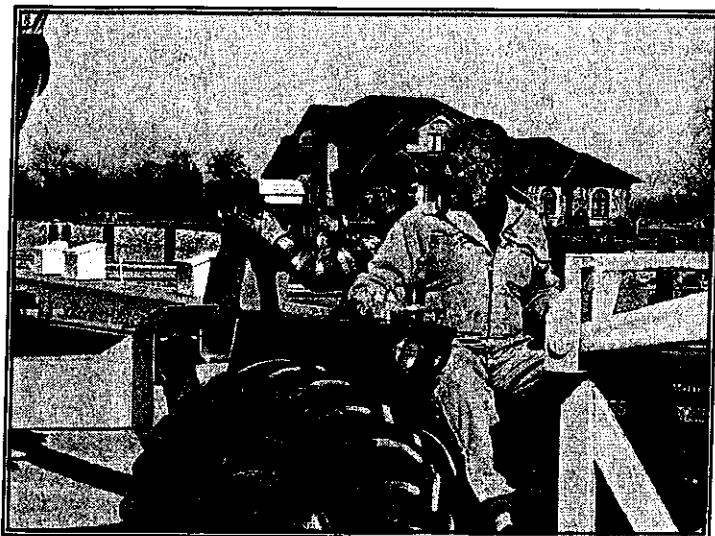
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Gord Freeman



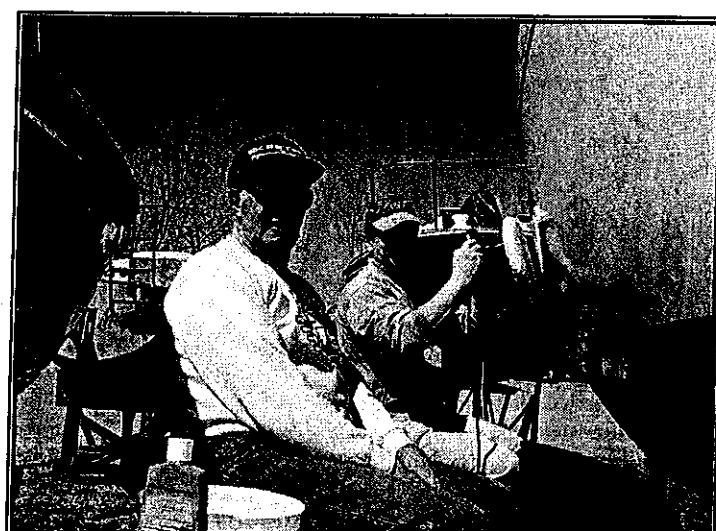
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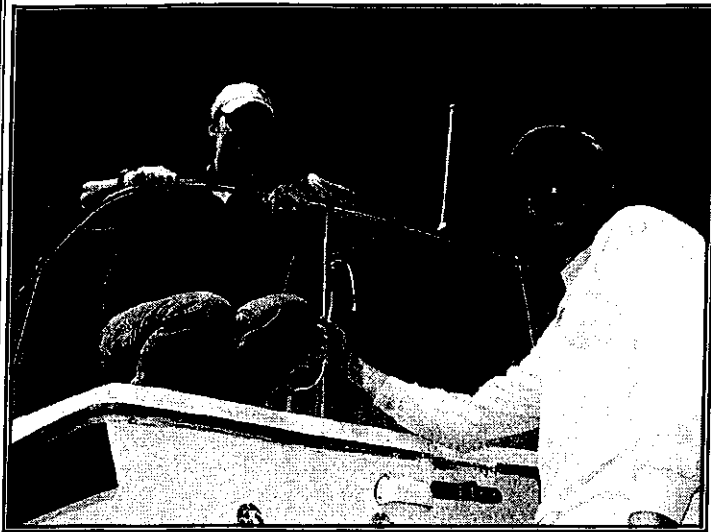
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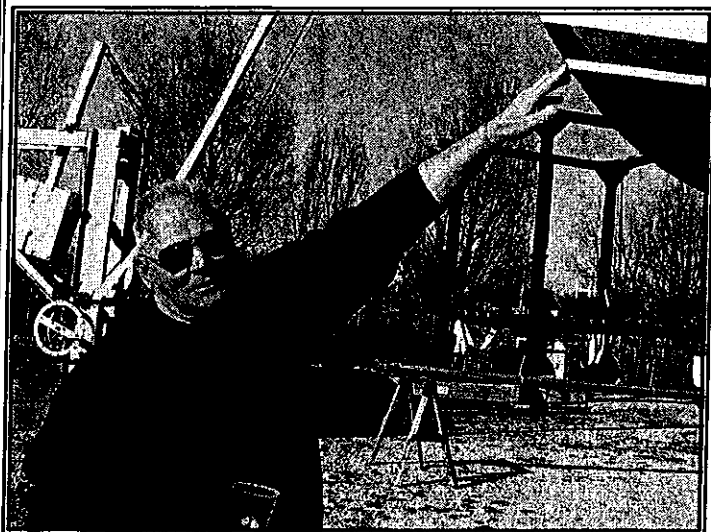
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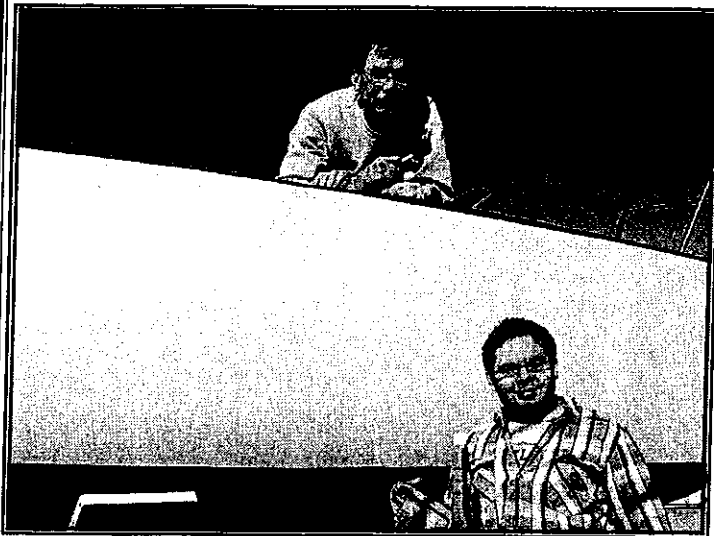
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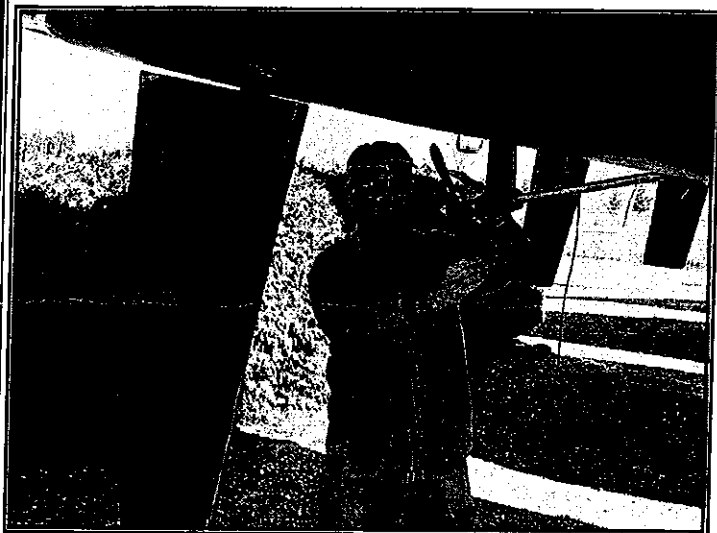
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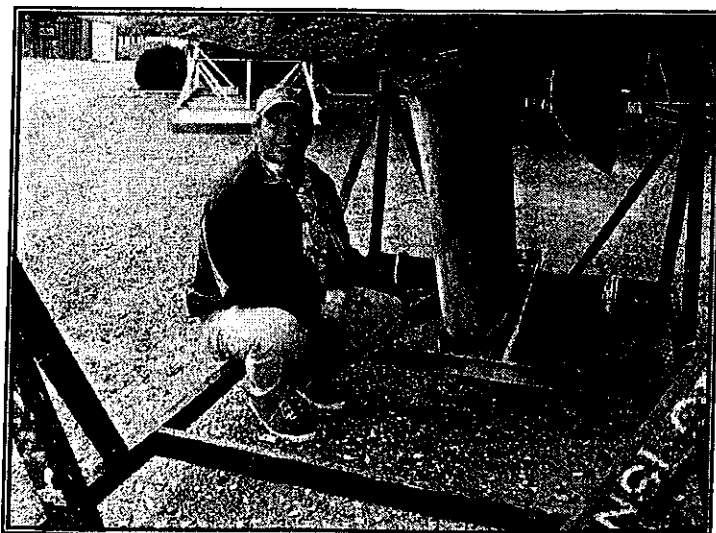
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