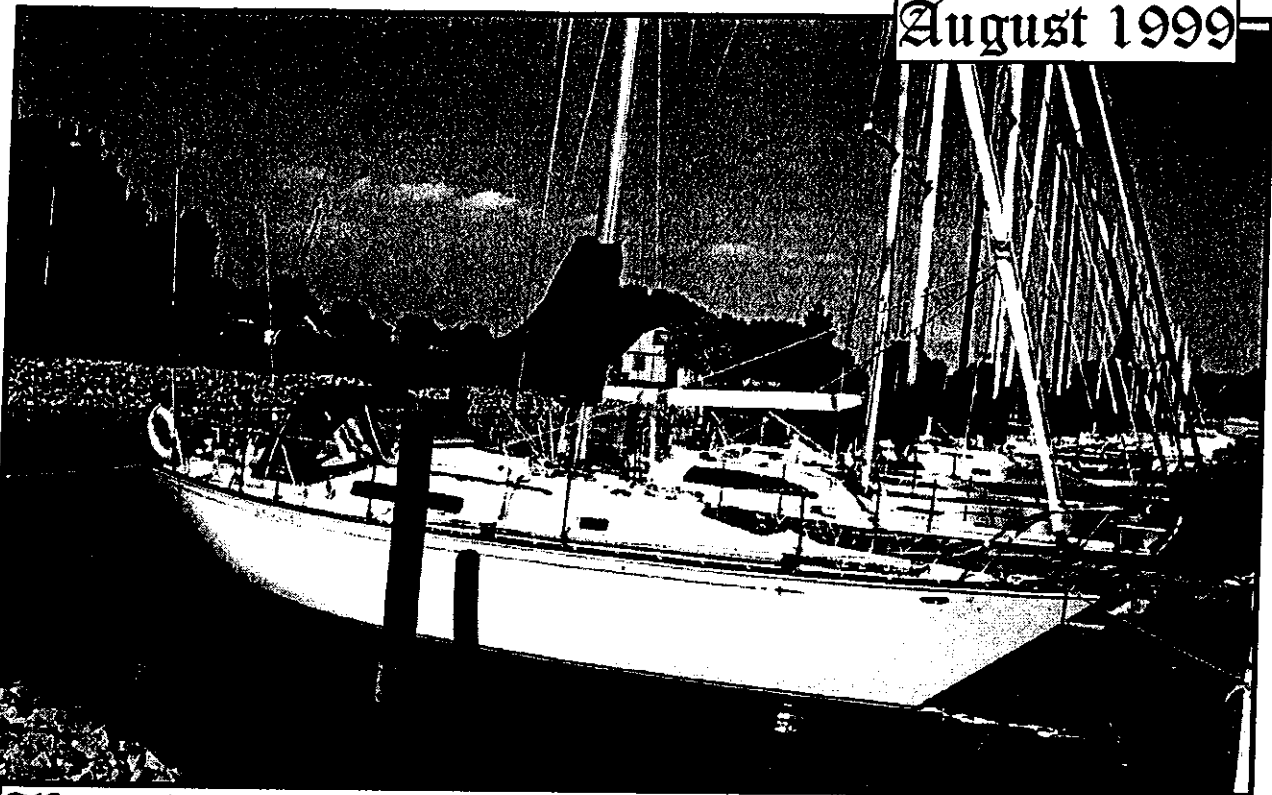


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North Harbour LMYC facing East

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From the Commodore

Progress is being made on our major projects. Financial approvals have been received. We are working with Hotte Construction to obtain the required permits and a contract will be signed for the construction of the new well and installation of the lift. The storage garage project is moving forward as well. Permits for this project are being worked on in conjunction with the above project as they are tied closely together.

Other projects are moving forward nicely. Dave Nantais has finished the relocation of the chair lift and the finished product looks good. This solution is the least cost alternative and has a minimal impact to the appearance of the front of the Club House while meeting the needs of the disabled. And lastly, parts for the dry fire hydrant (per Town of LaSalle Bylaws) have been ordered and construction will begin as soon as they arrive.

A long time member of the Club, Ron Stuebing, passed away suddenly. Our condolences go out to Diane and her family. All of us have fond memories of Ron-his sense of humour, greeting the fleet at the south rounding mark and his tales of high adventure. We will miss him very very much.

Please check your calendar of events. Lots of happenings-regattas, possibly a wine tasting, our regatta at the end of August and much more. See you there.



Commadore: *John Amyot Senior*

From the Vice-Commodore

It's hard to believe the month of July is over! Somehow it still feels like the boats have just hit the water. As usual, LMYC is well represented in all regattas - and doing well. Way to go "River Rats"!!! Our regatta is only a month away, and to prepare we are again having Tuesday evening work parties. First jobs to be completed include: the south harbour walkway and cleanup for the arrival of our new garage - then the biggie - the travel lift. Special thanks to Dave Nantais on a great job with the wheelchair lift, and to Ralph Kepran for having such a brilliant idea. Please remember to park your cars in the parking lot instead of the

loading/unloading spaces - and - if you are going away - park towards the rear of the parking area. Hope everyone is having a great summer!

Vice-Commodore: *Elaine Prettyman*

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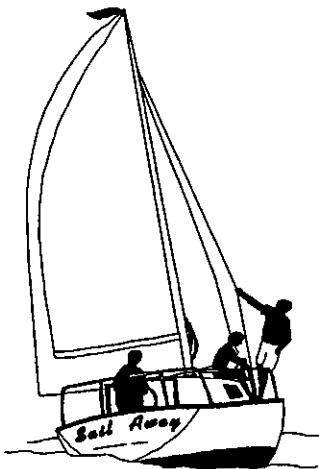
News and Information

Lower Water Levels For Lake Erie This Summer

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to be cautious when out on Lake Erie this summer, as Lake levels continue to drop, creating additional hazards for navigation. The following sites are still considered potential hazards areas for boaters:

1. All water between Johnson's Island and Bay Point in Sandusky Bay, including the Bay Point Sandbar.
2. Gull Island Shoal north of Kelley's Island.
3. Middle Harbor Shoal near East Harbor Beach.
4. North entrance to West Harbor (the sandbar forming at the end of the break wall into Lake Erie).
5. Starve Island Reef area.
6. All water along the northeast side of South Bass Island from Perry's Victory Monument to Ballast Island, including Buckeye Reef.
7. Lonz's Point Reef off Middle Bass Island.
8. Put-in-Bay's Alligator Reef between Gibraltar Island and South Bass Island.
9. All water between Mouse Island and Catawba Island

Other trouble spots include all western basin tributaries, Sandusky Bay west of the Coal Docks and Sandusky Bay east of the Cedar Point Causeway.



Think Before You Drink

While on the water many boaters like to have a beer or two. However, over doing it can be hazardous and can be devastatingly costly.



**Booze & Boats
Don't Mix**

More than 1000 boaters die each year in the US and Canada in boating accidents. 90% of the victims drown and half of those deaths involve alcohol.

Even if you are slightly intoxicated you are more likely to fall overboard and more likely to suffer from hypothermia. Alcohol reduces the bodies ability to insulate itself against cold water.

For a person weighing 120 to 140 pounds, three 12 ounce beers or three 5-ounce glasses of wine consumed within two hours can raise the blood alcohol content between .05 and .1 percent.

If you plan to sail, think before you take a drink. If you are a passenger use moderation.

From The Treasurer

A number of items to bring up for this month. Last month I brought to the members attention concerning long distant phone calls which have not been paid. Please check the numbers posted by the phone and if one of the numbers belong to you please feel free to give me a call to straighten up your bill.

I have also posted a sheet by the



telephone for those members returning from the US. It is there to help you remember to write down your number when received from customs.



We also have a number of small boats on the property. Some boats are near the dock at the front of the property and some are in the back. Please be reminded that all boats which are on the property whether being used at the dock at the front of the property or in storage are subject to dockage fees or storage fees. Some boats on the property have not complied. If you are one please see the treasurer about settling your bill.

Fire safety tips could save lives

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges all boat owners and operators to follow the following advice before and during the boating season.

- Before fueling your boat, make sure to extinguish smoking materials and shut down all motors, fans and heating devices
- Be sure the fueling nozzle is grounded to the fuel intake and don't fill to capacity — leave room for expansion.
- Wipe up fuel spills immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors. After fueling and before starting the motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.
- On board your covered boat, consider installing a smoke detector and test the battery before using the boat each time, replacing the battery with a fresh one at least once a year.
- Only use portable stoves and heaters specifically designed for marine use.



For information on marine fire extinguishers and other information on boating safety, contact the Canadian Coast Guard office near you.

Thinking of You

Though its hard to see the reasons why things happen as they do. May it be comforting. to know that warm thoughts go out to you. Speedy recovery.

Dave Evans
Jim Ouellette
Louise Geary



Pelee Island Race

The annual Pelee Island race was held on Saturday July 17, 1999. The race began at 10:00 am just off Bar Point with over 35 boats entered. The winds were south west with choppy 3 foot waves. The race to Pelee Island was fast with the first boat arriving around 2:00 pm. Boats continued to cross the finish line until 4:00 pm.

It was very hot at Scudder. Some racers partied while some went swimming at the beach to cool down. Around 4:00 the winds began to pick up and it looked for awhile that a storm was imminent, but that proved false

Around 6:00 pm the Winery shuttle came to pick up the racers to take them to dinner.

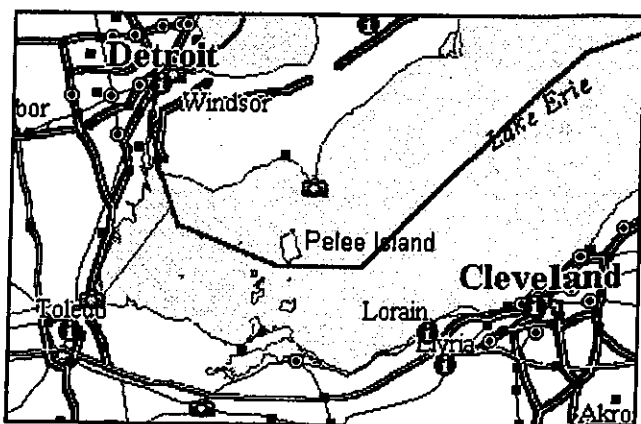
Dinner started around 7:30 pm and included chicken, ribs home fries, and dessert.

The band started around 9:00 and according to all accounts was excellent.

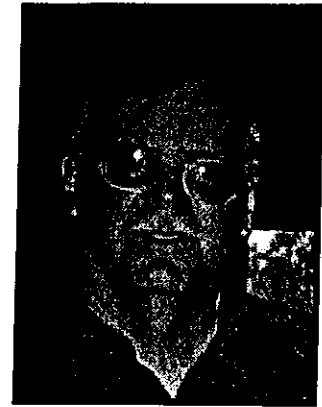
The first shuttle came at 11:00 pm to pick up the partiers to take them back to Scudder.

The next morning racers were up earlier preparing for the sail back to LMYC. Some racers cooked breakfast outside while others went out for breakfast. Boats began to leave for their home port around 9:00 am.

Story as told by Dennis Douthart

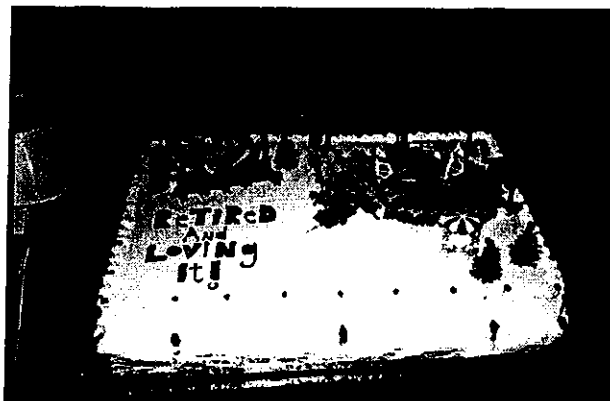


Bob Ferguson Is Retiring



Bob Ferguson Retirement Party was held at LMYC on Sunday June 27, 1999. Bob Ferguson has retired from Ford Motor Company after many years of dedicated service. Bob is retiring from the hurly burly of office life, but he will take with him many memories of a career that was stimulating, challenging and usually far too busy.

He will take with him memories of people who have been abusive, confrontational and sometimes, believe it or not, some who actually agreed with him. During his years at Fords Bob achieved one good thing. That is that he made many, many good friends and many were at LMYC on

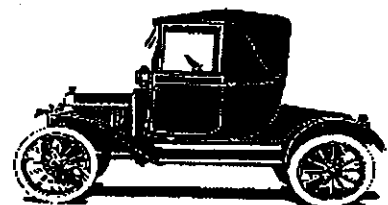


Retirement Cake

this important day.

Bob will be very glad that from now on he will have time to talk to them about the really important things in life such as their grandchildren, sailing or their golf handicap. Ford Motor Company is Bob's past. His interest is in the future.

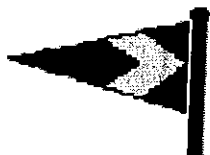
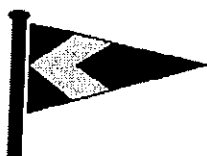
After all, as the old saying goes I am going to spend the rest of my life there.



Ronald Stuebing

January 20, 1941

July 3, 1999



Ronald Stuebing died on July 3, 1999 at the age of 58. In the 58 years of his life Ron left a personal and sailing legacy whose depth and breadth few have matched and many would envy.

I only knew Ron when I became a member of LMYC and Ron was a guiding light that was intensely focused on truth and integrity. He believed in himself and he believed in LMYC.

Ron loved sailing and whenever he could be on a sailboat he would jump at the chance. His last trip on a sailboat was The LMYC ShakeDown Race to Put-in-Bay on Silver Heels the boat he help to bring back from Lake Huron the summer before.

I considered Ron as sort of an advisor as did others at LMYC. Many sailor at LMYC would rely on his years of experience to answer the millions of questions that come up everyday in sailing.

The last time I saw Ron Stuebing was Friday July 2, 1999 at LMYC doing what he like to do best. It had been a very hot day and I had come down to the club around 7:30 pm to check on my boat. Ron was working quietly on Silver Heels repairing some delamination. We talked for a few minutes and then he continued working on Silver Heels.

I know for sure that I am one person who is very fortunate to have had Ron cross my path. I think I can echo that for all the members LMYC. Mr. Stuebing has now crossed his own heavenly path and for the many people who were privileged to have known him, the memory of Ron Stuebing will live on.



Bob MacKenzie, Zane Handyside and Ron Stuebing
returning from Lake Huron with Silver Heels

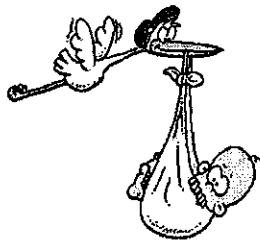




announcements

It's a Boy

Congratulation to George and Janet Mooney on the safe arrival of their new grandson Carter Mooney, born July 19, 1998. Proud parents are Scott and Tracy Mooney. Grandpa and Grandma are in excellent condition.



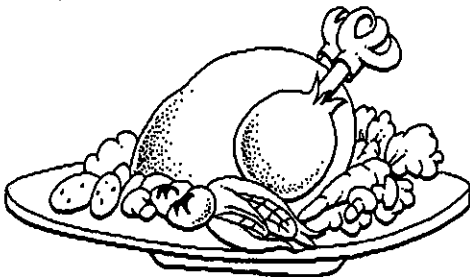
Regatta Time

The 35th annual Fighting Island Regatta will be here August 29. We are very proud of our club and during the days proceeding the regatta a great of work has to be done. Grass has to be cut, food prepared, tents set up etc.

Andy Kozieradzki our social director has informed me that he will again preparing his famous barbeque chicken on the Saturday proceeding the regatta for all club members who are assisting in preparing for the regatta.

Jim Blackton is in charge of food preparation for the regatta. Jim is looking for volunteers to assist him. If you have some spare time and are interested please contact Jim Blackton at 734-8746

Note:
General
Meeting
August 26
at 1900
hours in



Exercise fights addiction

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO

Women who exercise vigorously while trying to quit smoking are twice as likely to kick the habit than those who don't work out regularly, a new study found.

The report also offers good news to female smokers who fear that giving up tobacco and nicotine will lead to weight gain. Researchers found that women who worked out as they tried to quit gained only about half the weight of those who did not exercise.



"I can't say that definitively this will help all people, but given all of the other health benefits associated with regular exercise I would certainly encourage people trying to quit smoking to talk to their physicians about starting a program," said Bess Marcus, an associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University.

"There seems to be a new drug every day to help you quit smoking," Marcus, the study's lead author, said in a telephone interview Sunday "But this study suggests that there's a drug-free alternative to quitting smoking if that's what you prefer."

The findings appear in today's Archives of Internal Medicine.

Wine and Cheese

It was reported last month about the possibility of having our annual Wine and Cheese Party in August this year.

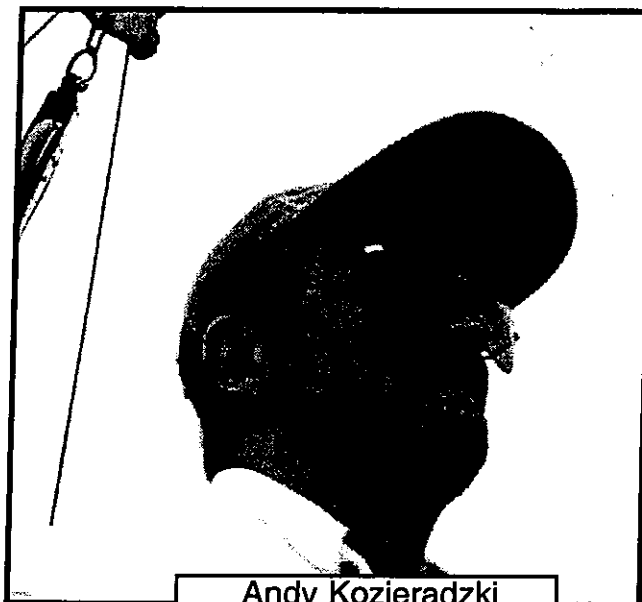
Due to circumstances the Wine and Cheese Party will again be offered in February.



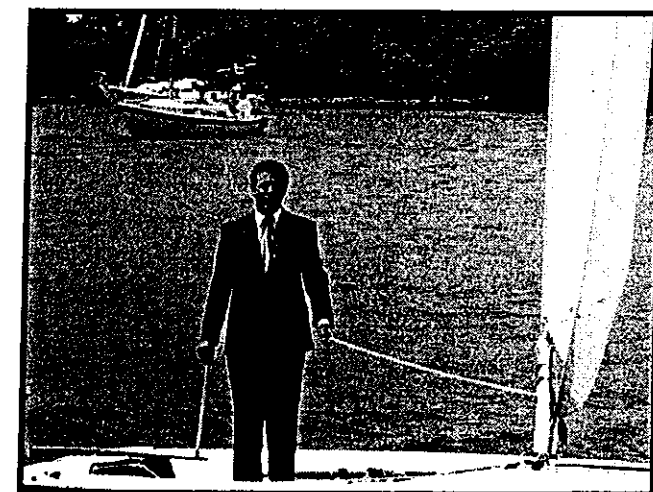
I.M.D.C. Photo Gallery



Alan Prettyman
Thames River Race



Andy Kozieradzki
Thames River Race



Top Picture

Adam Prettyman at Blessing of the Fleet

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Adam Prettyman and Rob Ferguson at
Blessing of the Fleet



Thames River Race



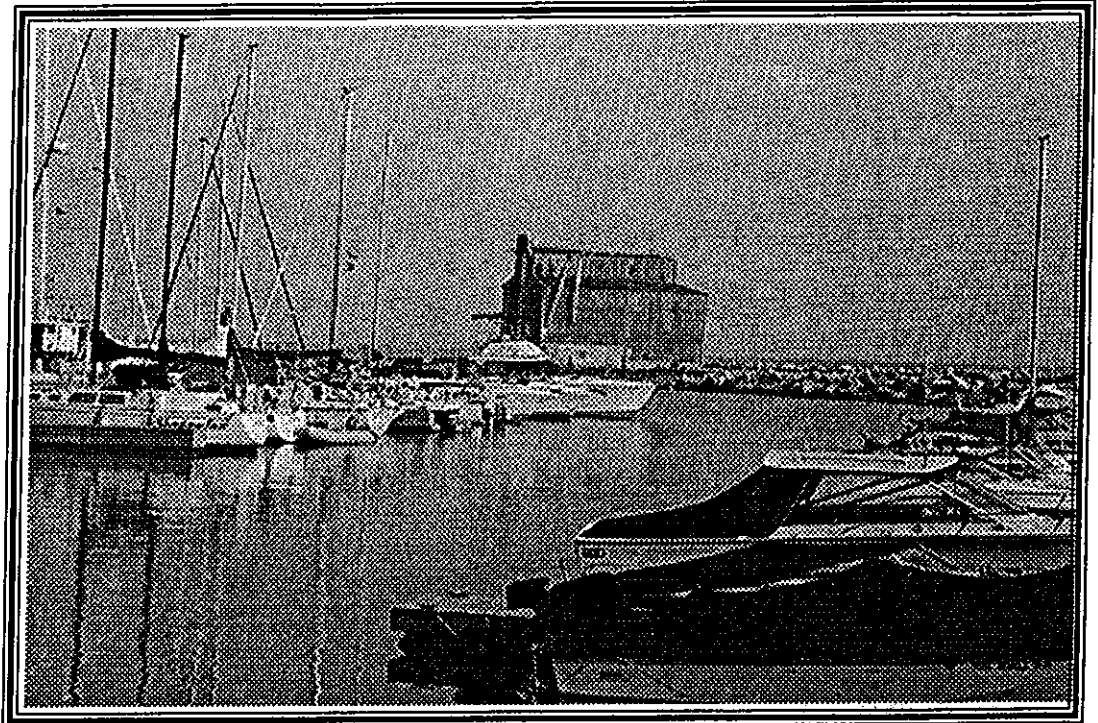
An Island Adventure

Are you looking for an island getaway. Then Pelee Island may be the place for you and the best part is that you don't have to leave Essex County. When you visit Pelee Island, Canada's most southerly community, you step back into a by-gone era where time almost stands still and island hospital-

ity comes as naturally as the wind in the willows.

Most of us who travel to Pelee Island arrive by boat at Scudder Marina which is located at the northern end of the island. This is the only place where you can dock a sailboat on the island and Scudder has public washrooms, picnic area and slips with hydro and water.

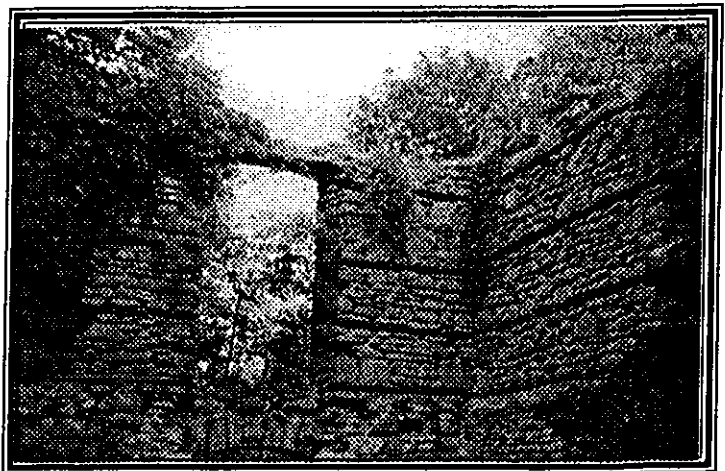
The only way to visit and explore Pelee Island adequately is to spend 2 to 3 days exploring its nooks and crannies. The vast expanse of the Island which is 9 miles long by 3 and 1/2 miles wide is graced with winding and twisting walkways where many can enjoy the peace and solitude of all that nature has to offer. There are many old homes on the island, some at least 100 years old and are built from the natural limestone excavated from the Island's quarry. If you are a nature lover there is an abundance of



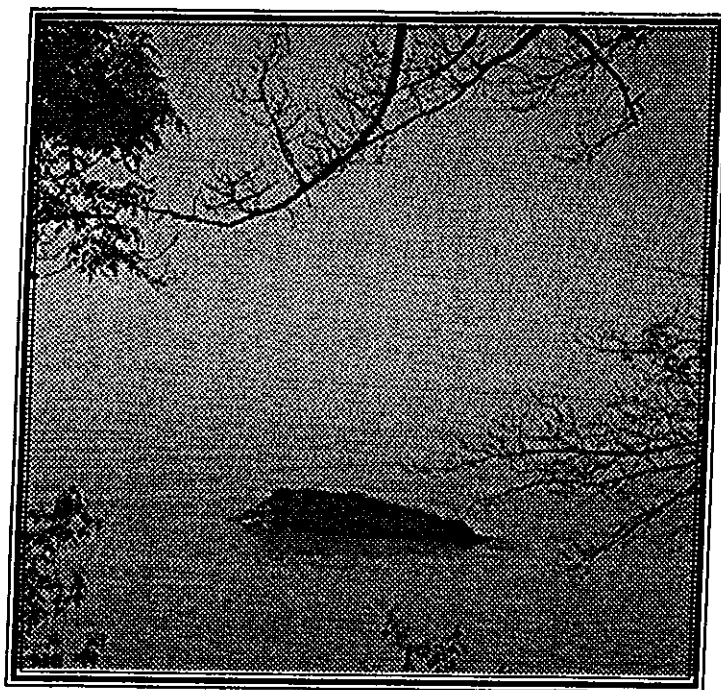
Scudder Dock on Pelee

various wildflowers and miles of grapevines, colourful birds and waterfowl as well as other aquatic creatures which flourish in the ponds and marshes.

Just a five minute walk from Scudders is



Vin Villa Ruins



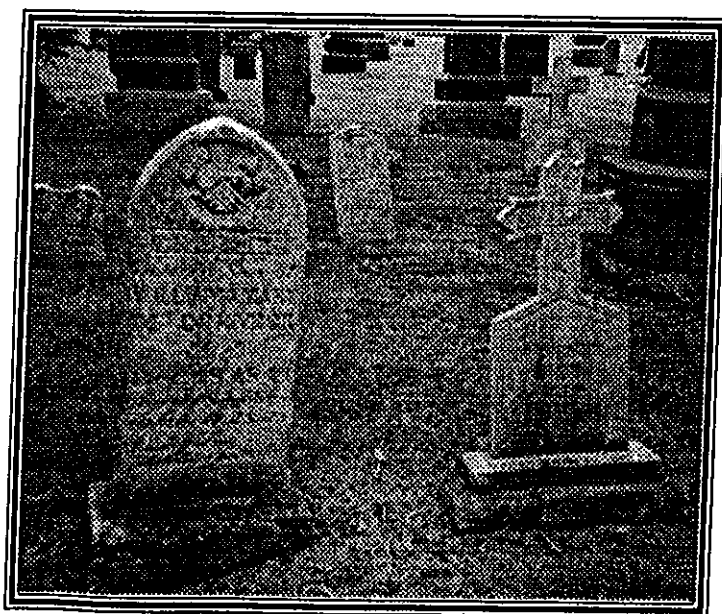
Huldah's Rock

Scudder Beach Bar and Grill which used to be the Island Grocery Store is where you can rent bicycles. The rate in 1998 was \$15.00 for a 24 hour period.

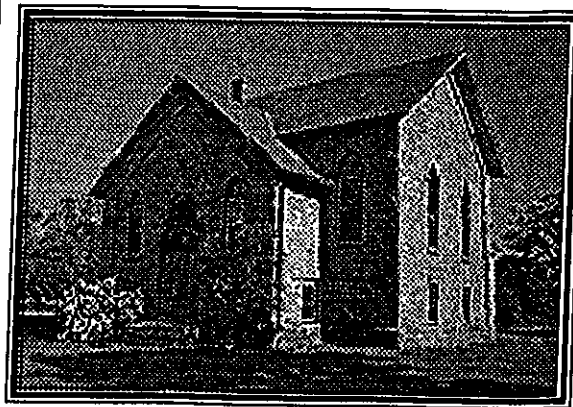
When you begin your bicycle adventure cycling toward the West Dock you come to Vin Villa ruins located on Sheridan Point at the west end of

North Bay Road about 2 miles from Scudder. Pelee Island was the first place of major commercial wine manufacturing in Ontario. Vin Villa, the McCormick family homestead, was built in 1868 for the express purpose of wine making. Below the building, a wine cellar some 60 feet long and 40 feet wide was dug. Today, you can see a few feet of the original 12 foot high cellar that is not filled with debris. The vineyards were quickly expanded to cover 33 acres (none remain today). The ruins of Vin Villa are open to the public inasmuch as unrestricted access has been allowed to pedestrians.

Just a short distance from Vin Villa is a secluded park which has a beautiful view of Lake Erie and Huldah's Rock. According to Indian legends, Huldah was the beautiful daughter of an unknown French woman abducted from Montreal and subsequently, Huldah was born on Pelee Island. As a young adult, Huldah met a young English adventurer on a hunting party with other Indians. They fell in love and after an extended stay, the Englishman promised to return soon to marry. He never returned and it is alleged Huldah plunged to her death from the rock with the sorrow of a broken heart. The waves that foam and surge around the grave stone seem to chant her name for eternity. Time and the ravages of

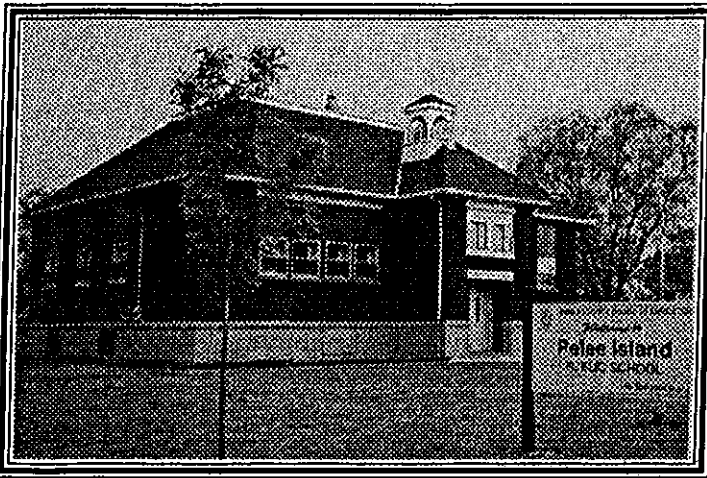


McCormick Graveyard



Calvary Anglican Church





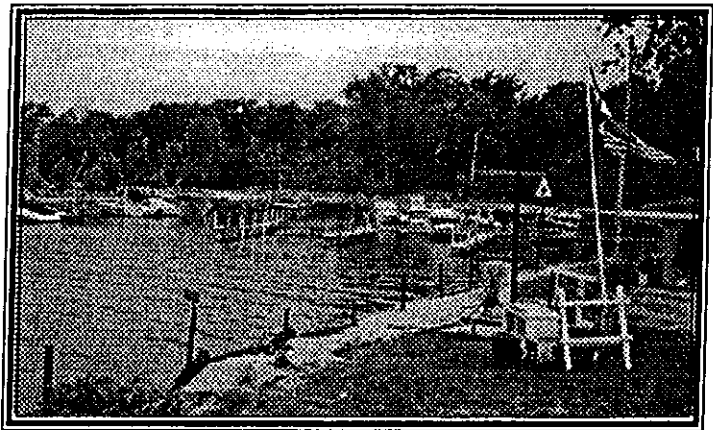
ice and water have decreased this rock to a fraction of its original size.

If you are a history buff then the island graveyard is truly a place not to miss. This is the burial place of William McCormick one of the founding families of Pelee Island. William McCormick was born in the Maumee Valley, Ohio and came to Canada with his parents, Alexander McCormick and Elizabeth Turner, in 1794. In 1809 he married Mary Cornwall and they had 12 children. In 1823 William purchased the Pelee Island lease for \$500 from Alexander McKee, whose father, Thomas had leased the Island in 1788 from the Indians for 999 years. In 1834 he moved his family to Pelee, insuring a permanent settlement and be-

coming it's Founding Father.

Along the route to West Dock you will come across the Pelee Island School. This school is the last of many to be built on the island. The school presently standing was built in 1927 on the foundation of the previous school. This school is still active, but has very few students.

The Calvary Anglican Church is built with stones from the local limestone quarry. Some of the records have been lost so the exact date of dedication is not known. The first record of baptism was that of Miss Cora McCormick in August 1863. This church was originally built as a Methodist Church.



Dick's Marina

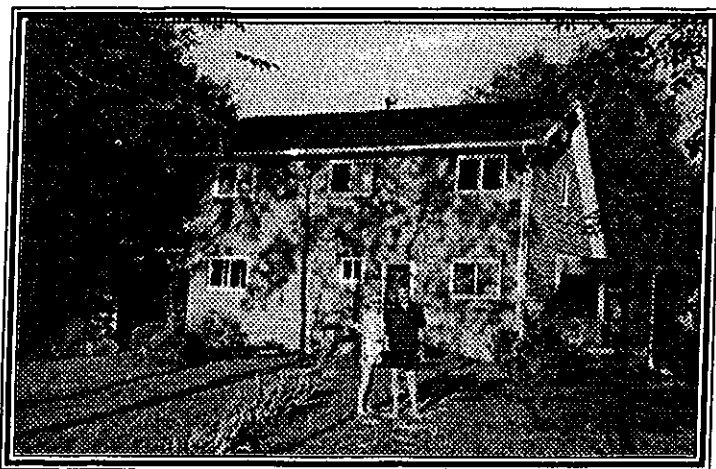
Biking along the West Pump Road you arrive at West Dock. There are numerous stores and restaurants. There is the Trading Post, Ice Cream shops, and beer/liquor store.

You cannot visit Pelee Island without visiting Pelee Island Winery which is located just about a 10 minute walk from the West Dock. If you choose, the Pelee Island Winery tram will pick you up at Scudder and take you to the Pavilion. At the Pavilion you may choose to take a guided tour which includes a large screen video presentation and samplings of fine Pelee Island wines.

Biking south you will come to Dick's Marina which is located on the South Shore



Pelee Island Winery



Dalla Bona's Home on Pelee

active member of LMYC for many years. It has taken Emanuel and his family over five years to complete this project. Emanuel takes part every year in the Pelee Island Race in which he assists at the finish line.

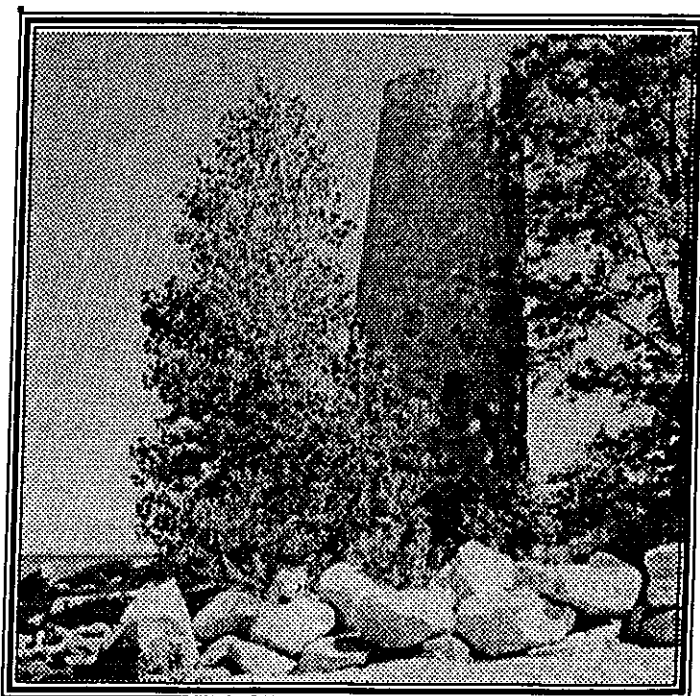
The lighthouse is at the northeast point of Pelee Island. Built in 1833, Pelee Island Light is the second oldest Canadian lighthouse in Lake Erie. It was built to help ships through the hazardous Pelee Passage. At present, only the ruins remain. Lighthouse point is somewhat protected since it has been designated as a nature preservation area. However, there are no plans to restore the light itself from the continuing onslaught of wind and water.

Next time you visit Pelee Island make sure that you take time to see all of its scenic wonders. Make your visit truly one that you will remember.

Road. This marina has a shallow entrance and will allow boats in with not more than a 3 foot draught.

If you continue on the Eastern section of the island there are numerous shady areas and many sandy beaches. A huge boulder that was once used by natives as a grindstone rests beside the roadway. This boulder is marked by a multitude of circular abraded depressions. People believe some native inhabitant between 7500 B.C. and the more recent past using the sandstone to grind food such as acorns found on the Island.

Along the eastern beach is the summer home of Emanuel Dalla Bona who was an



NAUTICAL DEFINITION OF THE MONTH

"Fake"

A "Fake" is a complete turn of a rope when it has been coiled either on deck or on a drum. When a rope has been properly faked down, it is clear for running, each fake running out without fouling those below it. The word is used as both a noun and a verb.

