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# LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Flirt— Party Boat

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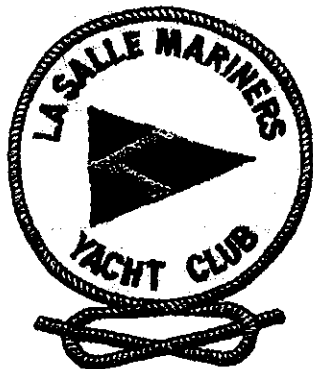
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*From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

Fighting Island Regatta is already here. There is plenty of cleaning, yard work and of course cooking and serving to do for this event. It's a great opportunity to get your work hours in and many are in need. So let's everyone pitch in and make this race live up to the reputation it has earned.

P.S. Pray for wind

*Commodore Chris Barron*

There will be a general work party before regatta. please attend date and time will be posted on the club notice board, web page or call me at 776-4501. It is the middle of August and half the membership still have to put in work hours.

*Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler*

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# News and Information



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Irving and Rob Doiron on their recent nuptials. Their wedding was held June 28, 2003 at Parkwood Gospel Temple in Windsor with the reception held at LMYC. The couple spent their honeymoon in Prince Edward Island enjoying the scenery. The happy couple will reside in the Windsor area.



## From the House Director

*Jerry Angus*

We are into the dog days of summer and certainly have felt it this week with things being very slow around the club. Few people want to go sailing in this heat. We have been trying to keep the house ship shape for you and I want to thank everyone for helping to make our job easier by ensuring that garbage is put in the containers and not left lying around for the varmints to get into. Please

remember that the waste bin is at the far end of the parking lot and can be accessed on the way out as you are leaving the club. Hope you all are having a safe and happy summer".



## Reminders

*From the Executives*

- Reminder to reserve early for the November Award Night which again will be held at Fox Glen on November 15, 2003. Keep that date open.
- Reminder to keep your eyes open around the club for any strangers. Dave Nantais had his dingy and motor removed by unknown visitors.

## Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Rob and Amy Doiron on the passing of Rob's Grandmother Noreen Hahn, 80 years on August 3rd 2003. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



# Pelee Island Race



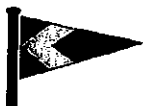
On the way to the Winery

Another great Race/Cruise to Pelee Island for the annual LMYC Pelee Island Regatta. This year over 50 entries were recorded for this popular event. The start according to racers was a drifter start with only pockets of air available throughout the race. Due to light air many racers succumbed to using their motors to arrive at Scudder in time to take part in the festivities which were to follow at the winery. Scudder was full with arriving racers and as the day advanced racers/cruisers/partiers made their way to the Pelee Island Winery for the race results and the ensuing party. Dinner was great this year with ample servings of chicken, potatoes, honey baked ham, three selections of pasta and a multitude of salads. Race results were given after dinner and then racers/cruisers had the evening to enjoy music provided by John Vandereerden & friends, ample refreshments, and great conversations. After the party it was a great evening for sleeping. It was a cool, calm evening with the only disturbance being a few mosquitoes interrupting the evening. The restaurant at Scudder did not open until 11:00 am so many racers/cruisers made their way to the West Dock for breakfast before undertaking the great sail home. All LMYC boats were gone by 11:30 am.



John Vandereerden & friends

Photos by Mike Puchantyj



# Pelee Island Wine Race



## Party Time at Pelee Island Winery

### Spinnaker Results

Position	Yacht Name	Club	Skipper
1	Whatever	LMYC	George Mooney
2	Zephyr Hawk	GIYC	Rick Bohl
3	Windsong	LMYC	Rick Beresford

### Jog Results

Position	Yacht Name	Club	Skipper
1	Nivek	LMYC	Kevin Conrad
2	Quattro	LMYC	John Metcalfe
3	Wet Dreams		



### Cedar Island Results

Position	Yacht Name	Club	Skipper
1	Sea Horse	CIYC	B. Calhoun
2	Yawanna	CIYC	F. Foote
3	In Stitches	CIYC	Watton

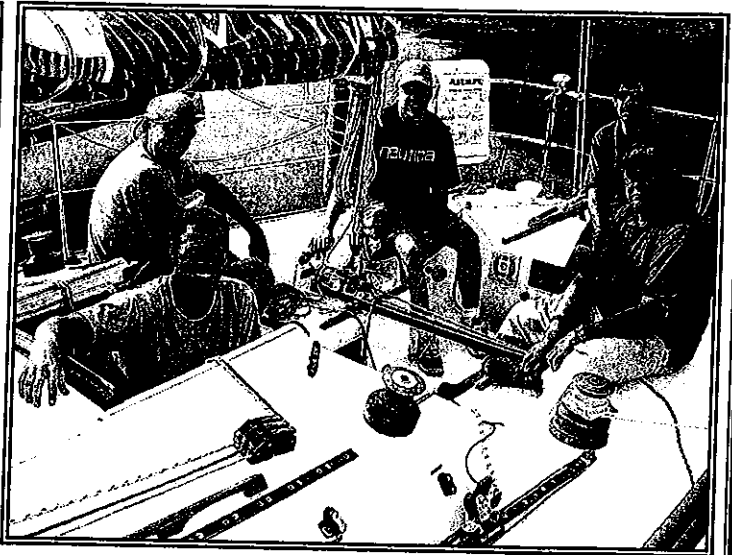




# Wednesday Night Crews



Crew of Breakaway



Crew of Blitz!



Crew of Grey Gannet



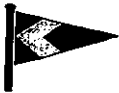
Crew of Flirt



Crew of Joe Louis



Crew of Quattro



# Wednesday Night Crews



Crew of Azura



Connie Buliga – Dennis Douthart R-Committee



Crew of R-Escape



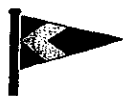
Crew of Rakaia



Crew of Special Delivery



Crew of Whatever



# *LMYC Spring Race Results*

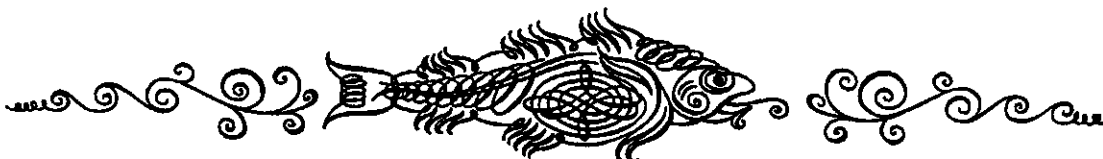


## **PHRF "A"**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YACHT NAME</b>	<b>YACHT</b>	<b>SKIPPER</b>
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga/J. Amyot
2	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham
4	R-ESCAPE	Abbott 33	Robert Reaume
5	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
6	FLIRT	Ranger 32	John Murphy
7	JOE LOUIS	Farr 33 Custom	Ralf Fiedler
8	ON A TACK	Kirby 30	Ken Blythe

## **PHRF "B"**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YACHT NAME</b>	<b>YACHT</b>	<b>SKIPPER</b>
1	BOTTOMS UP	Niagara 26	J. Vandereerden
2	QUATTRO	Mirage 27.5	John Metcalfe
3	AZURA	Kirby 25	Ted Popel
4	CEILDH	Niagara 26	Ralph Kepran
5	WHATEVER	Viking 28	George Mooney
6	2ND WIND	Niagara 26	Brian Casey
7	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford







# LMYC Spring Race Results



## PHRF "C"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BREAKAWAY	Santana 20	Rob Ferguson
2	SUNKIST	Mirage 25	C. Barron/J. Trepanier
3	GREY GANET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman
4	DRAGONFLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
5	THE DOVE	Mirage 7.5	Roy Oliver
6	GRINGO	Shark 24	Bob Ferguson

## JOG "A"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga/J. Amyot
2	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham
4	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
5	YES	Abbott 33	J Amyot/A. Kozieradzki
6	FLIRT	Ranger 32	John Murphy
7	R-ESCAPE	Abbott 33	Robert Reaume

## JOG "B"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford
2	WHATEVER	Viking 28	George Mooney
3	DRAGONFLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
4	MANANAN	CS 27	Dennis Pare
5	GREY GANNET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman
6	RECKLESS	Edel 22	Mike Puchantj
7	NIKE	HR 28	Patrick Holland



# Port Huron to Mackinac GLSS Challenge

Story and Photos by Sue Ouellette



## On Mackinac Island Celebrating The Finish

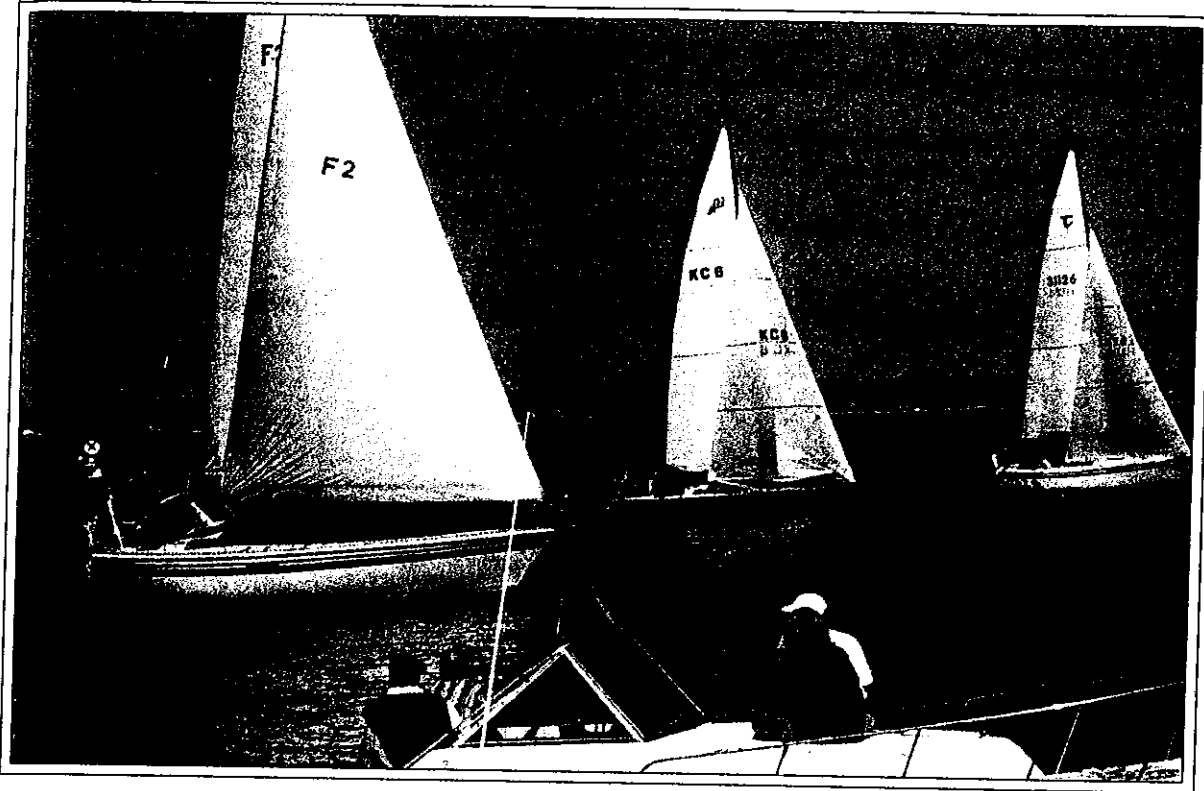
**A**fter successfully completing the singlehanded Port Huron to Mackinac Challenge, Bob Reaume is now L.M.Y.C.'s newest member of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society. (GLSS) His dedication and determination over the past year, preparing RESCAPE for this adventure has paid off in order to achieve this important goal.

Dave Evans, along time member of LMYC and GLSS partly responsible to peaking Bob's interest in the society. While conversing about Dave's intent to enter the OSTAR race across the Atlantic, (again); Bob expressed his interest to cross with David. In grand Dave Evan's style and flare for words, he suggested...Before you cross the pond (Atlantic Ocean) you should cross tiny Lake Huron Singlehanded.... then tell me if you are still interested. For anyone who knows our dear Dave, use your imagination, as this is not his actual quote. It was good advice. Anyone who knows Bob understands his need to accept a challenge. And so,,the seed was planted.

In the summer of 2002, the St. Clair solo was the first step in the adventure. This 16 nautical mile floater race turned into a successful 3rd place finish over the course of aprx. 10 hours. Somehow, you quickly forget about the bugs, heat and lack of wind after being presented with your flag. The seed is now sprouting.

Qualifying for GLSS Mac is step two. Bob began to purchase safety equipment and prepared himself mentally as well as physically over the winter months. RESCAPE was ready to sail. (Anyone interested in the long list of requirements/ qualifications for GLSS can visit their web site <<http://webhost.sailnet.com/glss/allmac.htm>>)

Bob completed the 100 nautical miles, non-stop, under sail, in no less than 24 hours, qualifier in early June of 2003. After submitting his Sailing Resume, his application was accepted by GLSS to enter the Port Huron Mackinac Race. Thanks to all of his friends support, signing his RESCAPE t-shirt with inspiring thoughts, Bob had no choice but to



**The Start of the Mackinac**

complete the challenge. This was his last step in the process of earning membership in the GLSS. Rescaper crossed the start line in Port Huron, at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday June 21, 2003, along with Ratso and aprx. 27 other boats. Fellow Chicago challengers started on Friday evening, with both starts destined to finish the 231-mile race at Mackinac Island.

Moderate to heavy winds prevailed during the first leg of the race to Goderich. While listening to the marine radio, half an hour into the race, Maggie Evans and I heard Bob contact Dave. "Are we almost there yet?" Humor is a must and radio camaraderie essential on this solo excursion.

Unfortunately, this was the only enduring wind of the race. The air shut off after rounding the mark at Goderich. Let the floater begin! The view at this mark lasted for about 8-12 hours. Drifting was a natural occurrence over the next 3 days. One afternoon was spent leisurely killing flies while sitting in a dead hole on the lake. Bob's determination was inspired by reading the well wishes of his friends on his t-shirt. Quitting was never an option thanks to the support as well as the wrath of David.

Bob and auto (helm) had a few disagreements, especially while jibbing the spinnaker. Auto had his own sense of humor. He would steer the boat nicely until Bob attempted to jibe. Then decided to change course as soon as the pole was unhooked. After threatening auto with another back-up, "You can be replaced!" Bob and auto quickly made up and enjoyed their trip. The days were sunny, nights very cold and the stars usually brilliant. Fog settled in Monday evening, which tested the radar detector. Drifting with poor visibility, it was quite unsettling to hear the beeps. From the detector while peering through the fog for other vessels. Sleep deprivation was also setting in. Once the fog had burnt off, and, after clearly seeing other people on the boat, it was time to drop the drooping sails and try to get some wee deserved shut eye. Prior to this sleep came in 10-15 minute intervals. Feeling rested after his longest nap of two hours, Bob was determined to complete the race



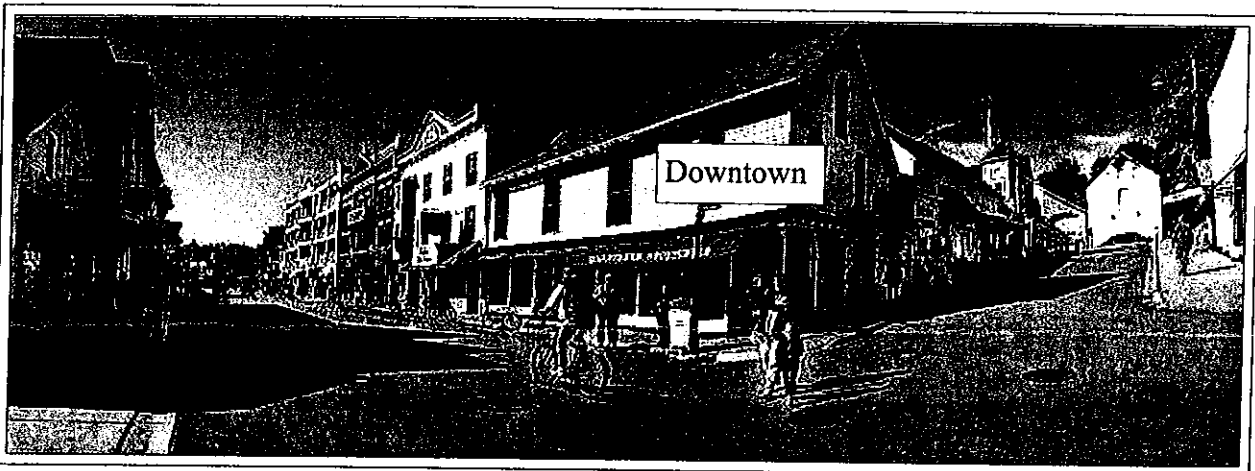
**Bob Reaume and Dave Evans at the finish**

knowing that the race committee will time boat finishes until Wednesday at noon. David completed the race early Monday evening and assured me that Bob would be in soon. Soon was Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. We were thrilled to see Rescape's green hull sail across the finish line while listening to the r.c. respond on the radio.

"Rescape, welcome to Mackinac Island, you have successfully completed the challenge, Congratulations." The best was yet to come! The goal was to complete the race. but in the spirit of racing, the glory is in the flag. The 4 1/2 day, 3 lonely nights (except for auto's company) flies, sleep deprivation, no-ice, imagining others, floating hopelessly, wondering "why am I here?" was immediately forgotten upon docking the boat at Mackinac. It was time to think about changes to the boat for next year's challenge. After being presented with a 2nd place flag, GLSS burgee, 2003 Glss Medallion, and of course, a bottle of rum, the planted seed was in full bloom. Thanks David, you have created a clone!

All sailors share their experiences sailing. This is another very close knit group. Glss celebrated their 25th year anniversary this year. Over the course of this 25 year span, only 100 - 120 individuals have completed the challenge in order to become a life long member of the society. Many, including Dave Evans, compete in this endeavor year after year. Their stamina, patience, determination, competence and respect for safety are admired.

On Thursday morning, Bob and I (and yes, auto) boarded RESCAPE. All that's left to do is, turn around and sail 230 -260 miles home.....



## Power Squadron Courses

Registration for the Fall Power Squadron Courses are offered at several locations

Wednesday September 3, 2003 1700 hrs. (5:00pm) until 2000hrs. (8:00pm) Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594, 3920 Huron Church--Royal Canadian Legion, 504 Notre Dame St. Belle River

Sunday September 7, 2003 1200hrs (12:00pm) until 1500hrs. (3:00pm)-Windsor Yacht Club 9000 Riverside Dr. E.

Courses to be offered: Boating Piloting, Advanced Piloting, V.H.F., Boat Pro, Weather, Seamanship Sail. For further information please contact 977-9611

## Upcoming Events

**L.M.Y.C. HOSPICE REGATTA**  
September 7

**G.I.Y.C. ONE DESIGN REGATTA**  
September 13-14

**S.P.S.C. HARVEST MOON REGATTA**  
September 20