

THE CURRENTS

Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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Your Board of Directors for 2017

At the November 20 General Membership meeting the members elected a full slate of seven Directors for 2017

- Commodore Valerie Gujban (centre)
- Vice Commodore Larry Laing (right end)
- Secretary Jon Rae (missing)
- Treasurer Tony Berends (left end)
- Race Director Dennis Hendel (2nd from left)
- Social Director Andy Kozieradzki (2nd from right)
- House Director Jason Allison (missing)

Vice Commodore Report



Wishing all members a Merry Christmas and a great 2017!

As with every executive we will try to make little improvements to the club during our term. One project we are committed to is leveling the north dock walkway. Hopefully this will make it a little safer. If any member has additional ideas for some small projects please let us know through any method - tell a Director, email, etc.

From the General Membership Meeting

It's a fine credit to our club that the slate for the Board of Directors is filled every year. These are the people that carry out the business of the club; keeping the place in order.

Treasurer's report included that there are 71 full members, 15 associate members and 3 honorary members. The mortgage sits at about \$60,000 and the Accounts Receivable at that point was \$7,585.

River Rat Race



Special Military Award

Past Commodore, Gus Martin, is a fixture at LaSalle Mariners. Before joining us Gus served in the RCAF for 11 years. His duties included a tour in Europe. On Aug. 23/16, the metal above, the Special Service Metal with NATO bar, was awarded to Gus for his past military service.



Photos Y. McRobbie

The final and fun race, the River Rat, went over big again this year. And again this year the wind did blow! Amazingly similar conditions to the year before.

22 boats competed. Three boats came from Southport. The PHRF winner was Spitfire skippered by John Marentette (in the photo above right we see the immortal Rat Award). Jog went to Jason Allison on Dits. The photo on the left shows the crowd that gathered for this end of season good time happening. Our event Organizer, Bob Bingham, sends out his thanks to the race and galley crews.

Your Social Times Planner



Our Social Director, Andy Kozieradzki has been holding a number of different parties: U.S. Presidential Elections, Nov. 8., Leonard Cohen Night, Nov. 26 and the traditional Christmas Decorating Party on Dec. 10.

Andy has big plans for 2017 with 2 parties every month. He is encouraging all L.M.Y.C. members and guests as well to participate in these upcoming events. Andy is asking for your suggestions for making parties more exciting and improve participation. The objective is to spend time with friends and get to know each other.

Andy extends an invitation to join him for the Chicago Strictly Sailing Sailboat Show, Jan. 13/17.

Haul-out Tribulations



This year's haul out met with a snag when the steering linkage broke down on the tractor. As always the dedicated Haul-out crew rose to the challenge and had the machine in working order to complete pulling every boat before the cold weather set in.

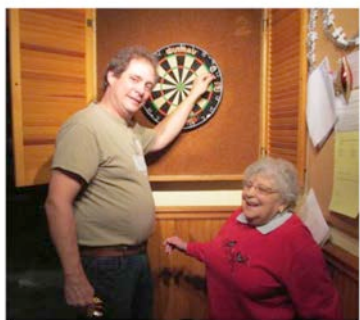
Awards Banquet (Served with Laughs)



As you see above the 2016 edition of LaSalle Mariners Awards Banquet had a table laden with awards to pass out. There was the usual Wednesday PHRF and Monday JOG flags and trophies to make many a skipper and crew proud. Have a gander and pick out yours for next year.

We also saw some special awards monkey business on the left given out to a select number of skippers for some unusual accomplishments, indeed.

On the left we see Jeanine Draper and Shawn Talbot receiving the coveted, "Golden Gas Tank". On the right Frank Mamara displays his, "L.M.Y.C. Tow Ticket", showing it well used.



Weekly Winter Gatherings

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM the dart league gets together. Guy Meseck and Vicki Boyce on the left.

On the right we see Tom Boyce, Liz Metcalfe, Bob Mackenzie and John Metcalfe enjoying one of the regular Monday Lunches. Eating starts @12 noon.



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As Shirley Temple would say (Do you remember Shirley Temple?)
"Oh my goo-ness!"



I suppose, to keep the membership fully informed, we received an email with this photo attached in early October. Can you recall the subject? Is there a monster lurking at the club? Give it a thought and the answer is at the end of page 4.

Christmas Lunch at L.M.Y.C.



Again this year Bob Bingham and his galley helpers wiped up a scrumptious Christmas repast for a house full of members and guests.

Happy New Year's Party !!!

There was games and food in abundance at the New Years Eve Party!!



The famed L.M.Y.C. Dance Team took to the floor to entertain with fancy footwork.

ANSWER to the photo question on page 3:

This is a photo of the roots growing in the septic drainage system for the clubhouse washrooms. UGG! A sweet goodbye to 2016!

The South Harbour Saga



As told by that sage of LaSalle Mariners himself, Ralph Allen, P/C.

Founding Member

The early years of the club, after the purchase of the first parcel of land, ditch and cottage, were those of growing pains and gains. The two-bedroom cottage came with an oil furnace, outdoor biffy (one holer outhouse)*[a pit toilet, P.U.]* and NO telephone *[no cell phones yet]*, television *[only 4 channels]*, or Internet *[way before internet; how did they stand it?]*. But there was a big drainage ditch that went up to the highway. This was going to be a work in progress.

The ditch was dredged and widened. A breakwall and docks were constructed (date unknown at this time – I can't remember). We were now in business. The canal at Willow Drive emptied out of the members' boats that had been docked there. Only three boats remained, Carl Durham's, Butch Clark's and mine.

There were sixteen boats at LaSalle Mariners in the new south harbour. There were three Sharks, a Dolphin, two Viking 22's, Aloha 28, Viking 28, Viking 33, North Star 500, Northern ¼ ton, Mirage, Hughes 25, Bayfield 23 and a Chriscraft 35. Not too much different than today. For winter haul-out and storage we had a crane come to the club and start lifting boats out and sit them in their cradles in front of the docks. We sure were a happy bunch!

These memories are as I think I rememberr.



Chart included for April 1974, shows the harbour layout and assignments.

[See the Editor for chart if interested].

[The italicized print is comments by the Editor]