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The Currents



Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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New Safety Feature

There has been a nice improvement to safety in our club's harbour. Chris Wysynski has been busy taking advantage of this mild winter weather to paint notices on posts and along the docks showing where ladders are located for people wanting to climb out of the water. We had a couple of rebar ladders welded to the steel breakwall but the six new aluminum ladders promise to make the climb much easier. Should you have a mishap and find yourself in the canal just look for the red markers.

St. Patty's Day

Our St. Patrick's celebration was blessed with good workers. Here we see Bev and Jerry Angus helpers for Bob Bingham's festive luncheon.



Save The Dates

Blessing of the Fleet Saturday, June 4

A tradition of long standing for our club. Come out for a great social gathering along with the popular, Dressing of the Fleet". A something for everyone event!

Shakedown Saturday, May 21

Time to test the sailing skills and sail Lake Erie to Put-In-Bay.

Spring Clean-up Saturday, April 9

The Annual Spring Clean-up Session. Breakfast served until 10:00 AM.

The Tale of the Property Hunt

As told by founding member Ralph Allen.



Monday Lunch Celebration

On February 8th the Monday Lunch Crew had a special event to celebrate. Past Commodore Phil Smith has turned his personal odometer over to the 86th year. The celebration was complete with a birthday cake, candles and the traditional singing of, “Happy Birthday to Phil”.

A Rum Time!

Hosts Brad and JoAnn Blackton organized the

first...formal rum tasting evening on Saturday, Feb. 13. This proved to be a popular event and was well attended. Not only was there a variety of rum products to savour but delicious complimentary foods were prepared to add to the festivities of the night also.

Below we see the brave soldiers that gave their all in the cause of that good time.



In the early years, 1970 -72 there were but a few L.M.Y.C. members. We decided to search for a suitable property

site for our club’s harbour. River Canard was considered. Jurgen Hendel, Bob Clark, Curly Ellis and myself took a pontoon boat; inspected a water lot at the mouth of the Canard south of Ranta Marina. The water was shallow even for a Shark. The old coal dock at the foot of Laurier Drive was viewed. Property owned by Mr. Major, (Lampookies) had a large house, pool, pool house, large lawn and a small canal on the south side. Asking \$90,000. Next up was Charlie Makar’s, now Holiday Harbour. The club had used the short canal there for a couple of early regattas. Mr. Makar told Bob Clark that if we waited until the real estate contract expired he would lower his price. On a Sunday morning Bob and I took a boat ride to the Makar place and had a chat with him. Then he **raised** his price, to \$100,000 letting greed take hold. He did that at least twice before the property finally sold. No matter, all of these properties were too expensive for our small membership.

Bob Clark and Paul Schrieber came across the property at 2640 Front Road in autumn 1972. Two of our club members were also considering that property but they felt it was too costly for their plans. There was 54 ft. frontage with a 100 year old house at the road. A small ditch and canal was located on the south side. A narrow road back to a small cottage with an outhouse amenity.

A membership meeting was held to consider the purchase. We acquired the property for \$10,000 down payment and a mortgage of \$20,000 held by the TD bank in LaSalle. We were on our way!

From the Budget Meeting

There was a membership meeting January 24 at the LaSalle Mariners Club house. The main item on the agenda for this meeting was the budget for the ensuing year.

Treasurer, Tony, reported a zero balance for Accounts Receivable. Secretary, Scott, counts 67 full and 14 associate members. Race Committee has a new computer.

The major project plan of building a dock extension on the public property on the river next to ours was begun in 2015. This was proposed as an ongoing program for 2016. Rob Ferguson has been in contact with the Ministry of Natural Resources and says all looks positive for permission to put the dock on their property.

♠ From the Editor ♠

If you have found a product or procedure that works well for you or something that has worked most unsatisfactorily share the knowledge with all members with note to the *CURRENTS* for publication.

LMYC Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 24 starting at 1:00 PM

This is the annual spring meeting where we set down plans for the sailing season ahead.

If you would like to add an item to the agenda please inform Commodore Heather Hartley.



Past Commodore's Dinner

On Saturday, April 30 the membership gathers to honour Robby Ferguson for his fine effort as Commodore in 2015.

Details will be sent out soon.

Your 2016 Regatta Schedule

As sent along by Race Director Dennis Hendel

LMYC - Shakedown: Sat, May 21

GIYC - Day Race: Sat, May 28

LMYC - Women's Sailing Adventure Regatta: Sat, June 25

LMYC - Pelee Island Race/Cruise Regatta: Sat, July 2

CIYC - Maple Leaf Regatta: Sat, July 9

SPSC - Summer Series: July 7 - July 28

SPSC - Shark Western Championships (CSCA) July 16-17

Bayview YC - Port Huron to Mackinac: Sat, July 16

GIYC - One Design Regatta (Abbotts, Vikings and any other class) Sat, July 23

SPSC - Invitational & OSA Regional Dinghy Regatta: Sat-Sun, July 30-31

GIYC - Downriver Regatta: Sat, July 30

FYC - Nite Race: Aug 6

ILYA/Put In Bay YC - Bay Week: Aug 4, 5, 6, 7

LMYC - Fighting Island Regatta: Sat, Aug 27

CIYC - Rum Line Race: Sat, Sept 3

CIYC - Labour Day Regatta: Sun, Sept 4

LMYC/SPSC - Sail for Hospice Regatta: Sun, Sept 11

SPSC - Harvest Moon Regatta: Sat, Sept 17

LMYC - Short Handed Regatta: Sat, Sept 24

LMYC - River Rat: Sat, Oct 15

House Director's Notice

A list of repairs and small improvements to the clubhouse will be posted. Some are pretty basic and some require skills. Please check the list and pick the one you would like before your choice is gone.

Frank

Launch Considerations

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTER:

A low-grade electrical charge has been found in both the North and South harbours. We are taking corrective measures to purge the source of the leak. Such electricity in the water may cause galvanic corrosion with any metal, e.g. propellers, ladders, and may find its way into motor parts. For your protection, wherever your boat sits, a sacrificial anode is recommended. Zinc is the common material used in anodes for salt water but here in fresh water a magnesium anode is recommended as zinc forms an insulating oxide film over itself, especially in fresh water, that stops it from working.

A non-technical explanation can be found on the internet at :

<http://www.boatingmag.com/how-to/choosing-right-sacrificial-anode>[http: anode](http://www.boatingmag.com/how-to/choosing-right-sacrificial-anode)

Friendly Heads-up

There is a rule at the club that all boats must be off the hard and in the water on club property by May 15. There is an encouragement to make that deadline as a \$10 fee is charged for each day thereafter.



From the P.H.R.F. Annual Meeting

Cedar Island Yacht Club hosted the P.H.R.F. meeting this year. There were moves made to encourage new members; i.e. any new member will have free dues for the first year and they will receive their first boat measurement no charge. Another highlight is that each member club will receive a cheque from P.H.R.F. to be used for promoting sailing/racing events.

(Thanks to Bob Bingham for the report.)

First in the Water



Photo L. Bauer

Winner of the coveted Rubber Duck Award !



As you can see here the first boat in the water at the club this year took a very different tack.

Fresh Fish on the Hook!



Here's a shot of Judge Mangile out on the ice in the south harbour. February 8 was a fine calm and sunny day for angling. Later Judge felt he should upscale his icy accommodations and he built a fishing shanty. He knows the regulations and makes sure that he is always in compliance for such structures.

From the Vice-Commodore

FINALLY!! the warm weather is here!

I know some of you have already started working on your boats.... nice to see. And many others will be starting soon.

This year we have some great plans for the cosmetic part of our loving club, like racing events, and social events, so I'm looking forward to seeing you there for what ever the reason is. Also a sweet reminder that WSA is just around the corner, and boats are always needed. Before we even put our ad on the website, we have 42 girls putting their applications in, Exciting!!

Hoping everyone has a great fun summer!

Val