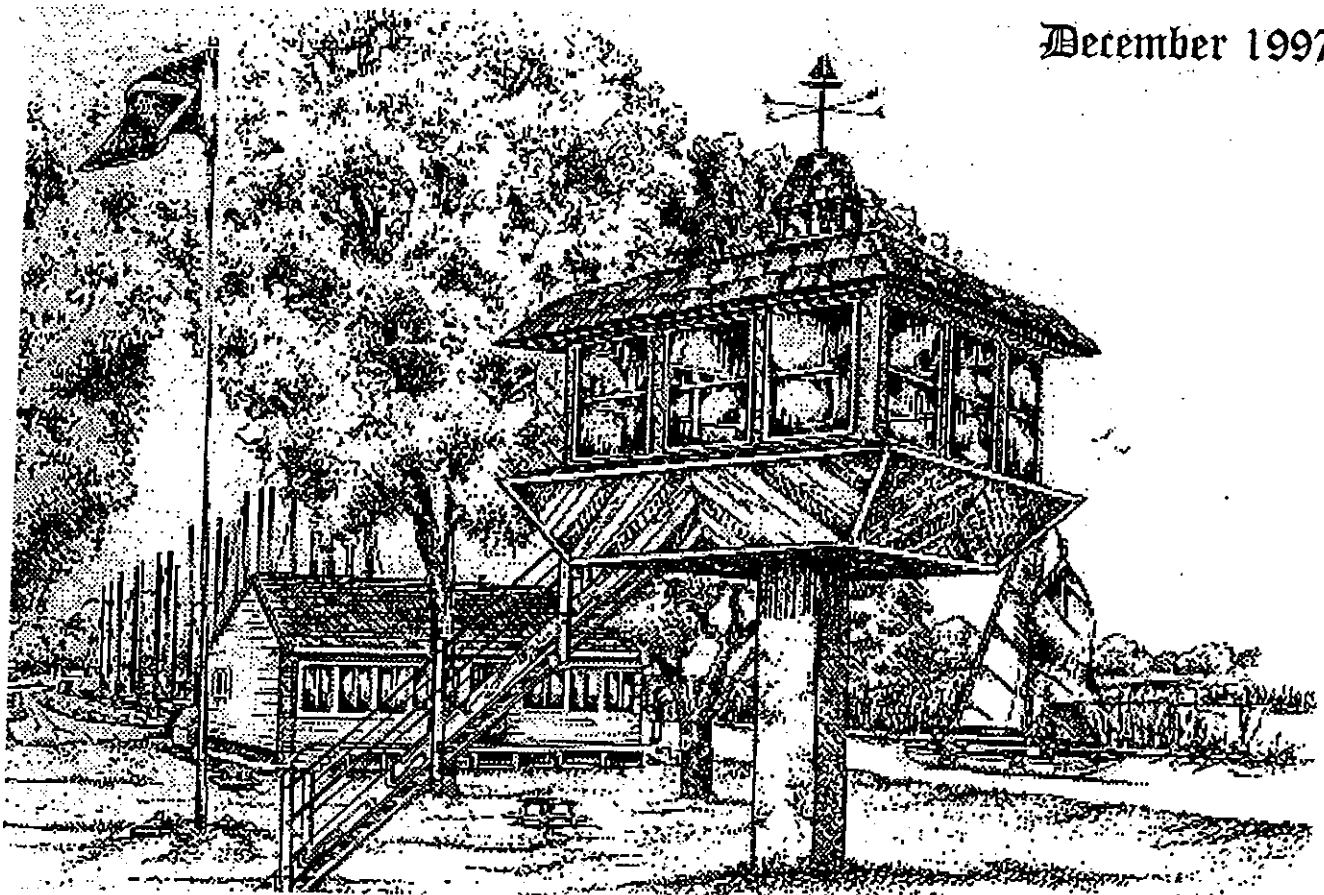


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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club 1997 Officers

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Vice Commodore: John Amyot 253-08878

Treasurer: Yvonne McRobbie 978-1756

Secretary: Elaine Prettyman 978-9820

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Social Director: Perry Basden 972-5949

Race Director: Bob Reaume 978-0947

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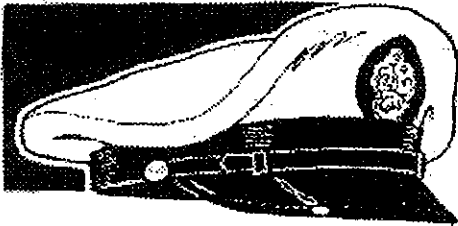
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From Your Commodore

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all member for their assistance in completing work hours for the year. Also for their help on projects pertaining to club functions. It makes this position a lot easier when everyone does their share.

As most everyone knows there was some damage done to the road after fall haulout. This has since been repaired and the work will be checked in the spring to ensure the fine condition we had prior to this occurrence. Please give it time to settle, so that we may evaluate the condition.

Most jobs listed on the board have been completed with only a few to be completed in the NEW YEAR. Special thanks to the Commodore and Directors for their assistance during the year.

Commodore: Bob Bingham



From the Vice Commodore:

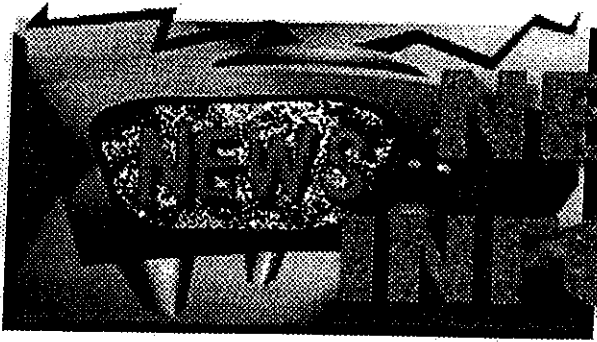
What a pleasure it is, as my first message to you as Vice Commodore, to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

With the end of the year quickly closing in, our thoughts and efforts turn to the upcoming holidays and memories of those soft warm breezes which fueled our boats are quickly fading in the cold snowy weather. But cheer up. Before you know, we will hit a couple boat shows, kick around some boat yards and that will start the prelaunch boat planning juices flowing. Speaking of planning juices flowing, I would really appreciate your input on a few ideas. How about reinstituting work parties to get at those bigger jobs? What would you like to see done around the club that would enhance the grounds, or upgrade facilities etc.? I'm not asking you to pump iron (yet) to get in shape for those dreaded work hours, but then again if you're looking for a good New Year's Resolution ... Seriously, I would really like to hear from you and do have a GREAT HOLIDAY!!

Vice Commodore: John Amyot Senior



**Publication Deadline
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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Congratulations

This is the 1998 slate of officers for LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club.

- Commodore:** Bob Bingham
- Vice-Commodore:** John Amyot Senior
- Treasurer:** Yvonne McRobbie
- Secretary:** Elaine Prettyman
- Race Committee:** Bob Reaume
- House Director:** John Murphy
- Social Director:** Perry Basden

Congratulations to all the new leaders of the Club. It's a tough job at times, but fun. We wish them luck in their endeavours in the new year.



Congratulation to Denis Pare, club member and newly elected Councillor for the Town of LaSalle.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Elaine Prettyman

We are constantly updating our club roster. A copy of the current roster is located by the club telephone. If there are errors or omissions, please make the necessary corrections if applicable.

HAULOUT BREAKFAST

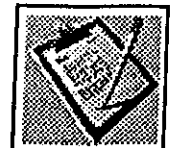
Haulout is over and so is our annual breakfast and lunch at L.M.Y.C. This year breakfast started at 7:00 am with Chef Martin hard at work. Breakfast once again included ham, eggs, hash browns coffee and toast. I must say Gus has maintained impeccable standards at L.M.Y.C., This is truly a remarkable feat where as this is an industry in which a chef can measure their life spans in days or months.. Year in and year out, Gus Martin is near flawless, with his superlative standards of service and cuisine.

Chef Richard and Chef Loraine are also in the winners circle having achieved the near-impossible, catering to the populist tastes of L.M.Y.C. members while delivering the quality, service and ambience of unpretentious, wonderfully flavourful food that the harshest critics wish they would encounter more frequently. The Krinkskies where fantastic. A job well done.



From the Editor

Putting together this newsletter takes time, work, and encouragement. Many people have helped me with their input, efforts and support. Special thanks to **Ralph Kepran** who spent many hours running off this newsletter. Again **THANK YOU.**





announcements

It's a Girl and Boy

Congratulations to George and Janet Mooney on the safe arrival of their new granddaughter, and grandson. First arrival was - **Jaymie Tessier**, born October 20, 1997, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. Proud parents, Chris and Jennifer Tessier are doing fine. Second arrival came on October 27, 1997. and was **Peyton Mooney** weighing 7 lbs 13 oz. Proud parents are Scott and Tracy Mooney. Grandpa and Grandma are in excellent condition.

First Annual Dry Dock Party

L.M.Y.C. FIRST ANNUAL DRY DOCK PARTY was an overwhelming success. As always, LMYC know how to throw a party! It began around 4:00 pm right after all the boats were out of the water. There were over 40 members in attendance and after putting in a hard day, this gave club members a chance to recuperate. This in fact was a surprise party for Renee Laird a club member who just turned to the ripe age of 40. Some of the gag gifts included a "walker" for her old age, to elegant jewellery. Food was plentiful and everyone in attendance had a great time as evident by the 4:00 am closure.



Have you lost your favourite issue of The Currents? Do you wish another copy? For a small user fee you can have the issue of your choice. Members wishing a past



issues are asked to provide the title and date of publication if possible. Any profits ensuing from this project will be used to defer the cost of publishing this monthly newsletter.



HAVE YOUR SAY...

Dear Club Members,

Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "Have Your Say...".

Letters to the *LaSalle Currents* must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

Letters should be concise and to the point and fewer than 200 words. These letters are subject to editing for readability and clarity and may be condensed to save space.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Jennifer Beaudoin has just finished 25 years of teaching. Congratulations!

DATES TO REMEMBER

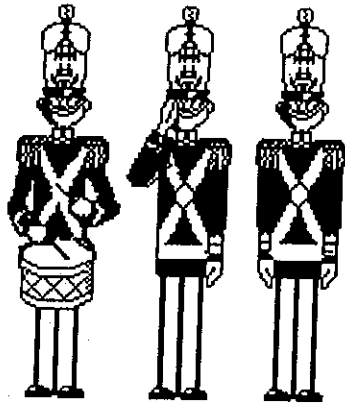
November is a month that is a prelude to all the partying of December; so I hope you are all rested up! The merriment of the season is upon us! We kick off the month of December with Santa Claus paying

the Club a visit on Saturday, December 13th for the ADULT Christmas Tree Decorating Party. Sunday, December 14 th is the Children Christmas Party. Please get your

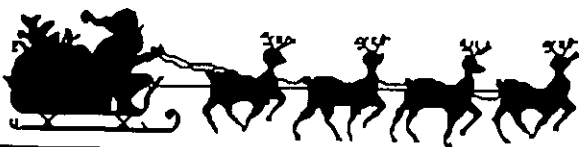


reservations in early for the Children's Christmas Party so Santa knows how many presents to bring for all the little tykes. Ah, the season wouldn't be complete without a New Years Party. Get your black tie out of the closet, dust off your dancing shoes, and get ready to dance the evening away (JUST KIDDING). It

only happens once a year, and every year and it's a great party at LMYC. Ring in the New Year on December 31, at the Club with all of your friends and fellow sailors.



The Club always looks the best at this time of year. Check with the Social Director, Perry Basden for further information.



Dates again!

Saturday, December 13, 1997
Adult Christmas Tree Decorating Part.

Sunday, December 14, 1997
Childrens Christmas Party

December 31, 1997
New Years Party

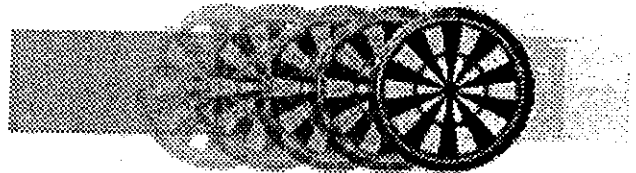
Nautical Quotables

"Sucking theMonkey"

18th century practice of persuading native women, when they came aboard warships, to bring with them fresh



coconuts from which the milk had been emptied and replaced with rum. The resultant drunkenness remained an unexplained phenomenon for years



Darts At L.M.Y.C.

During the winter, each Wednesday at 7:00 pm., our dart league meets for friendly competition at the club. Test your skill, you may be better than you think! Whether you're just starting out or have been playing a long time, we have room for everyone. Come out and have some fun.

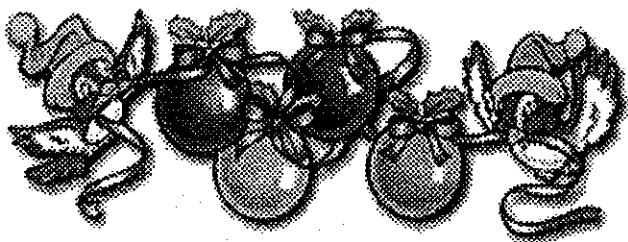


To Our Special LADC Club Family

You're such a special family and it only stands to reason that you would all be thought of at this sentimental season. And with these thoughts come wishes, while the holidays are here, for many merry moments that will last throughout this year.



Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year



CONGRATULATIONS

*With best wishes to Howard
Porter and Mary Porter on
their marriage
December 15, 1997*

WELCOME ABOARD NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Lee & Stephanie Dawson

Make our new member feel at home

Awards Banquet -97

Awards night was an overwhelming success. Over 130 in attendance. Thanks again to Andy Kozieradzki, Social Director for an outstanding job in the preparation of this event. The evening began with a slide show presentation at 6:30 pm by Tony Vandereeden. This was followed by a chicken dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus of River Canard. With the conclusion of dinner came the many presentations. Presentation were made by Brian Lawson, Yvonne McRobbie, Andy Kozieradzki, Chris Barron, Charles Oldfield, John Murphy, and Bob Henson. Singing Happy Birthday was one of the mainstays of this banquet. The evening started off by the Award Host announcing John Geary's Birthday, and the evening finally concluded by having Marilyn Monroe (white dress and all) singing her
P r e s i d e n t
Kennedy's famous, 'Happy Birthday' to all the club members whose birthdays were in November. Excellent performance by Lu McKim (alias Marilyn) For the rest of the evening members and friends enjoyed dancing performed by the Disc Jockey Dynamite. A great evening.



Note: The race results will be printed in the January Issue of 'The Currents'.

L.M.D.C. Photo Gallery



Linda and Juergen at the Frostbite Party mixing Chili



Frostbite Party - Herb & Ann Colling, Judge Mangile



Haulout - Brian Lawson



Haulout - Jim Beaudoin, George Mooney,
Dave Evans and Howard Porter



Andy Kozieradzki at the Halloween Party



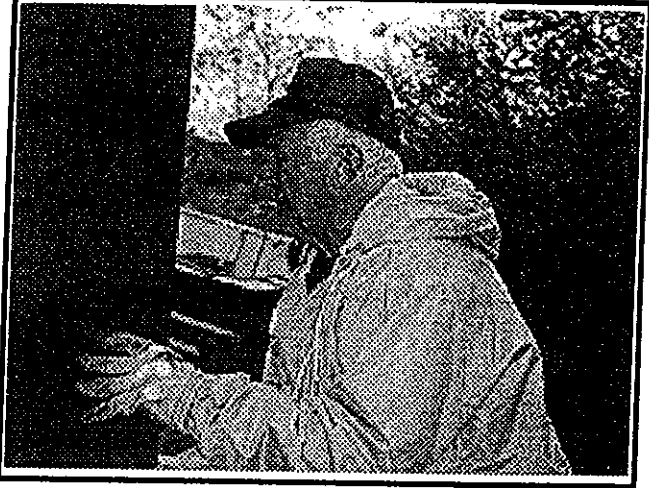
Gail Oliver at the Halloween Party



L.M.D.C. Photo Gallery



Haulout -- Ron Wigle



Haulout -- Andrew Gagnon



Haulout -- Phil Smith and Gord Freeman



Halloween -- E. Prettyman, D. Kepran & C. O'Neil



Haulout -- Alex Buliga and Andy Koziaradzki



Haulout -- Andrew Bellehumeur





LMYC
1968-1997

Commodore

Ralph Allen

and

First Lady

Molly Allen



We say goodbye to Commodore Ralph Allen and First Lady Molly Allen after a fulfilling 1997 sailing year. Ralph Allen is one of the founding member of LMYC and has served two terms as commodore. The first time was in 1972 when the club was still in its infancy and growing in leaps and bounds and lastly in its 29th year.

During his membership of 29 years Ralph Allen wore many hats. He served many years as a dedicated ILYA Delegate, a proud organization in which LaSalle Mariner's Yacht club has been a member since 1982. During many of the spring and fall racing series Ralph and Molly Allen served as the Official Race Committee. Ralph and Molly Allen also served as Race Committee for many of LaSalle Mariner's Regattas such as Shakedown in May, The Couples Race and the Fighting Island Regatta in August just to name a few.

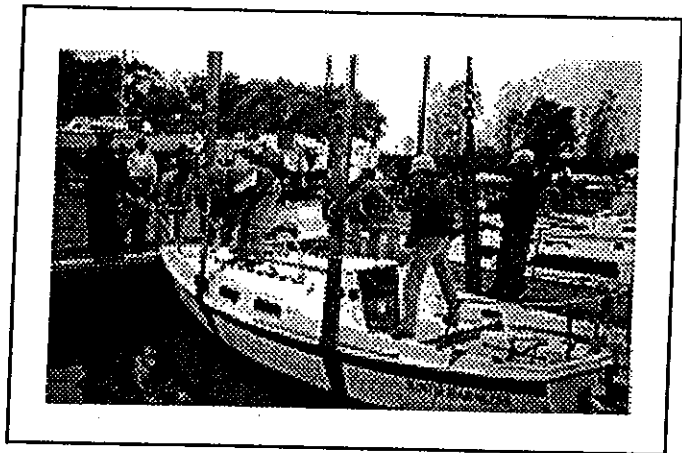
Ralph Allen was not only as an aggressive and respected commodore, but a man who worked tirelessly for his yacht club and club members. Ralph is a man who has a deep sense of concern for his club members, a man with foresight, exceptional leadership qualities, understanding and quick wit.

Over his two terms as commodore his personal enthusiasm and energy were dedicated to a great many projects undertaken for the betterment of LaSalle Mariner's Yacht club and its members. Ralph always put other members ahead of himself.

Ralph Allen was more than a commodore. Too often we forget that Ralph was also a husband, a father, and a grandfather twice. We say goodbye, and wish you good sailing on calm waters with gentle breezes.

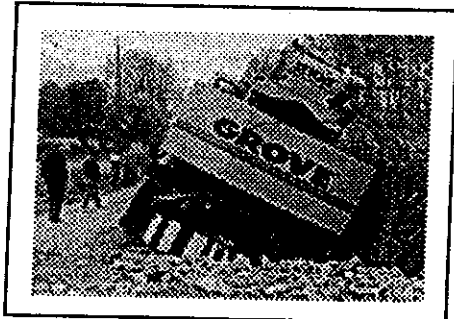
Haulout 1997

Haulout 1997 was another success thanks to Harbour Master Ralf Fielder, and the LMYC members who assisted with the many jobs. Haulout began early Saturday morning and many members were there even before the crane arrived. The crane arrived before 8:00 am and was busy setting up for the day's work. Members were milling around getting ready for the busy day which was to follow. Members were assigned to different duties and were all busy fulfilling their obligations. Ralf Fielder the Harbour Master was busy lining up the cradles to make the days operation quick and safe. The weather was warm and rain fell occasionally, but never in a



downpour. Yvonne McRobbie was on the job as usual collecting fees from members who were not quite up to date. Bottom washing was an option that many members took. Some members were not happy with the washer's performance. Throughout the day members visited the kitchen of L.M.Y.C for a nutritional break. Everyone worked hard making sure that all the boat were safely in their cradles as the day ended.

Late in the afternoon the 43rd boat came out of the water and one part of LMYC haulout came to a close.



This haulout was not over yet. As the crane left L.M.Y.C. around 5:00 pm it went aground halfway up the road. Other cranes and machinery from other companies came to its rescue but to no avail. Around 10:40 pm a man in a Plymouth station wagon, survived a head-on collision with a heavy-duty crane which was parked on Front Road and was taken to the hospital.

The next morning two cranes, and two tow trucks were brought in to rescue the first crane bringing with them 5 loads of stone. During the operation they took apart a portion of the road, built metal platforms, shut of the hydro and gas. It took all day to prepare to lift the crane. The first crane which was aground in the club roadway was not removed till Sunday afternoon. An interesting Haulout day.

