

# THE CURRENTS



Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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## New Board Elected for 2016

At the November 15 General Membership meeting the members elected a full slate of 7 Directors for 2016

- Commodore Heather Hartley (bottom right)
- Vice Commodore Valerie Gujban (top left)
- Secretary Scott Pillon (top right)
- Treasurer Tony Berends (top 2<sup>nd</sup> right)
- Race Director Dennis Hendel (bottom left)
- Social Director Brad Blackton (top 2<sup>nd</sup> left)
- House Director Frank Marmara (top centre)

## Still Sailing!



Photo N. Lintunen

The date was a pre-winter Sunday, Dec. 13. Yet we find Nick Lintunen and friends, Mike Weber and Marina Maffessanti from SPSC out sailing in the Detroit River. They decided to take Nick's Thistle out and test the winds showing 6 to 8 knots out of the south building to a better 12 to 15 knots. Can spring be far off?

## From the Commodore

Wishing all the best to you and your families for the holiday season and looking forward to another great season in 2016. The board is working on a new budget schedule to be presented at the General Membership Meeting on Jan. 24.

We're looking for a volunteer for Roads and Grounds. An updated membership list will be composed. There will be information sheets on the web site and in the clubhouse.



### Wedding Bells for the Commodore

Our Commodore, Heather, and her new groom Blaic tied the knot this last November. Will that make their boat go faster? They certainly hope so.

### Welcoming Sign



Photo R. Ferguson

Bob and Rob Ferguson used their building talents to build a new covered chalk sign at the entrance to the club property.

It is the place to look for news of upcoming events. There is also an artistic vent here for laying out messages in chalk.

### Wine and Food Night

Our Social Director Val and her band of helpers put on a very fine evening of wine paired with the appropriate tasty morsels. Saturday night Sept. 3. Crew wines were sampled and their representative gave hints and highlights for the group present on the nuances of pairing food with a wine.

## River Rat Race

This year's River Rat Race was held Saturday, Oct. 17. And the wind did blow!

We had a good turn out for the race with a few visiting boats from other clubs out to run with us. It was a good wind out of the north west, huffing and puffing that made the run up against the current a close reach for most competitors.



### Rakaia Rules at Awards Banquet



As you can see the Hendel family, father, Dennis and son, Brian cleaned up at the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> L.M.Y.C. Awards Banquet. Next year the challenge will be on once again to give them a run for the money (flags that is).

This is the big formal event of the club's season and everyone, especially the ladies, were gussied up in their finery for the evening.

## Awards Banquet

Ninety some people came out for this year's Awards Banquet held at Fox Glen Golf Course on a Saturday evening. There were many awards handed out for racing, of course, but also other special awards.

The Dale Souilliere Award was given to Past Commodore, Bob Reaume, for his service to the club. The Past Commodore's Award went to Tapani Lintunen. Surprise, surprise, we were treated to a song by that old romantic, Tom Boyce. Robby Ferguson, Master of Ceremonies, challenged everyone with a sailing knowledge trivia game. Good times were had by all.



Tapani with Vice Com., Heather



Bob squeezed between Com. Rob and V.Com., Heather

It's said that you should do what you do best. Here we are, doing just that. Eating and sailing.

## 2015 in Review



## New Building

The old worn haul out trunk has morphed into the haul out storage shed or more fondly named, "Brian's Cottage". The launch and haul out equipment will be safely out of the weather and our hard working team will have a place to slip into, out of the elements that can blow cold and damp in the spring and fall. In the photo Ralph Allen is inspecting the new digs and planning the organization of the equipment. (P.S. No it is not the start of Cub House East)



## Darts Night Action



A long time Mariners winter tradition is running strong again this year. In the photo we see Barb Albrecht lining up her shot with her team lending support. Every Wednesday evening the dead-eye darts players come out for some

friendly low key competition. There is also a rumor that the snacks table is the first attraction. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

## Christmas Lunch at L.M.Y.C.

Forty happy people were served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings for this annual event. Bev Angus' special homemade cranberry sauce rounded out the meal that included pie and whipped cream. Compliments abounded for Bob Bingham and his galley crew for another great effort this year.

Bob and galley crew pause for a photo.



## Vice-Commodore's Report

This year is coming to a close, but with great feelings of a super year coming. Here's hoping that all will be good in health, adventures, and things to come. I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and looking forward to seeing everyone in this coming New Year. Val Gujban

## Tree Decorating Elves



This year's club Christmas decorating went very well with a good crowd out. Some serious decorating went on while some tasty snacking was provided. The Nantais elves,

Dave and Mary were the hits of the evening. Mary in sparkles and illuminated lights. Dave showing off snowflakes and wrapped Christmas presents.

## An Addition to our Sailing Family



The report below from the proud father himself, Past Commodore, Rob.

Finn Robert Barron Ferguson was born December 5th at 9 pounds 11 ounces. Last time it was going out in the Aluminum boat that started Kate into a nice quick labour with Kora. So when Kate was running past her due date with Finn we were once again thinking about taking our Tinnie (aluminum boat) out to try our luck again. The weather was so nice in early December I was getting the aluminum boat all set up. But a couple of hours before we planned to go out in our boat she started her labour and 12 hours later our new crew was born. The family is doing great and grandparents are excited about having a grandson.