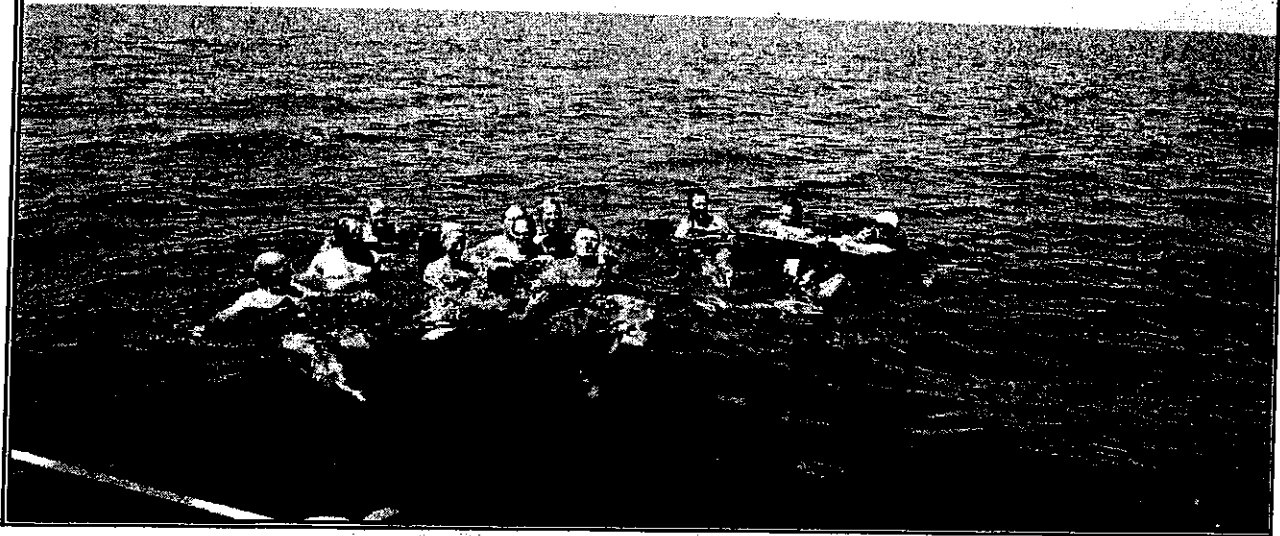


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Mid Lake Raft—Photo by Joanne Vandereerden

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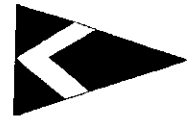
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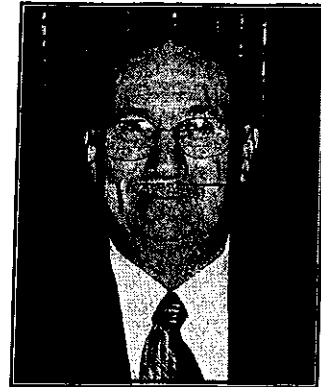
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore John Metcalfe



Vice-Commodore Rick Beresford

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost half over. The Spring race schedule is complete and we have made a good start on the Fall series.

After a very slow start, the wind did come up to give all the boats a good sail to Pelee on the annual Pelee Island Wine Regatta. A great time was had by all that made the trip. Thanks go to John Vandereerden who works hard to make this event a super weekend.

At this time I would like to extend a warm welcome to Maciek (Matt) and Justyna Jaglarz. Their boat is near the end of the North harbour. Please take the time to help them feel at home.

Our Fighting Island Regatta is next on the schedule, and much work needs to be done to make our club ready for this event. Please come out and do your share so we can all be proud of what we all share. Hope to see all of you at the upcoming General Meeting on Aug 21, to complete plans for Regatta.

Commodore John Metcalfe

We are now well into the Dog Days of summer - very hot and humid. I know it's hard to get up the energy to take on some of the jobs at the club when it's so hot, but your Club needs your help. Some members have really been putting in a great effort and a few major tasks have been accomplished and 2 major races and the Blessing of the Fleet have been organized and successfully run - a quarter of the members who are required to record their work hours have already put in 12 + hours and several others are well on their way to reach their goal.

Our Racing season seems to be racing by. This week we are already into the 2nd week of the Fall Series of our Club Races and having a great time. The number of members participating has been a little disappointing. If you do not feel comfortable racing your own boat you can always crew for another member - come out and enjoy this great facet of sailing.

Our Club's Fighting Island Regatta will be held in a few weeks. This event is not just for the Racers - all members and their families can come out and have a great day at the Club and enjoy the after race food, music and fellowship.

Vice- Commodore Rick Beresford

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News and Information

Final Voyage



Ross Henry Byron
September 10, 1945—July 4, 2005

We say goodbye to Ross Byron a club member at LMYC since 2002. Ross 59 passed away on Monday July 4th 2005 in Windsor Ontario.

Ross retired as C.E.O. of the Children's Rehabilitation Centre of Essex County and was very active in numerous charitable organizations.

Ross was the proud owner of Marmalade a 24 foot Mirage sailboat which he along with his family sailed from LMYC.

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

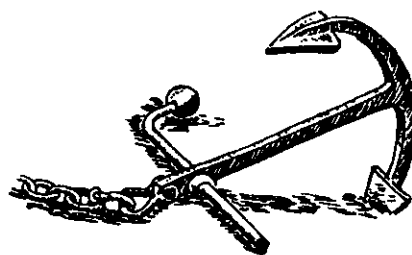
All the members who knew him will mourn his passing. We will truly miss you Ross.



Monday Luncheons
March 28, 2005



Mary Ellen Mangile Retirement Party
Gus Martin & Ross Byron





Ross and Meghan 2004 Preparing For Launch



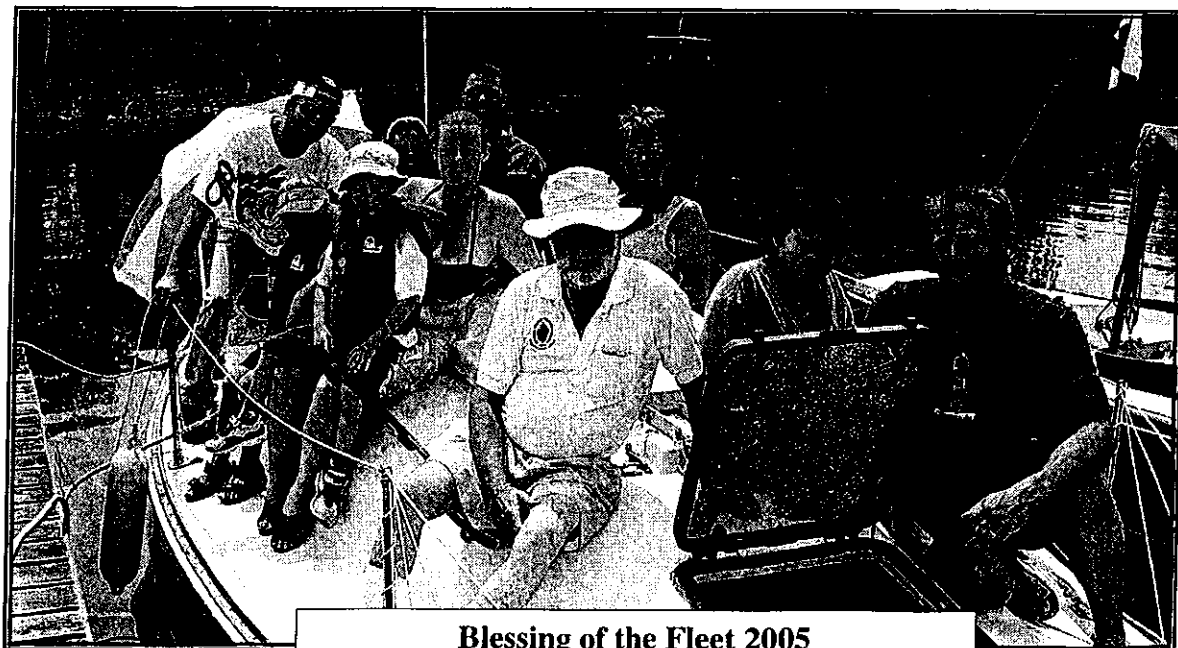
Ross and Meghan 2004



Ross 2005 Preparing For Launch



Blessing of the Fleet 2004



Blessing of the Fleet 2005

MARS SPECTACULAR!

The Red Planet is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.



By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Share this with your children and grandchildren.
NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE
THIS AGAIN

Article submitted by Bob Bingham

New Barbeques At LMYC



Two new barbeques have been purchased and installed at LMYC. Thank you Tom for purchasing and installing the equipment. **One sad note.** One day after the barbeques were installed one new barbeque brush disappeared.



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

August 18	Executive Meeting 7:00 PM
August 21	General Meeting 1:00 PM
August 27	Regatta Work Day (9:00 AM)
August 28	Fighting Island Regatta
Sept. 11	Hospice Race
October 16	River Rat Rally



OUR TRIP TO THE NORTH CHANNEL JULY 2005

At 0950, July 2nd Trilogy left the dock of LMYC with Moon Shadow and Aloha-lani. Steve had his friend and former partner Bernie, aboard. Perry and Gloria were accompanied by Jerry and Bev Angus. We decided to head to the Ecarte Channel in the St. Clair River to gas up and spend the night. At the gas dock there was only about 4 1/2 ft and Trilogy draws 5 1/2 so....needless to say, we got stuck in the mud. Was easy to get out and after some pulling and pushing by Perry and Jerry we managed to get close enough to get our gas. Thanks guys. Dockage is \$25.00 for the night....doesn't matter the size of the boat. (plus tax of course).

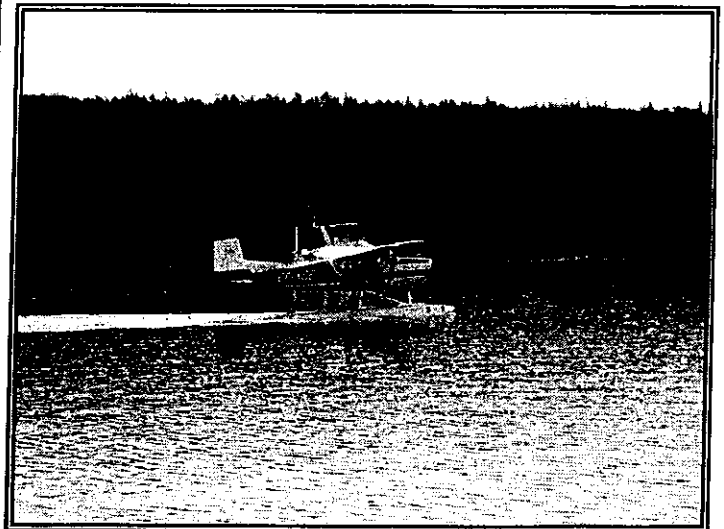
When we finally got tucked in for the night, we did what most cruisers do... we compared notes from our trip up. Along the way our throttle cable came undone and thankfully, it was not a hard problem to fix. Our compass was leaking and the smell was horrid so, Judge took that out. ANDDDD.... trying to remember to bring everything is always touch and go and as a result...we (I) forgot the meat in the fridge...Oh Well.. All in all, it wasn't too bad on the first leg of the trip. It was about a 9 hour trip from the club to the channel.

The next morning we left Ecarte Channel about 0745 and along the way we decided to do an over-nighter to Tobermory. We radioed the other guys to let them know and to see if they would like to do the same. They had decided to stop in Sarnia, so we said our goodbyes and hoped to see them while we were in the North Channel. Unfortunately, we never did meet up with anyone again this year. Next year we will have to be more specific about where to meet up. We had hoped to meet up with Dave and Mary Nantais and Lou and Bodo also...but that didn't happen either.

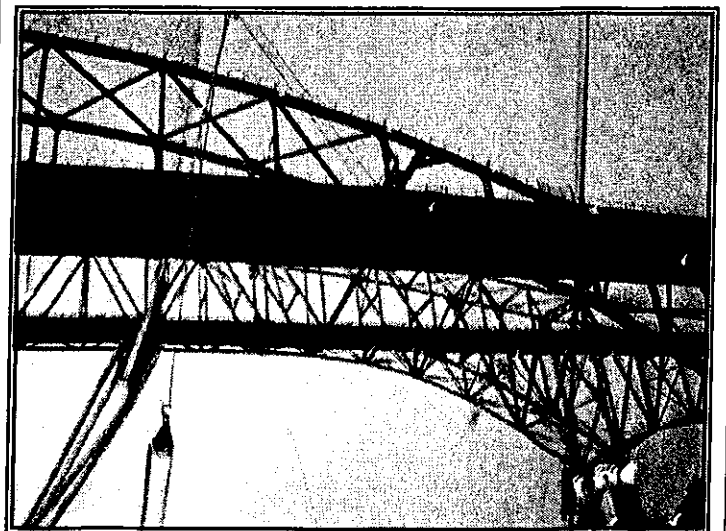
Well... we did our over-nighter and it was great. Boat traffic and boat wake going under the Bridges in Sarnia made that part quite rough, but once out into Lake Huron things calmed down and we had a



Judge Mangile at Ecarte Marina



Seaplane taking off in Gore Bay



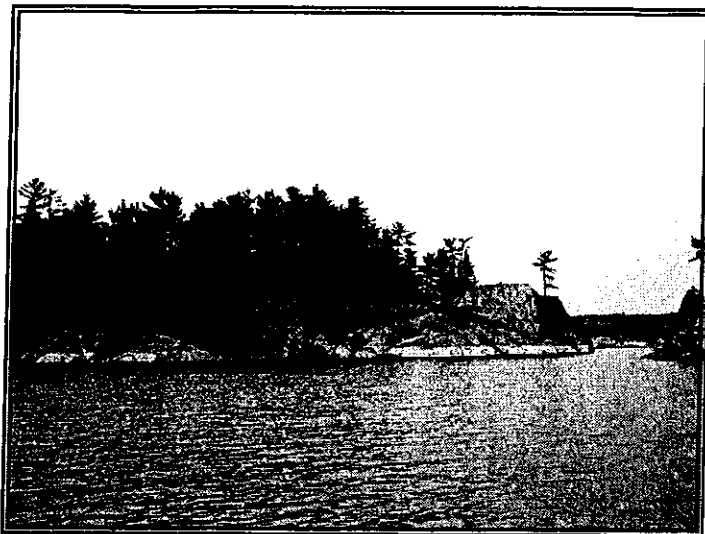
Blue Water Bridge at night.

nice trip. We put 'Otto' on and he did a wonderful job. We chuckled along the way. We had noticed that everytime Judge got near 'Otto' with his knife in his pocket it would throw 'Otto' into a frenzy. I guess it was messing up his internal compass. We arrived in Tobermory around 1330 on Monday, July 4th. After showering and eating we just couldn't stay awake anymore ... so lay down for a much deserved nap. Tobermory is a fun stop...busy tourist town.

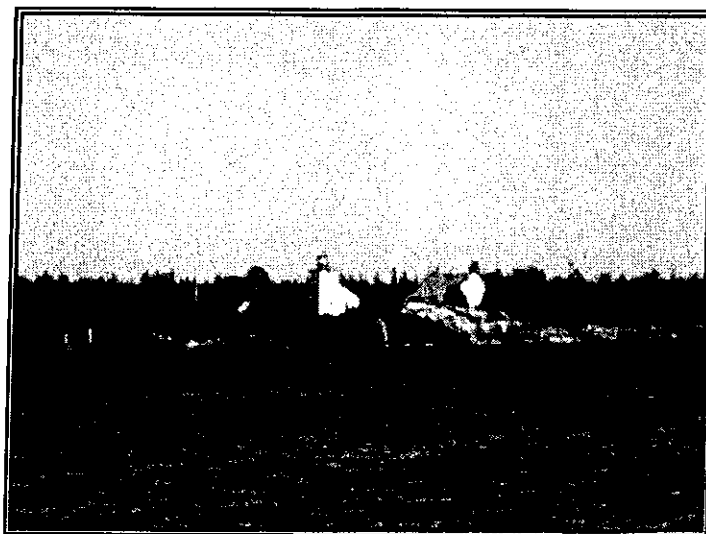
Well... we continued on the next morning heading to Killarney, but on the way it started to really blow a strong headwind, which slowed us down to 2 1/2 knots. At that speed we decided there was no point in fighting that wind and stopped at Club Island. This is a really nice little anchorage to tuck into in situations like this, to stop for lunch and a swim... or even for no reason.. just to spend the night. It was our first time there. While we were there, Lex McCrindle from WYC came in also. He came over to the boat and we visited for a while. For you divers out there... there is a large schooner wreck at the back of this anchorage. We spent a quiet night and in the morning headed to Killarney, where we re-provisioned and had our usual great tasting white fish and fries at the famous BUS.

We soon left for Snug Harbour...a nice and very safe anchorage ... well protected in case of storms. We spent the night there. We had originally thought we would head to Baie Fine, but our depth sounder was giving us a problem. The last place you want to be, is in the North Channel with an unreliable depth sounder. For some reason it always acts up when we are up there...must not like clean water. We changed our plans and headed to Little Current so we could purchase a cheap fish finder. It worked well the whole trip. Funny, on the way back our depth sounder worked fine (go figure). Since we were spending the night in Little Current, Judge did some maintenance on the boat and I did the laundry. It's great... the laundry is right there at the dock. Makes life so much easier. Little Current is always a nice stop. Especially, the ice cream shop at the end of the dock!!!! Nice, clean showers, shops and now Internet and free WiFi at the Anchor Inn across from the dock. Everything is pretty handy here.

The next morning we headed to the Benjamins and to Crocker. Spent 3 days on the hook there and enjoyed it very much. This has to be my favourite spot to anchor. This year we had decided to spend less time traveling and more time on the hook. It was really great. From here we went to Gore Bay. It was amazing here....there are about 7 deer who have decided to just meander through the town at their leisure, eating the flowers and leaves as they pass. We were so surprised to see this. Of course... I didn't have my camera with me then. Darn...



Beautiful evening anchored in Bear Drop



Lighthouse at Mississauga Straits

Off again...this time to Bear Drop...another great place to anchor. If memory serves me well, this was also one of Jeurgen's favourite places, too. We thought a lot about him while we were there. In fact we thought a lot about all the people we had lost over the last year or so, from the club, as the sad news about Ross Byron had reached us. We spent another 2 or 3 days here...swimming and enjoying our new dinghy. From here we went to Meldrum Bay for lunch and to gas up, etc. There is a nice restaurant there.. just down from the dock. Has only been open since May. The name escapes me at the moment....but it was very nice....an old home. Rents rooms also. After a couple of hours here we got ready for our over-nighter to Harbour Beach.

We had a great overnight trip to Harbour Beach. This is such a nice place, but is too shallow. We touched bottom all the way in and when we got to our slip we couldn't make it to the end without getting stuck. They have a courtesy van here and drove us into town. This was a festival weekend for them...when we arrived there were jet ski races going on. If you ever want something to do...head to "Al's Restaurant". It is well worth it. It is nothing fancy ... butttttt the food is amazing. They have a buffet, for \$11.95 that doesn't stop. In fact... if they don't think you ate enough they will give you a container to take some home. They also give you a container to take desserts home. They must have 20 different kinds of desserts. The buffet was all you could eat .. of course... of crab legs (Judge must have eaten enough for 5 people), perch, white fish, etc. etc., even ribs. It was amazing!! We have never been to a buffet where you were allowed a doggy bag, never mind them encouraging it. This is certainly worth a stop if you can get in by boat....or...worth it even to drive.

It rained that night and was still raining in the morning. We waited until noon to leave, when it stopped raining. We again prepared for another over-nighter to home this time. We really were very lucky....the lady of Lake Huron was very kind to us again. We thanked her as we entered the St. Clair River and continued on home.

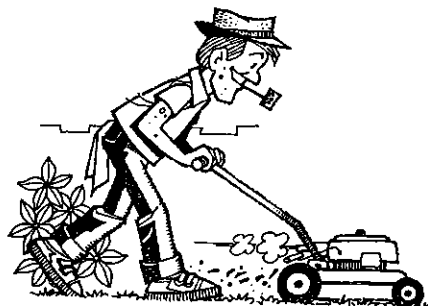
We had a wonderful trip...met up with people we had met there last year...met new friends. Some of you are aware of the trip I will be starting soon and it was great to meet up with some who were already on the "America's Great Loop Cruise" and I hope to meet up with them again when I start mine. The weather was great for us...hot but not humid and a nice breeze to boot. Of course the wind was always on our nose when we were on the move. Hopefully, we will get more of you out cruising the North Channel with us next year. We returned home to LMYC on Sunday, July 17th at 0710. We chose, this time, to do more over-nighters and spend more time in the NC. It worked well for us.

Marry Ellen Mangile

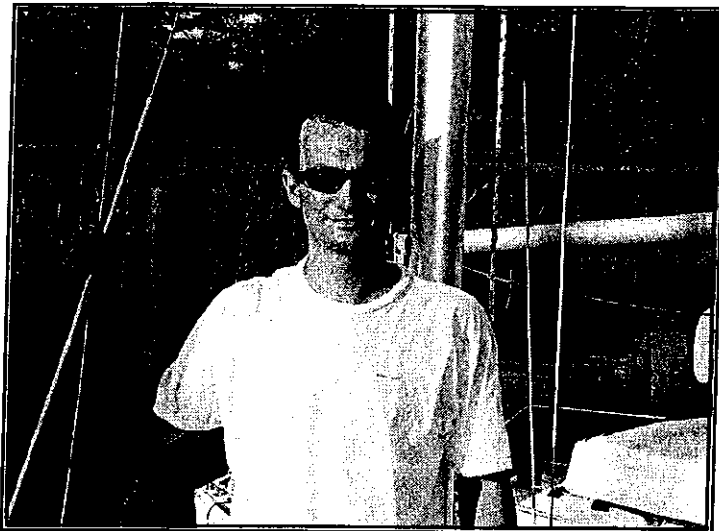
Volunteers Needed

George Mooney who is charge of Roads and Grounds is looking for members to cut the grass at LMYC. We are all in a hurry to get to our boats and racing and sailing but don't forget the GRASS needs to be cut. This is an easy way to

earn work hours and it's fun. Let's make our club look presentable all the time. If you are interested please George Mooney a call.



New Members At LMYC



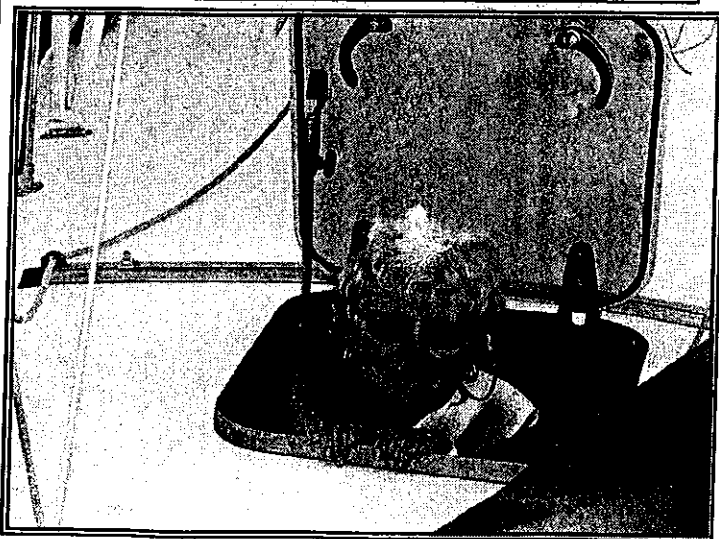
Maciek (Matt) Jaglarz



Tim McWilliams

LMYC welcomes two new full members to our club. Maciek (Matt) Jaglarz is the proud owner of a MacGregor 22. No name yet. Tim McWilliams is the proud owner of a Kirby 25 named "Ten Ticket Thrill Ride."
Welcome to LMYC.

Bon Voyage



Mary Ellen Mangile

Mary Ellen Mangile is about to attempt a single handed event which only few members even imagine.

Mary Ellen will be sailing the Great Circle sailing Indigo Lady which will be a two year venture.

Mary Ellen leaves at the end of July and we wish her well in her attempt.

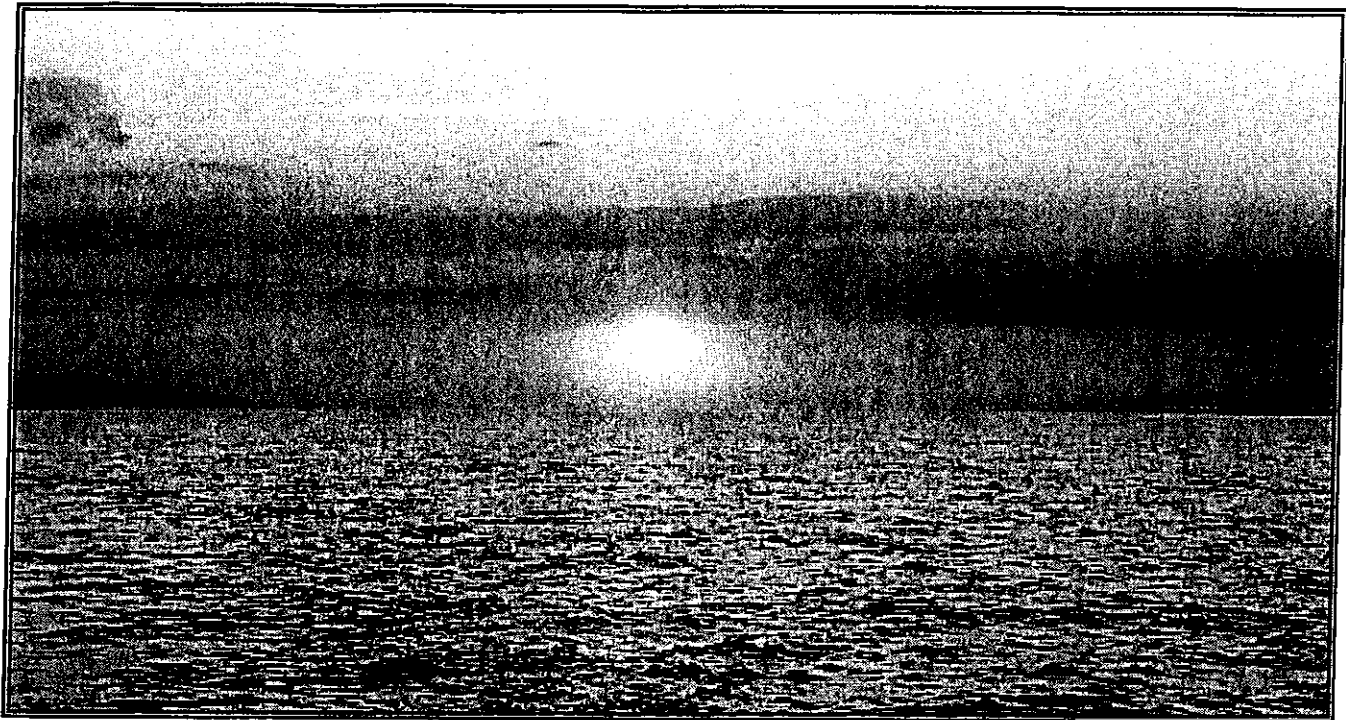
She promises to keep in touch and we will be reporting her progress through this newsletter.

Good Luck Mary Ellen





Pelee Island Winery Regatta



Lake Erie Sunset—Photo by Joanne Vandereerden

The weather was perfect, and the wind provided an unusually pleasant lake crossing for the 11th Annual Pelee Island Winery Regatta. The weekend warriors of LMYC and a bunch of our friends from clubs such as Cedar Island, and a good flotilla of boats from Southport Sail Club made for quite a fun race, and a lively night. I always love to spend time with the likes of Bob and George, two of the nicest guys I have ever met and the instigators of a lot of the fun we have. Combine that with a band of sailors, yes the band is all sailors, and a whole bunch of friends and it makes it a little more fun and a good time had by all. A couple of birthdays were noted, Bill Noakes celebrated a Birthday of what age was never stated, and Kaitlin Beaumont celebrated her 19th Birthday.



Carol and Rick Staley with John Vandereerden

The Cedar Island fleet was organized by Frank Foote and they got to the finish just as Duncan Hind arrived running, to take the first finish time, in the nick of time. Yes it was a wonderful ride across the lake for us.

Denny Douthart, was race committee for the Detroit River start and is becoming famous for the sausage and egg McMuffins he and Sandy graciously shared once again with everyone on the dock on Sunday morning.

The Christmas in July Theme Party was well attended and I actually heard positive comments about the food from many people this year. Thank you. I can tell you that there is only one caterer on the Island and all the food has to be prepared off site which makes it very difficult for the chef. Besides, where can you get a good meal with dessert for twenty bucks?

As far as results, everyone that made the crossing and attended the party was given a gift of two bottles of wine with special labels commemorating the event. The top three finishers in the class were as follows.

*Spinnaker 1st Whatever, George Mooney
2nd Casper, Tom Boyce
3rd Windsong, Rick Beresford*

*Jog Class 1st Mai Toi, Rene Brown
2nd Quattro, John Metcalfe
3rd Mananan Dennis Pare*

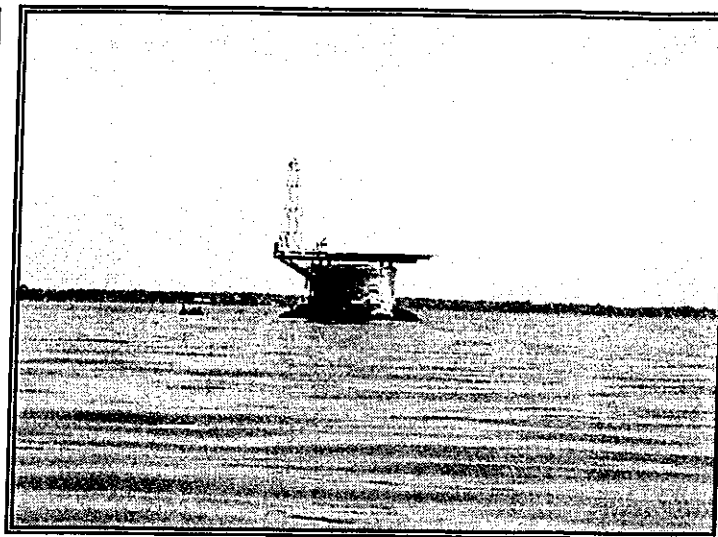
*Cedar Island 1st Bears Mistress, Mike Lippman
2nd Sea Horse, Bernard Calhoun
3rd In Stitches, Gord Watton*

After the party, it was quite a site to see many of the boats decorated with Christmas lights, adding to the evenings festive atmosphere.

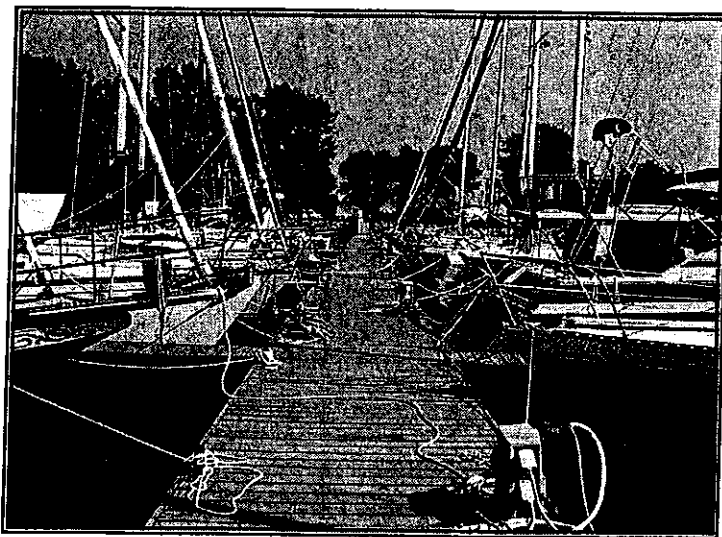
The trip home was absolutely gorgeous. A brief stop in the middle of the lake for a five boat end to end raft and a swim made for a unique photo opportunity. Again, It was the duo of Bob and George that started all the fun.

An event such as this requires a lot of planning and more importantly, the resources to cover all the costs. We have been very fortunate to have corporate sponsors contribute to the success of this cruise. Thank you very much to The Unity Group Insurance Brokers, Freedom 55 Financial, Sea & Ski Marine Store, Pelee Island Winery and Watsons Catering. As a result of the generosity of our sponsors, this event is run at no cost to the members of LMYC.

The date for next year is tentatively set for July 15, 2006 and the Winery is Planning a Gilligans Island Theme Party. The participation from other clubs is



Colchester Reef



Scudder Marina

growing and from LMYC is declining. Why not plan on participating in your own clubs activities? There I go, thinking out loud again. Some clubs actually arrange their cruising plans around the event. Windsor Yacht Club has given us their endorsement for next year as well. Why don't you?

I hope to see you there next year.

John Vandereerden

A Special Thank You to Joanne Vanderrerden for Photos of this event.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

Party!

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Photo #1 Dancing at the Winery Pavilion

**Photo #2 Joanne Vandereerden and the
Unity Group**

Photo #3 Al and Dee Broadbend

Photo #4 End to end raft mid lake

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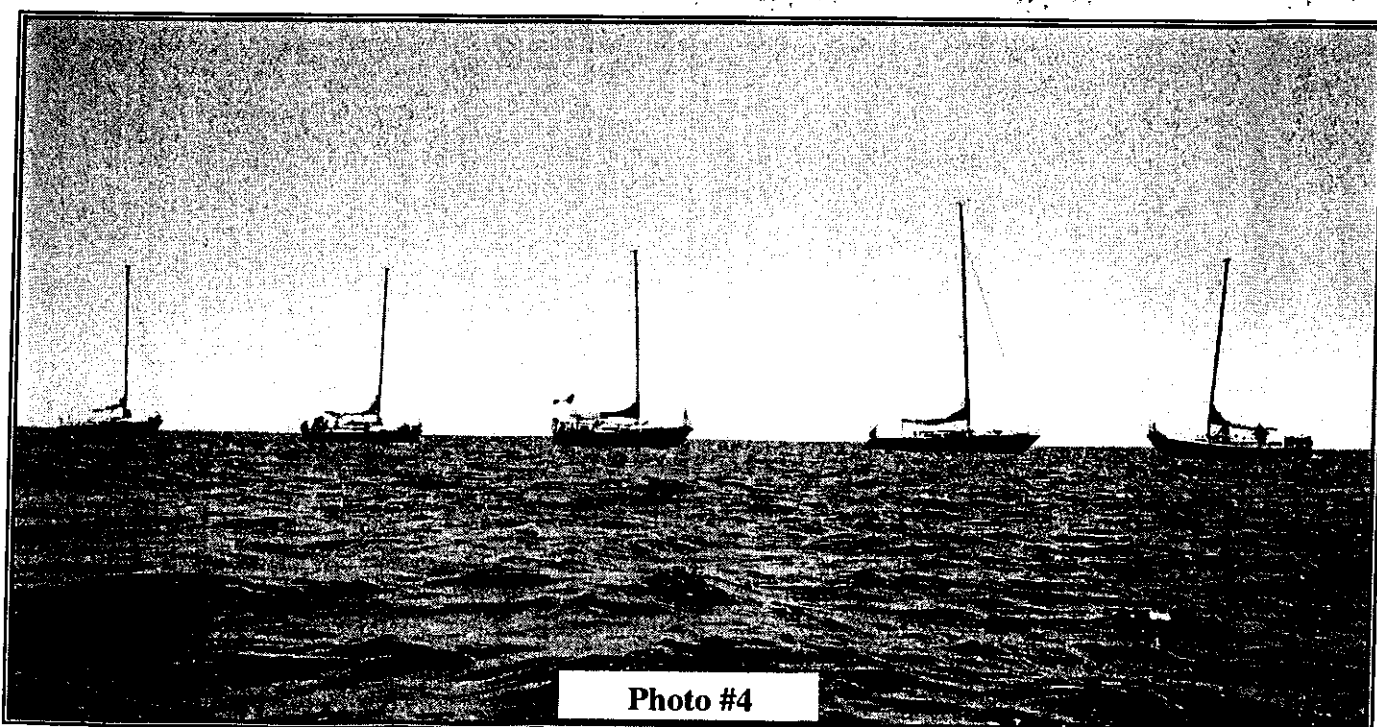
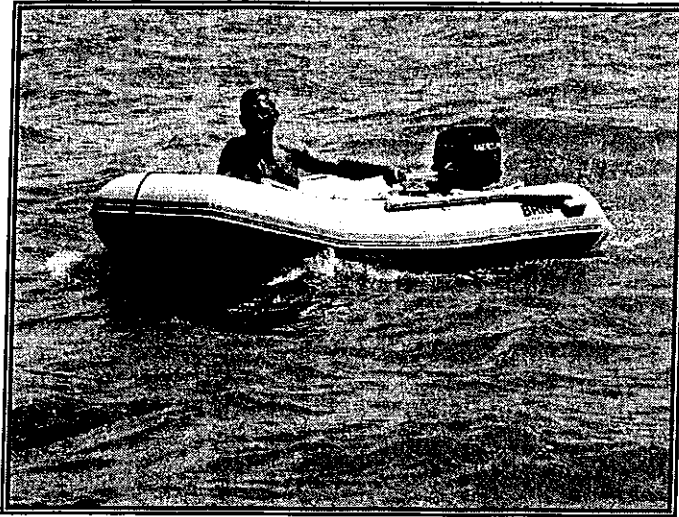


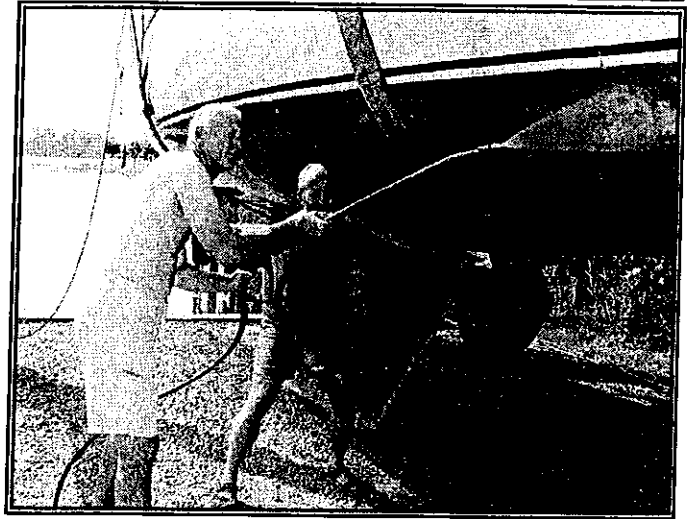
Photo #4



Around The Club



Steve Kepran—Detroit River



Alan Prettyman & Andy Kozieradzki



Denise Hillock & Zane Handyside



Rock Pile—To fill low spots—Work Hours



John Metcalfe, Jim Beaudoin, Herb Colling & Crew



Rob Ferguson & Crew



Bernie Wolter, Bob Ferguson & Crew



John Amyot and Crew



**Guy & Paulette Meseck, Lindy & Bob
O'Brien, & Tracey Moroze**



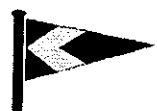
**Rob & Amy Doiron, Rick & Shirley
Beresford and Friends**



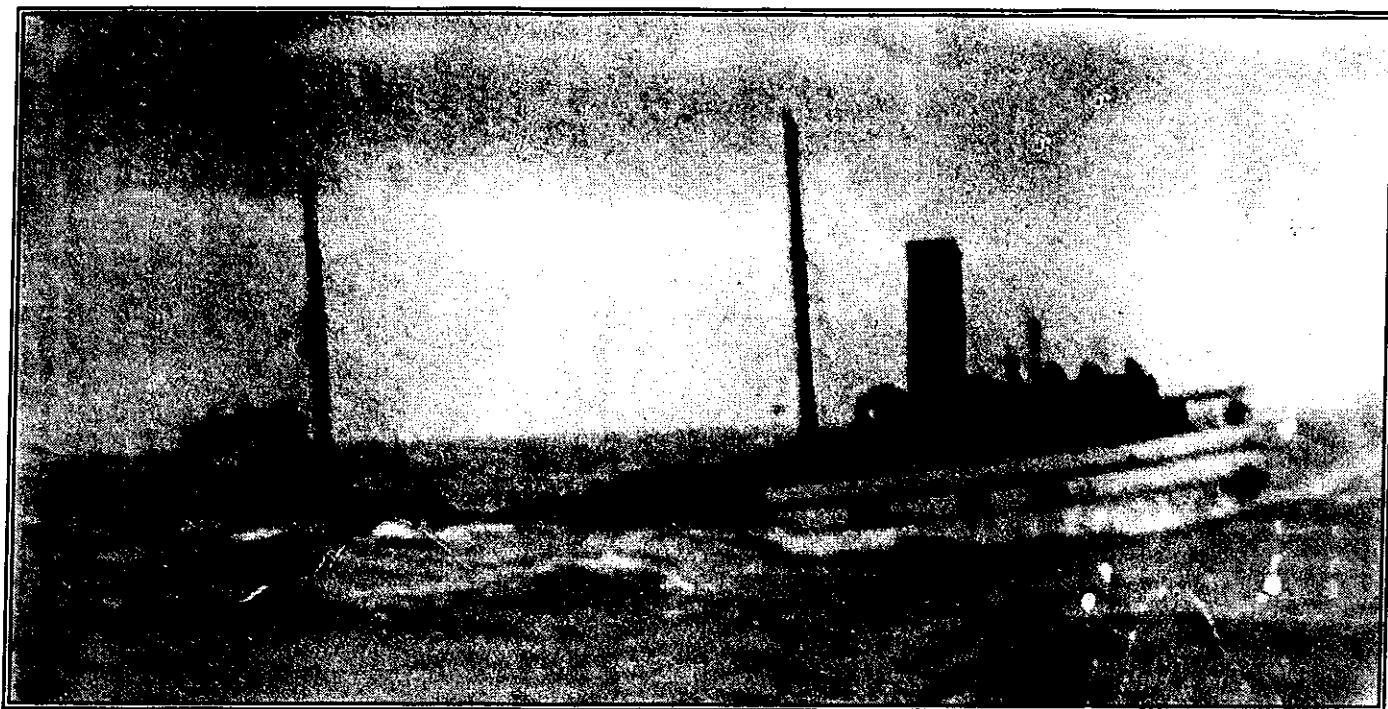
Alex Buliga, John Amyot & Crew



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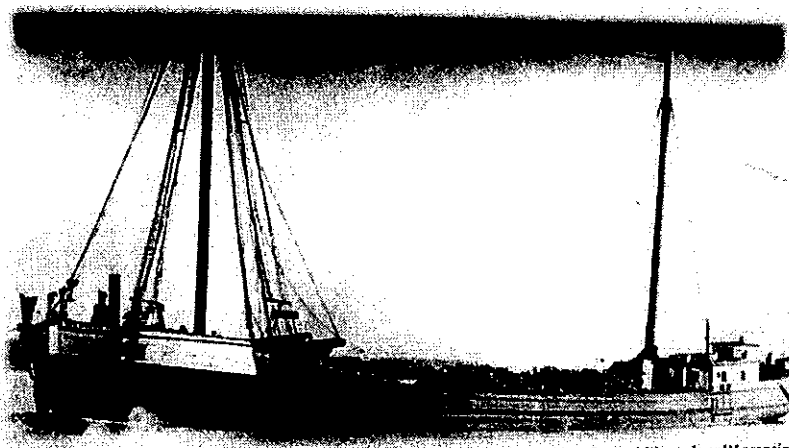
Wrecks of the Great Lakes



The Marshal F. Butters

Built 1882—Sank 1916

On Friday October 20, 1916, the Marshal F. Butters was one of 4 vessels that sank in the infamous "Black Friday Storm". The steamers James B. Colgate, the Merida and the schooner barge D. L. Filer went down in the storm taking 51 lives

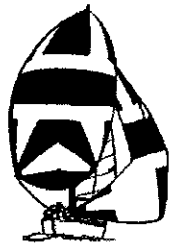


Schooner Barge D. L. Filer

Fortunately the 13 members of the Butters crew were saved by two passing freighters. A crew member of one of the passing freighters which came to aid the Butters took this unique photograph. Usually during this period of time in history no-one is that far out to sea to take to record shipping disasters. It shows the Butters as she was about to sink southwest of Point Pelee near the international boundary between Canada and the United States

The Marshal F. Butters was the first vessel on the Great Lakes to be equipped with electric Running Lights.

LMYC Fighting Island Regatta



Sunday August 28, 2005

Race Time 11:00 AM



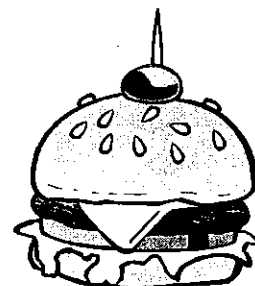
Join the fun with family and friends at the 42nd Fighting Island Regatta.

Make it a day to participate, view and experience the thrill of sailboat racing.

This year will be having musical entertainment along with our spectacular menu which includes krinskies, chicken, burgers, corn on the cob, salads and much more.



This year as every year LMYC is looking for volunteers (good for work hours) to assist in this year's event.



Join the team of cooks and helpers. For more information please contact

Mary Nantais @ 966-6358

