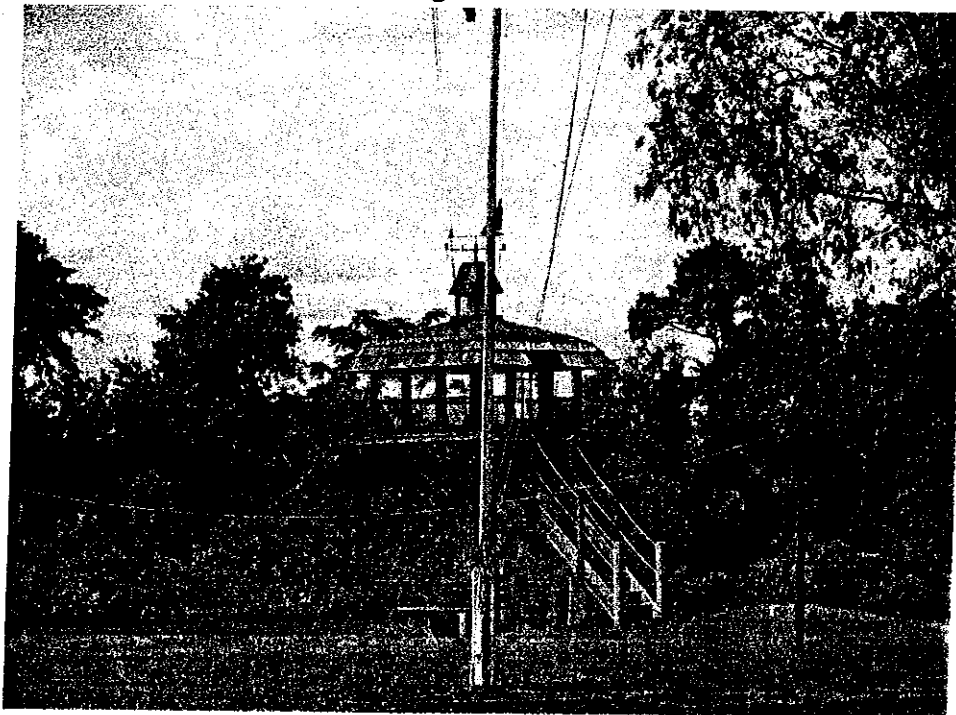


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*Recently cleaned Widows Walk*

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# ***THE CURRENTS***

## **LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB**

**From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore**



**Commodore  
Rick Beresford**



**Vice-Commodore  
Larry Lang**

### ***Commodore's Message***

A big thank you from the membership is to Terri Skope for taking on the monumental task of producing a Club Newsletter. A Newsletter is the glue that bonds a Club. Also I understand that Al Prettyman has offered to take on the job of maintaining the Club's Website. I would like to thank John Vandereerden for temporarily stepping in to keep it updated.

The summer is half over already and we are really into the Dog Days – very hot and humid. Our Racing Season is racing by. The spring series is complete and next week (8/11) will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the fall series. The Annual Pelee Island Wine Regatta was a great success this year thanks to all the hard work John Vandereerden puts into the organization and also to the fabulous weather – great southwesterly winds – a spinnaker run all the way. If we can just get the temperature down about 10 degrees there will be no complaints at all.

Our Club's Fighting Island Regatta will be held in a few weeks (August 26). You will note that this year it will be held on a Saturday instead of Sunday. We hope that Club members and crews from other Clubs will stay for the evening to enjoy the music and fellowship. Our Regatta is not just for the Racers – all members and their families can come out and have a great day at the Club – watch the finishes and enjoy the after race food and entertainment. Much work needs to be done to make our Club ready for this event. Please come out and do your share on the Regatta Work Day (Saturday August 19) so we can all be proud of our Club. I look forward to seeing you all at our next General Meeting on August 20 to complete plans for the Regatta.

## ***Up Coming Club Events***

The annual **Club clean up** is scheduled for August 19, 2006 with the **General Meeting** on August 20, 2006. Attached are the minutes from the last meeting, June 22 where there was discussion on the land accusation.

The participation of the membership is needed in order to ensure the clubhouse and grounds are ready for the Regatta, please lend a hand when you have a chance. August 24 is the prep day.

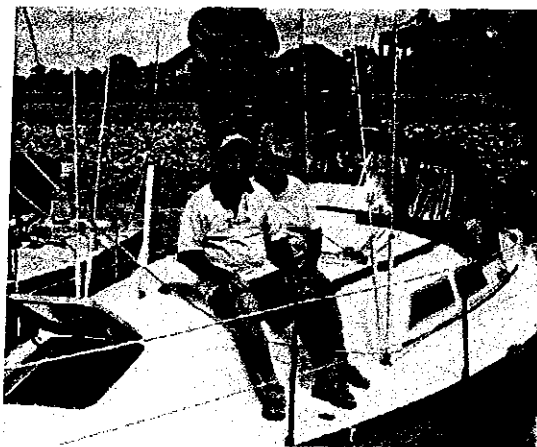
August 26, 2006 is the **LMYC Fighting Island Regatta**. This year the event will take place on Saturday and will have live entertainment at the party.

## ***New Boats & Owners***

Congratulations Bob and Andrea Bingham on the purchase of their new boat a C&C 35 named *Praceptor*.



Congratulations to Judge and MaryEllen Mangile on the purchase of their new boat a Mirage 35 to be named *Indigos Lady*, formally *Free Life II*.



This marks a reduction in the number of Abbott's that call LMYC home. *Trilogy* has found a new home in Erieau and *Special Delivery* now calls Kincardine home.

## ***Harbour Weed Cutting***

The Commodore has arranged for the temporary loan of a 20 HP outboard motor (including fuel line and gas tank) from the Sea Cadets. The motor is now stored in the Club's garage. Members who wish to cut and remove the harbour weeds can use this motor on the Club's metal boat. Any waterweed cutting and the use of the power cutter and rakes should be coordinated through John Amyot Sr. or the Vice Commodore Larry Laing. John has offered to oversee the use and maintenance of the equipment. Any problems or damage to the motor please advise the Commodore Immediately.

## Remembering Richard



### Remembering Richard.....

Richard was a talented musician, photographer, marathon runner, teacher and most of all he was a friend to everyone who knew him. An active member of LMYC for almost 20 years, he for the last 9 years provided the club with its monthly newsletter *The Currents*, in addition he created and maintained the LMYC web site for the past 3 years. Richard took great pride in the developments of both the web site and the newsletter. Richards endless hours attending every event and documenting each with photos was the highlight when reading each issue of *The Currents*. He kept us in touch with the club and it's members when we could not be there ourselves. Richards passing was sudden and a shock to us all but reminds us that we are all a family and teaches us to be there for one another. We hope you have fair winds, happy days and perfect sunsets.

## Editor's Note

I am please to inform the club that I have agreed to keep the *Currents* going with the help of the Membership for now. I will rely on Club Members to provide me with stories, articles and information. I will do my best to keep up with the quality and standards that *The Currents* has been know to provide. Richard's work did not go unnoticed and will be difficult to live up to. Please help me keep the *Currents* going, articles and stories can be emailed to me in Word format at [shesailsfast@yahoo.ca](mailto:shesailsfast@yahoo.ca). Please note the *Currents* will not be a monthly publication, but will be published quarterly, unless I receive an overwhelming amount of help from the membership. I will also try to get it out electronically. If you wish to receive it by email please let me know. Lets keep the *Currents* going.

Thanks,

*Terri L. Skope*

## Cadets Update

In June we had 2 sailing weekends and certified 27 White Sail level 1's and had a great time. The new sailboats, Pico class, are amazing beginner boats. We are currently running our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gybe Path program, 3 ½ days of White Sail level 2 & 3 instructions. There are 14 cadets participating. The instructors from Kinston were so impressed with the Picos that after 2 days of watching them being sailed they asked if they could

take them out. We will be receiving the 5<sup>th</sup> Pico in November, donated by former cadet Mark Wolts. Next spring we will have another fund raiser and hope to raise enough for a Club 420. If you know any teenagers between 12 - 18 who may be interested in joining the Cadets they can go to 960 Ouellette Ave between 6 - 9 p.m. starting September 6, 2006 when training starts back up.

### ***Grey Duck's Doomed***

The Grey Duck Bay Coop to be terminated? Bob Bingham and Craig Morrison have advised the Commodore that they will resign from any responsibilities for the running of the Grey Duck Bay Coop as of August 15. If two members of the Club do not offer their services to operate the Duck by the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Duck, is Doomed. The jobs involve refreshment purchasing, stocking, accounting and collections. Both operators will be credited with their 12 work hours. Bob will close the current Bank Account and turn the funds and paper work over to the new operators. Last year many members expressed their desire to have this service for the Club continued. Hopefully 2 members will take on the job. Please call the Commodore at 519-726-6806 if interested in the job.

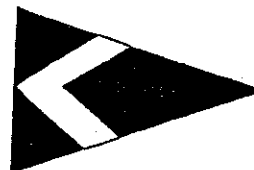
### ***Heard it around the Club***

Congratulations to *Dave Evans* on *Ratso* who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Single Handed Mackinaw Race. Way to go Dave !!!!

### ***Fighting Island Regatta***

#### **Food and Refreshments- HELP**

Food preparation and serving is a major task for our Social Director Mary Nantais to coordinate. Hopefully those who helped so ably with this last year will volunteer to take on the same jobs this year. We still need a member to purchase the beer kegs and to serve the beer.



### ***It's Party Time***

A Retirement/Birthday party for Lothar Bauer is being planned for August 12, 2006 at 4 p.m. Lothar's Birthday was on July 24<sup>th</sup> and he is officially retiring from his job on the last day of July. Friends, Family and Club Members are invited to help celebrate. Please let Anne know ASAP if you will be attending so she can plan accordingly. She can be reached at 519-734-1146. Congratulations Lothar!!!!

# Richard Parchoma

January 12, 1944 - June 18, 2006



July 2005 MaryEllen's BonVoyage Party

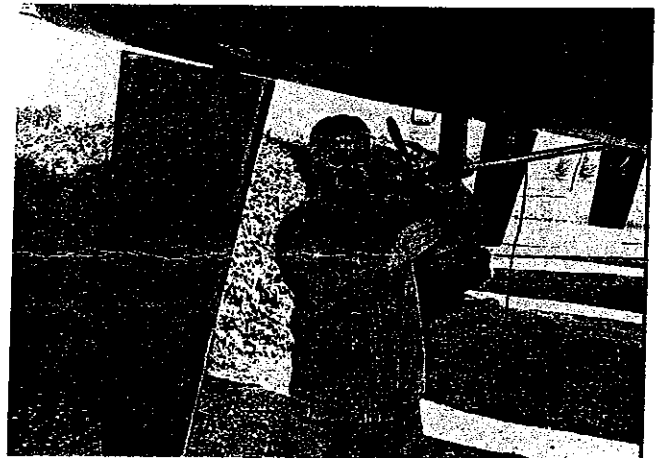


Tree Trimming 2004



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

New Year's Eve 2001



April 2005 - Getting Ready for Launch



2005 Tree Trimming Party



2005 Wine Appreciation Party

## ***Women's Invitational***

South Port Sailing Club held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Invitation Sailing Regatta on June 25, 2006. There were 6 boats registered for the race with approximately 20 women competing.

It was noted that one man could be on board to assist with tactical advice and help avoid potential dangers. Although he was not allowed to do any manual labour he was allowed to obtain beverages and food for the crew.

The race took place in Lake St. Clair with a modified Olympic Triangle course 6.2 nm. This proved to be challenging on board *Zamboni*, as it was a 4 women crew. Jeanne Marchand on the helm from South Port Sailing Club, Sherry Campeau from Windsor Y.C., Becky Johnson from Bay View Yacht Club and Terri Skope (LMYC). Many thanks goes out to *Zamboni*'s owner Allen Jackson (A.J.) Commodore of Windsor Yacht Club for assisting us and allowing us to use his boat for the second year.

This year proved as rewarding as last year and Jeanne, Sherry, Terri and Becky pulled out a 1<sup>st</sup> in the PHRF "A" fleet. Honorable mention goes out to Michelle Grondin and JoAnne Tiborecz onboard *Scott Free*, in placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in PHRF "B". The women are looking forward to their next Challenge, Bay View Yacht Club is holding it's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Women's Invitation Sailing Regatta, August 20, 2006. Good luck to all the women.

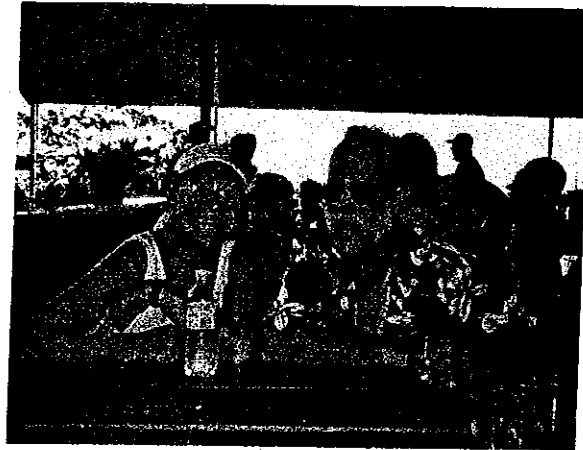


The 2006 Crew of *Zamboni* with their 1<sup>st</sup> place flag.

## **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelee Island Regatta**

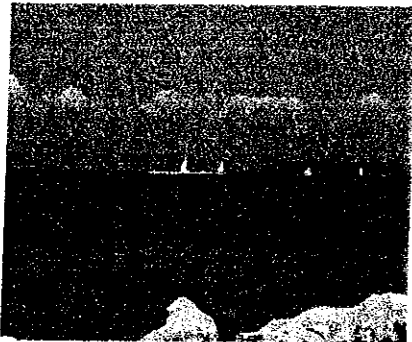
The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelee Island Winery Regatta went off without a hitch this year. With a capacity crowd of over 51 boats entered, Scudder as well as Wes Marine were full. Many sailors and a few powerboats headed to the Island early to have some R & R before the big party Saturday night. Bottoms Up and crew arrived after a beautiful moonlit sail at 3:00am Friday morning. A couple of our friends arrived before us and a few more came during the day on Friday.

Kevin and Lynn Conrad on Nivek accomplished the most exciting arrival. For those of you that aren't aware, Nivek, (Kevin spelled Backwards) is an Aloha 28. This is a boat notorious to handle in tight situations such as a harbour due to the skeg and rudder configuration. Kevin, being an expert boat handler, came into the harbour in a 40-50 knot rain squall and daintily placed his boat up along the side of the dock! No problem!



**Lynn & Kevin Conrad**

On Saturday, the racers had a wonderful spinnaker run all the way to Scudder. No floating around and swatting flies, as is sometimes the case on the lake. It's quite a site to see all the colorful chutes converge on the harbor. The results are as follows;



- Bar Point Spinnaker Start** 1<sup>st</sup> – Keilbasa, Adam Prettyman  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sweetie 2, Rob Dolron  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Dynamo Humm, Joe Davidson  
**Bar Point Jog Start** 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Pauli, Manfred Albrecht  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Breezin, Bob Layfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Wight Spirit, John Bufton

While we had 10 boats attend from Cedar Island Yacht Club, only two actually raced and the rest just cruised.

**Cedar Island Start**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Incentive, Lloyd Ayotte  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Spindrift, Brayden Utley



Its been many years since I have seen so many sailors in one place and the docks adorned with so many masts as well as the camaraderie that goes along with having a bunch of sailors all in one place. This year we had a couple of our powered friends join us as well.

The buses arrived at 6:00pm to bring the group to the winery for an evening of dinner and dancing. Our caterer, Chris Watson, prepared enough food for an army. Many sailors stayed at the dock due to the heat and the many cool beverages consumed during the day.

Over 300 people attended the party at the winery. Many of them were landlubbers that came just for the party. One group has been attending for 11 years and has the shirts to prove it! Their shirts read "11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelee Island Weekend" I'm not sure where they are from but they seemed to be having a very good time!



**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pelee Island Weekenders**

Our usual gang had a good time as well as the party went well into the night.

The wind co-operated on the way home as well. The temperature could have been about 10 degrees cooler however. Nothing that a mid lake swim couldn't solve!

One again, I would like to extend a special thanks to our Sponsors. The Pelee Island Winery, Sea & Ski Marine Stores, Freedom 55 Financial, Unity Group Insurance, and Watsons Catering. Without these sponsors, this event would not be possible.

See you next year! **July 14<sup>th</sup> 2007**



**Enjoying the wine with new and old friends at the Pelee Island Pavilion**



**Adam Prettyman & Crew**



**John Murphy & George Mooney**



**Hanging around with the band**



**Rick & Kelly Bohl**



**Sampling Wine**



**Score!**

# Minutes of Special General Meeting

## June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

### Commodore;

Meeting called to order at 1905.

Before we get to the business of the Property Purchase there are a few things that need to be taken care of.

1. I would like a moment of silence for the passing of Richard Parchoma.
2. The House Director would again like to remind all that you have to clean up after yourselves and make sure that the club is locked when you leave.
3. The red canoe at the back of the club, who owns it? If it is not claimed it will be removed.
4. With the passing of Richard we will need someone to take over the Club Website and the publishing of the Currents.
5. The blessing of the fleet was poorly attended this year, but went very well. Thanks to Jonathan Smith for running this event.
6. Commodores Race; The event was cancelled due to too much wind that Sunday. It is scheduled to be run on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Please register with the race committee by 12:00 on that day so we know how much pizza to order for you and your crew.
7. There are still some members that have not turned a copy of their boat insurance, please get these to Red as soon as possible.

Now for the **business at hand** that this meeting was called for.

When the Executive heard that the property next door was for sale we immediately called a special Executive meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to discuss the possibility. Our intent was to call a special general meeting after our meeting to present our findings to the general membership. In the meantime the Executive received a letter from 19 members requesting a special general membership meeting to discuss the purchase. At the special Executive meeting we set up a committee to look into all the details that we thought would be brought up at the general meeting. The committee consisted of Bob Reaume, Gerry Angus, and Dennis Pare. Their mandate was to find out the following facts and report back to the Executive;

1. Can it be severed?
2. What are the taxes?
3. Can it be dredged?
4. Can we install docks?
5. Can it be subdivided?
6. What does ERCA say about the property?
7. Actual definition of the property? (Length, width, road frontage, water frontage)?
8. Can a road be put through it?
9. Can it be built on, either front or back?
10. The selling price?
11. How will the club be able to pay for it?

12. At our regular meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the committee reported back to us as to their findings. After some discussion it was decided that the executive would not decide on what to do with this information, but to have the committee present the information directly to the General Membership at the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 meeting. The executive has been approached by several members and those who favour purchasing the property seem to fall into 2 groups: those who would like to purchase the property to prevent anyone else from purchasing it and developing the land and possibly putting our access to the South Harbour in jeopardy, and those who would like to see us purchase the property and possibly expand the club in the future. One of the other main concerns is how will we be able to pay for this purchase? Can we afford it?

I will now call upon the committee to present their findings and then I will open the floor to questions.

**Bob Reaume;**

1. At this moment it cannot be severed
2. It can be built on at the front
3. The middle is protected wetland
4. The point has some area that can be used
5. Getting a mortgage might be difficult
6. The taxes are too high
7. The price is too high
8. there is a possibility of severing the front in the future
9. It is possible to clean up some of the point to be used as a park
10. there is a possibility of putting in floating docks
11. We would need co-signers in order to get a mortgage
12. The taxes could be relieved in the future with the proper application
13. There is a possible partnership with St Clair Marine to purchase this property
14. to pay for it we might increase dues, do an assessment, or issue bonds
15. South Port, Windsor Yacht Club, and Grosse Isle are all sorry that they did not purchase the land surrounding them when they had the chance.

**Dennis Pare; ERCA and the Town Of LaSalle**

1. The map being passed around shows that most of the land is a provincially protected wetland.
2. We control the water in the North Harbour Canal but as you can see we control about ½ of the water in the South Harbour Canal
3. Our taxes are \$3,307.63, theirs are over \$5,000.00, with this being a provincially protected wetland it is possible that it could become tax free.
4. In 1984 and again in 1992 it was settled that this is a protected area.
5. There is a good argument for severing this property with the front being able to be built on and the back being protected wetlands.
6. Permitted uses of this land are Conservation, Passive open space usage and Agricultural

**Gerry Angus;**

1. For a \$100,000.00 mortgage the payments would be \$619.00/mth
2. For a \$150,000.00 mortgage the payments would be \$928.00/mth
3. For a \$300,000.00 mortgage the payments would be \$1,856.00/mth

These figures are all based on a 25 year mortgage with a 5 year term.

**Concerns brought up by the members;**

1. The ERCA and MNR maps are different. The MNR has a buffer zone of 120 meters from the edge of the wetland. We would need an environmental study to look into this.
2. The possibility of the town severing the property, can this be guaranteed.
3. Any ERCA protection in the future is questionable, things change.
4. Worries about taxes over wetlands.
5. MNR controls wetlands not ERCA
6. How much does St Clair want?
7. The club has dealt with the MNR for over 25yrs. over the front of the club.
8. The assessed value of the property from M-Pac is \$379,000.00
9. The taxes have paid on the full assessment
10. The land acquisition committee to present a final presentation to the general membership at a future meeting.
11. Add a Real Estate person to the committee to help with the purchase. Lynn Conrad is a Real Estate Agent with water front experience with Re/Max Reality.

**Do we want to look further into the purchase of this property?**

John Vandereerden moves that the Executive be empowered to strike a committee, using the experts in the club, to look farther in to the purchase of this property, and to negotiate, with conditions, on the final approval of the members of the club. **Seconded**, Gail Oliver. **Carried**.

**Concerns;**

- Need more information
- Too much money for property we cannot develop

The committee has full authority to authorize a final price and what options are available. Are there Provincial grant to preserve wetlands?

**Motion to adjourn, Gord Freeman 2003. John Vandereerden, seconds. Carried**

# LMYC Fighting Island Regatta



**Saturday August 26, 2006**  
**Race Time 12:00 P.M.**

Bring your friends and family and enjoy the 43<sup>rd</sup> Fighting Island Regatta, **Saturday August 26, 2006.**

Spend the day sailing, the evening enjoying live entertainment with the *Johnny V Band* and LMYC invites you to spend the night & enjoy Breakfast Sunday morning (Please don't drink & drive).

This year's dinner includes: krinskies, burgers, corn on the cob, salads, fruit, a beverage and much more for one low price of \$10. Dinner will be served between 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Once again LMYC is looking for volunteers to assist in this year's event, (good for work hours).

Join the team of cooks, servers and helpers by calling Mary Nantais at 519-966-6358. We are all looking forward to another safe & fun filled Regatta.

