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La Salle Mariners Yacht Club

The Passing of the Flag -- Bob Ferguson (New Commodore receiving flag from Bob Reaume (Out going Commodore))

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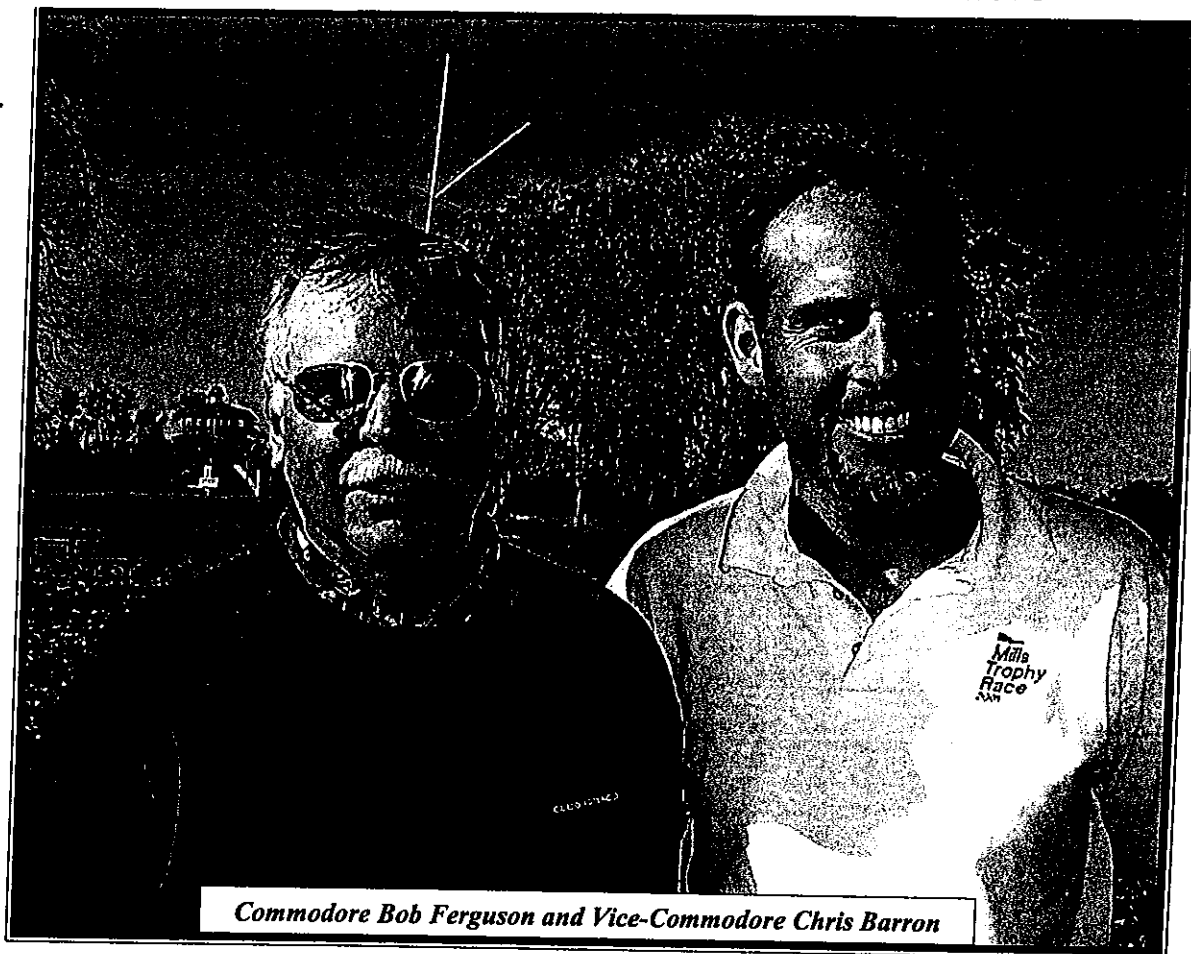


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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Bob Ferguson and Vice-Commodore Chris Barron

As commodore, I hope to continue the tradition of LMYC keeping sailing, seamanship and camaraderie as the for front for the coming year.

The Awards Banquet has come and gone and once again the LMYC members have enjoyed a good sailing season. It began with a drifter for Shakedown and ended, as it should, with a good breeze for the Rat. The new executive will soon be getting together to plan for our new year. I'm sure spring will bring many projects so everyone can get their work hours in early. Remember that the club is what it is because of those who put in many extra hours. So get involved.

Commodore Bob Ferguson and Vice-Commodore Chris Barron

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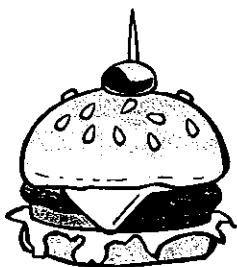


News and Information

Monday Luncheons

Monday Luncheons have started at LMYC. If you have the opportunity come down to the clubhouse any Monday at noon sharp to enjoy the culinary expertise of club members. These luncheons will continue until April 2002. If you are bringing a guest call ahead.

Members who would like to try their hand at their culinary skills are welcomed to plan a Monday Luncheon.



From the Harbor Master

By the time you receive this newsletter all boat should be out of the water. This is an important time to make sure your boat boxes, mast are put away properly. Please remove outboard engines and make sure to have your ladder locked on your cradle. Discussions about boat boxes have not died. They are still possible if we have the will and wherewithal. See Ralf Fielder for details.

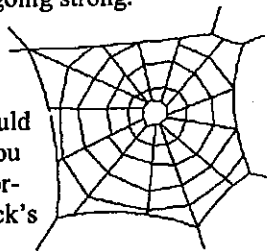
Harbor Master Ralf Fielder



LMYC Web Page

Our LMYC Web Page is still going strong. The Web Master Nick Maroukis is still waiting for club members to give him stories, pictures or information that could be of interest to this club. If you have any information please forward to his Email address. Nick's address is as follows:

maroukis@earthlink.net



Lake Erie levels hit 35 year low

The lowest water levels in 35 years are playing havoc with shipping and commercial fishing operations on Lake Erie, industry officials said Tuesday.

Little rain and lingering warm temperatures

have reduced Lake Erie's water level to 570.2 feet above sea level which is only 2 1/2 inches above its November 1966 low, according to figures released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Last season, we lost 18 inches of draft because of lower water levels in the lakes and that cost us \$2 million in revenue," said Al Vanagas, general manager of operations for Algoma Central Marine.

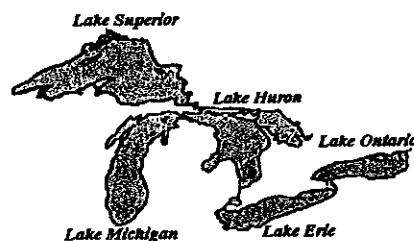
"Normally we can load 28,000 tons onto our vessels," he said. "But if that drops to 25,000 or 26,000 because of lower water, our trip price remains the same but revenue drops because we can't carry as much cargo."

"On a day with strong winds from the west or northwest, the level can drop a foot in an hour and that creates problems for boats trying to get back in," said Loop.

"When a bad day is forecast, some guys don't even go out and that affects their livelihood."

Navigation channels are dredged to seaway levels of 27 1/2 feet. but strong winds can move the waters in the lake and affect navigational conditions.

The water level in Lake Erie fluctuates less than in the other Great Lakes, but since all are part of the same shipping system, the lowest level dictates conditions.



Summary of article written by Dave Hall (Staff Reporter — Windsor Star — November 21, 2001)

From The Treasurer

Just a reminder to all club members. The Monthly payment plan is in effect. If you wish to make use of this plan you must submit cheques to the Treasurer before the FIRST OF JANUARY. This new payment plan will include dues, dockage and winter storage for the 2002 sailing season.



Yvonne McRobbie

Did You Know?

Did you know that the last member sailing this year was **Rob Ferguson**.



Did you know that residue from the dredgings of two summers ago are now being leveled freeing this property for perhaps new development in the future.

Fairwell

I bid you farewell as your outgoing Social Director with the Awards Banquet being the last event of my tenure. We had a wonderful turnout with over 150 members, crews and friends in attendance at Fox Glen.

Once again the staff here came through with good food, and great atmosphere for a memorable evening. Thanks to all my contributors whose door prizes made the evening more outstanding.

Lets give special thanks to George Mooney and Bob Reaume for all their hard work. They put on a wonderful show making the evening full of surprises and laughs. Makes you wonder what they will be doing for next years Awards Banquet

Mary Nantais

From The Social Director

Denise Melanson

Hello:

I am your social director for the New Year. My husband Carl and I came aboard with the La-Salle Mariners Yacht Club one year ago, sailing Summer Delite. We enjoyed many of the wonderful social events organized and hosted by Mary Nantais and other club members.



I am happy to host and announce three December events, about to take place.

Saturday, Dec. 15th at 1900 (7:00 PM) will be the annual Adult Tree Trimming Potluck.
(Please bring a gift to be delivered to a needy child)

Sunday, Dec 16th at 1300 (1:00PM) members and children can attend the annual Children's Christmas Party (Remember gift for your own child)

Monday, Dec 31st at 1900 (7:00 PM) the New Year Eve's Gala.

I will contact members, but please feel free to RSVP, as this is a sit down dinner, the planning is important. I look forward to seeing you at any and all of these occasions.

Please contact me to bring contributions to the nights end platters.

Denise Melanson
(519) 969-2350

What does WD-40 Stand for?

WD-40 literally stands for Water Displacement, 40th attempt. That's the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist who developed WD-40 back in 1953. The chemist, Norm Larsen, was attempting to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion-a task which is done by displacing water. Norm's persistence paid off when he perfected the formula on his 40th try





LMYC Breakfast



Our annual Haul Out breakfast was held Saturday November 3, 2001. The breakfast was very well attended.

**We
AIM TO
PLEASE**

Breakfast began around 9:00 AM and continued until 11:00 AM. Breakfast included Ham, eggs, bacon, toast, muffins, fruit, coffee etc. The social director Dave and Mary Nantais were in charge of this event with new social director Denise Melanson assisting.

It was a beautiful clear sunny day with light winds from the west and a temperature around 50 degrees F. Breakfast was served as a continuous stream as members and friends arrived at the clubhouse. After breakfast some members stayed and conversed with friends while others went sailing. Some members prepared their boats for haul out which is quickly approaching the deadline date of November 18, 2001

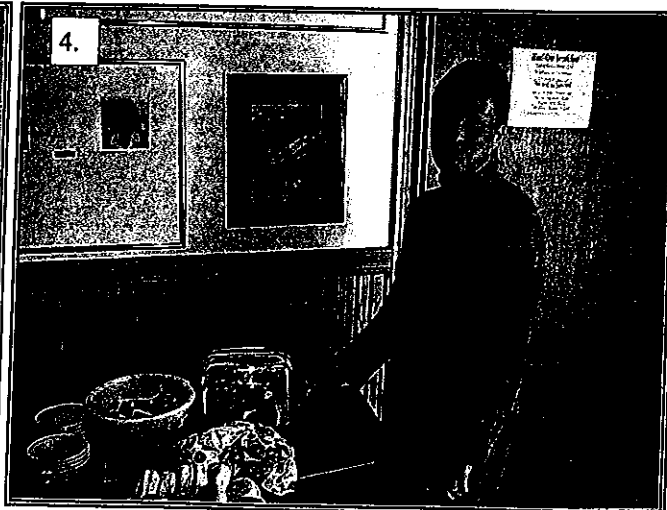
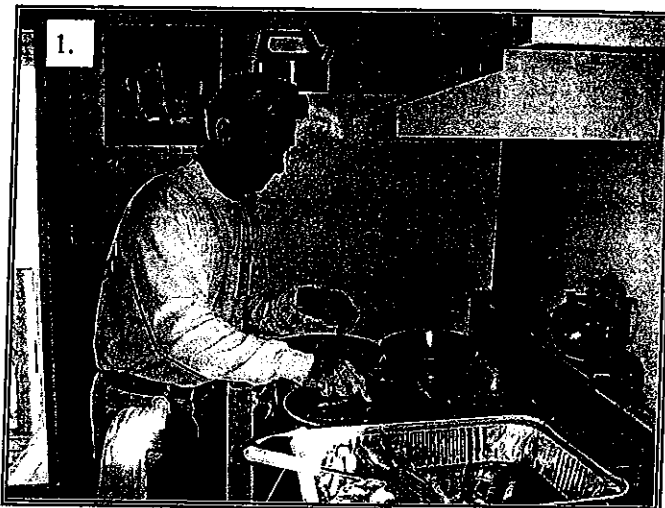
**SERVICE
is
our first
thought**

Photo #1 Dave Nantais

Photo #2 Mary Nantais

Photo #3 Denise Melanson, Lothar Baur & Rick Beresford.

Photo #4. New Social Director Denise Melanson





LMYC Breakfast



Gord Freeman & Bob Ferguson



Tapani & Nikolas Lintunen



Adam Prettyman & Rob Ferguson



Ralph, Stephanie and Steve Kepran



Laurel Venney, George Mooney & S. Dunbar



Brian Lawson

Awards Banquet

LMYC celebrated its annual awards banquet on November 17th at Fox Glen Golf Course, which was organized by Dave and Mary Nantais, LMYC social director.

Before dinner members were surprised by a special guest appearance by the Emperor who has a striking resemblance to Elvis, mingled amidst the members singing, strutting and delivering special kerchiefs to special ladies in the audience. It is my understanding that he caused quite a stir with the ladies.

Dinner again for the over 150 members and crew who attended this year was excellent consisting of Chicken Cordon Blue, roast beef with mushrooms, roasted potatoes, baby carrots, salad, crepes with red and white wine.

After dinner Commodore Robert Reaume and George Mooney handed out numerous door prizes and bestowed special accolades to club members who stood out during this current sailing year. One such club member was John Murphy who was presented with a special mechanical pony to ride with the actual barn door he went through when he suffered his horse related accident.

Judge Mangile was roasted for what many believed his involvement in the feather caper, which involved placing feathers in the sails of Bob Bingham, Robert Reaume, and George Mooney. A skinned chicken and an empty pillowslip were found in his boat box, which was perhaps an indication of his guilt.

Linda Schreiber was presented with a special wheel chair to help her in her chores at home. This automated wheel chair sports all the latest innovations to make housework a breeze.

Donald Beneteau the Race Chairman presented the awards for the Spring and Fall Series.

After the awards were given out Commodore Robert Reaume and George Mooney devised a seminar to improve racing etiquette. The racers, which were picked by random, were Jurgen Hendel, Rick Bohl, Bob Bingham and Dave Evans. This event proved to be a barrel of laughs for all those in attendance.

After the festivities members and friends enjoyed dancing, chatting, and recalling the events of the sailing season.



Commodore Reaume as the GREAT ONE



Linda Schreiber in her automated work unit

Monday Night Jog – Spring Series – C Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
2	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman

Monday Night Jog – Spring Series – B Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Bottoms Up	John Vandereerden
2	Morpheus	John Amyot Senior

Monday Night Jog – Spring Series—A Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Mad Max	Alex Buliga



Monday Night Jog – Fall Series – C Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
2	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
3	Spindrift	Rick Beresford

Monday Night Jog – Fall Series – B Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Bottoms Up	John Vandereerden
2	Morpheus	John Amyot Senior

Monday Night Jog – Fall Series – A Fleet

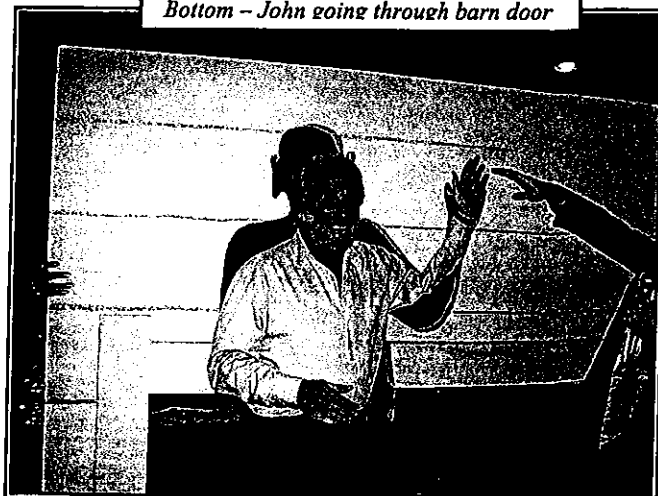
	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Special Delivery	Bob Bingham
2	R-Escape	Bob Reaume
3	Yes	Andy Kozieradzki



Don Beneteau presenting awards



*Top --John Murphy on his horse
Bottom – John going through barn door*



Monday Night Jog – Overall – C Fleet

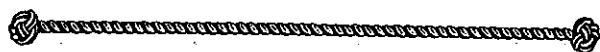
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1	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
2	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman

Monday Night Jog – Overall – B Fleet

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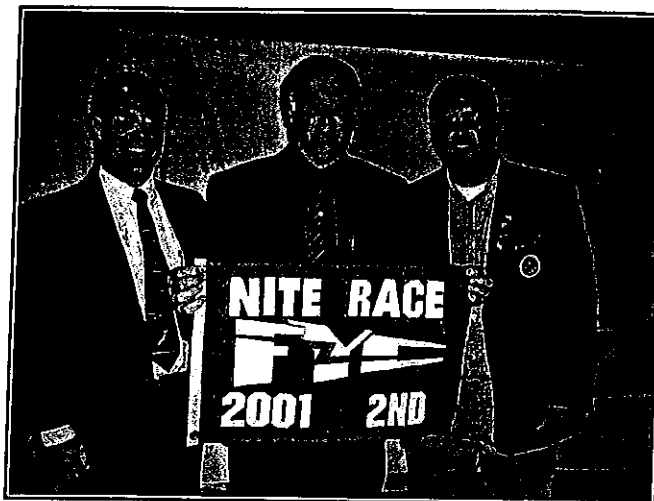


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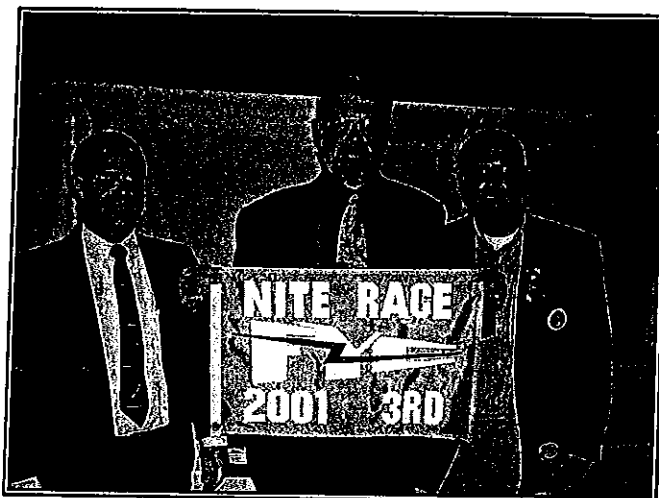
	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Sunkist	Chris Barron
2	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
3	Breakaway	Rob Ferguson

Wednesday Night PHRF – Spring Series – B Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Bottoms Up	John Vandereerden
2	Bad Manners	Brad Blackton
3	Quattro	John Metcalfe



Todd Duffit, Jurgen Hendel, Steve Boettner



Todd Duffit, Bob Bingham, Steve Boettner



*Todd Duffit (I love You Baby)
Avco Cup*

Wednesday Night PHRF – Spring Series – A
Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Rakaia	Jurgen Hendel
2	Mad Max	Alex Buliga

Wednesday Night PHRF – Fall Series -- C
Fleet

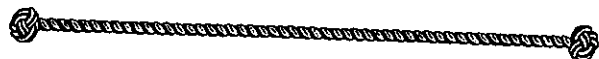
	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Sunkist	Chris Barron
2	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
3	Dragon Fly	Guy Meseck

Wednesday Night PHRF – Fall Series -- B
Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Bottoms Up	John Vandereerden
2	Bad Manners	Brad Blackton
3.	Quattro	John Metcalfe

Wednesday Night PHRF – Fall Series -- A
Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
1	Mad Max	Alex Buliga
2	Rakaia	Jurgen Hendel
3.	Special Delivery	Bob Bingham



Wednesday Night PHRF – Overall – C Fleet

	Sailboat	Skipper
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2	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
3	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile



Judge Mangile – Single Handed



Inter Island Regatta Plaque & Commodore Alan Moor Trophy

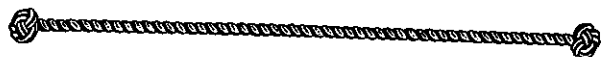
*Paula Anderson receiving awards for
Brian Hartwell (Fiesty)*

Wednesday Night PHRF – Overall – B Fleet

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1	Bottoms Up	John Vandereerden
2	Bad Manners	Brad Blackton
3	Quattro	John Metcalfe

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Avco Cup

I Love You Baby

Todd Duffit

Couples Race Trophy

Andy & Gosia Kozieradzki

Single Handed Race Trophy

Indigo Lady

Judge Mangile

Inter Island Regatta

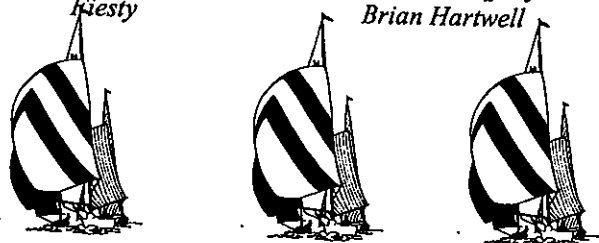
Fiesty

Brian Hartwell

Commodore Alan Moor Trophy

Fiesty

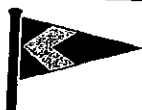
Brian Hartwell



Couple Race Gosia & Andy Kozieradzki



Melissa & Jimmy Vandereerden



Award Banquet Faces



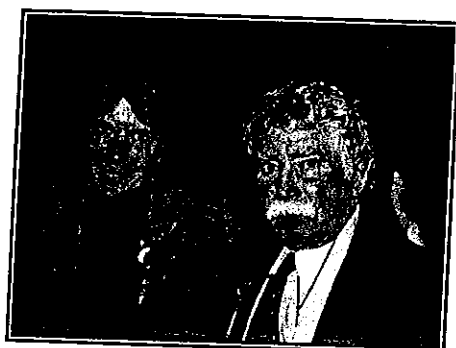
Dennis & Barbara Pare



Kelly & Rick Bohl



Sam Irwin & Yvonne McRobbie



Maggie & Dave Evans



Howard Porter & Rick Beresford



Nickolas, Tapani Lintunen & Renee Laird



Dave & Mary Nantais



Carl & Denise Melanson



Robert Dorion & Amy Irving



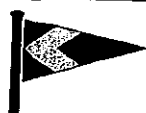
Sandy Mailleux Dennis Douthart



Rob, Jennifer Ferguson & Ted Popel



Charles Oldfield



Award Banquet Faces



Bodo Schaefer & Lu McKim



Brad & Jo-Anne Blackton



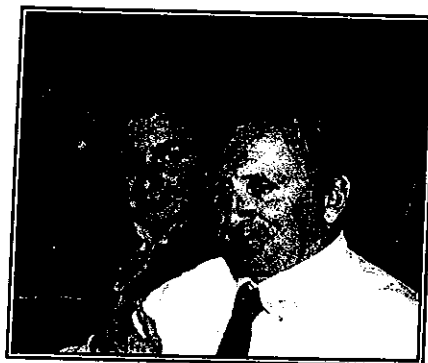
Bob & Jean Williams



Fred & Darlene Brill



Joanne Tiborcz & Bob Reaume



Gosia & Andy Kozieradzki



Lori & Ralf Fiedler



David, Rachelle Soulliere & Linda Schreiber



Chris & Jessica Barron



Left-Paula Anderson & Steve Boettner



Adam Prettyman, Jessica Worr and friends



Roy and Gail Oliver



Award Banquet



John Amyot Senior & Crew



John Murphy & Cathy Harris



Pete Skope, Terri, Mary Ellen & Judge Mangile



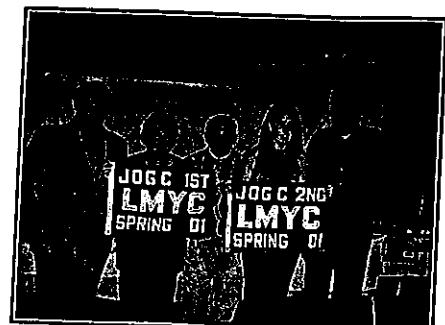
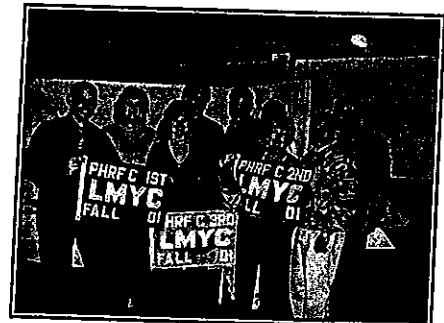
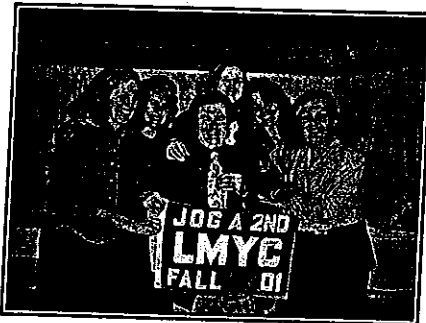
Bob and Andrea Bingham



Adam Prettyman & Jessica Worr

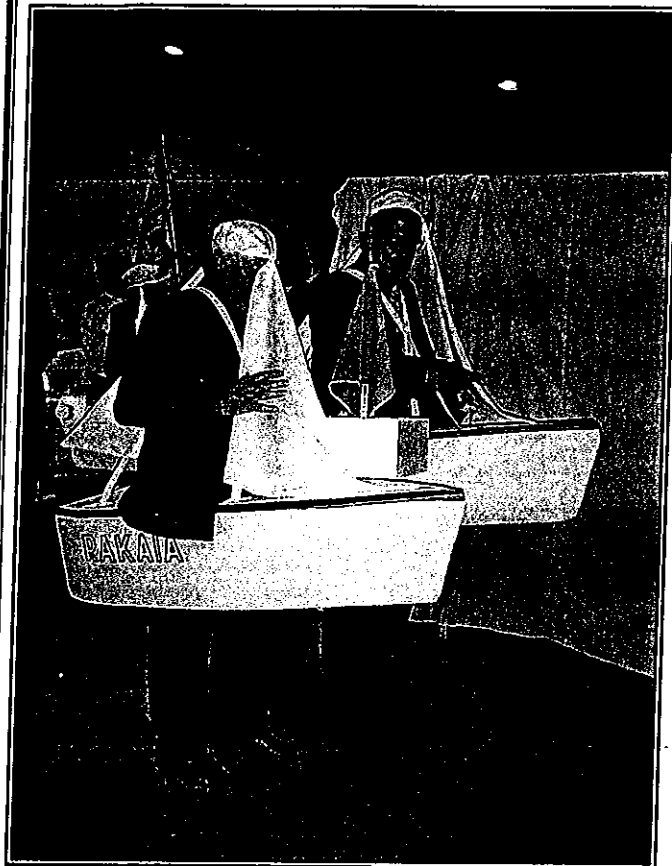


Bob and Carol Ferguson





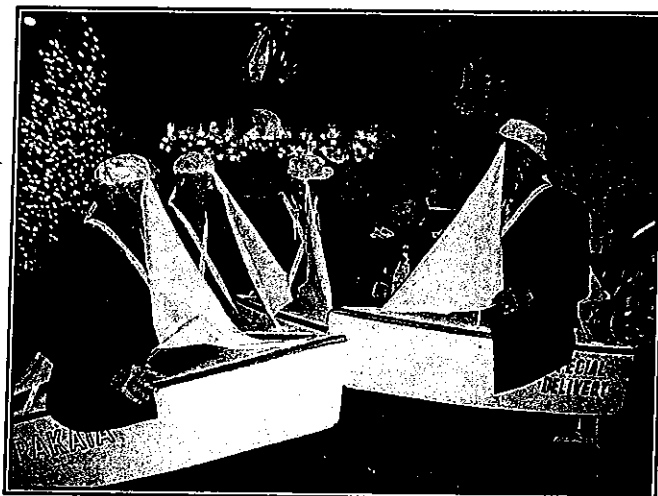
Rounding the Mark



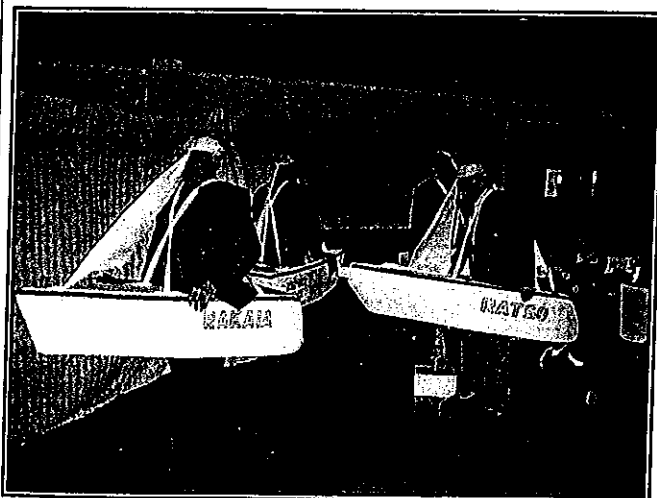
Jurgen Hendel and Bob Bingham



*Judge Mangile Rick Bohl, Dave Evans, Jurgen Hendel
Bob Bingham and Dennis Douthart*



J. Hendel, R. Bohl, D. Evans and B. Bingham



Top

J. Hendel, R. Bohl, B. Bingham & D. Evans

Far Right

Dave Evans





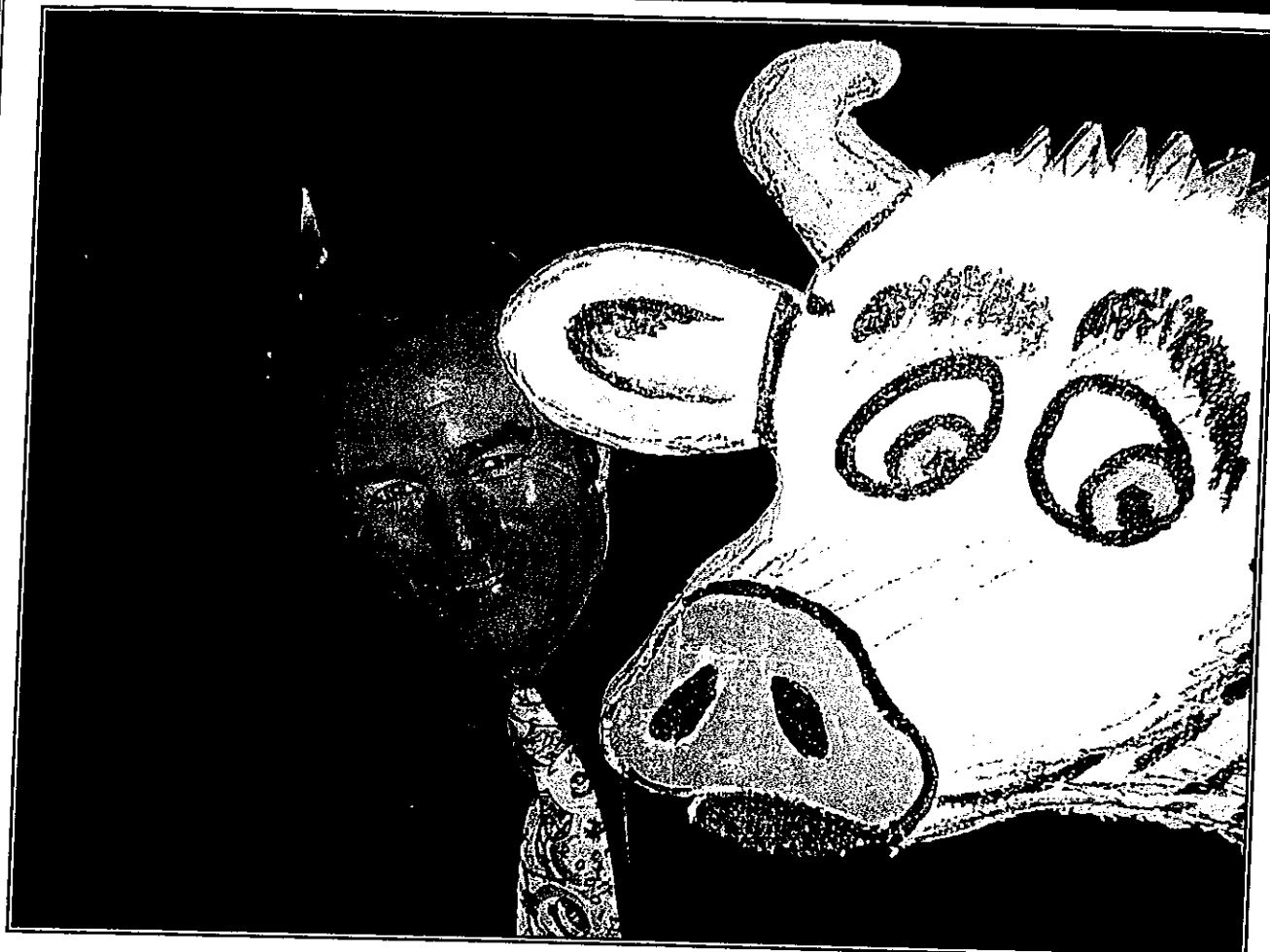
Door Prize Table at Awards Banquet

A great deal of thanks to club members Andy Kozieradzki and Mary Nantais who solicited door prizes from the following companies and individuals for LMYC Annual Awards Banquet. LMYC thanks these companies and individuals for the support of sailing and especially LMYC.

Island View Marina Store & Marina	2448 Front Rd LaSalle	734-7058
St. Clair Marine	2650 Front Rd LaSalle	734-16
Sea & Ski Marine Store	1715 Manning Rd Tecumseh	735-4622
Fruit of the Vine Winemaking	6555 Malden Road LaSalle	734-8686
The Barber Shop (Renee Laird)	55 Richmond Street Amherstburg	736-5759
Van-Rob Stampings Inc	1000 University W. Windsor	253-4114
Visteon Corporation	Major Automotive Component Supplier	
Schukra of North America	1850 Walker Rd Windsor	254-2225
Sun Parlour Trailers (Ian Henderson)	5085 Walker Rd Windsor	737-6503
John Vandereerden & Pelee Island Winery		
Brian Lawson (Assorted selection of valuable prizes)		
Bob Ferguson (Assorted selection of valuable prizes)		
Pare Treasure Trove	467 Carnegie Street LaSalle	(www.mnsi.net/~pares)
Blue Water Pools	2547 Dougall Windsor	969-8561
Shoppers Drug Mart (Jim Ouellette)		
Sam Irwin Marine Survey		
General Motors Transmission		
Boston Sails	120 Michigan Ave, Pt. Edward	519-344-5236
Platinum Professionals by Sabrina	3850 Dougal Windsor	966-2021
XACT Patterns (Bob Reaume)	2736 Meighen Road	251-9841



Commodore Bob Reaume



We say goodbye to Robert Reaume, 28th Commodore of LMYC. Over the years many commodores have given of their time, talents, and energy to see to it that members of LMYC have a great time and Robert Reaume has answered that call three time as commodore.

Bob Reaume has always had a way with the people--a presence that fits many moods, a style that swings with grace from high formality to almost prankish casualness (as seen above) is, a quick charm, the patience to listen, a sure social touch, an interest in knowledge and a greed for facts, a zest for play matched by a passion for work.

Over the years that I have know Bob I have watched him go quietly about his duties and always staying in the background and always getting the job done. When one looks at Commodore Reaume's experience and services to LMYC, he has truly been a man of all seasons and has always had the respect and dedicated help from his friends and club members.

Commodore Reaume, is an active commodore participating in club events and races, PARTIES and local regattas. When something is going on you are sure to find Bob Reaume.

During his 2001 mandate commodore Reaume has left a legacy for LMYC, which will be difficult to follow. The new tie along dock fondly known as the Emperor's Dock on the north harbor. The reconstruction of the front porch of the clubhouse. The continuation of the decking along the docks. A new dingy dock and the movement of the power lines, just to name a few.

Commodore Reaume has served LMYC well over the years and now we say goodbye and wish you good sailing on calm waters with gentle breezes.



Bob Reaume as Elvis

Radio Control Sailboat Awards Banquet

The Radio Control Sailboat Awards Banquet was held Saturday November 24, 2001. Approximately 20-30 members and guests were in attendance for this event. The food was pot luck provided by those attending. Special thanks to Frances Lawson's Lemon Merange Pie and to Marg Delaney for her work for the Race Committee.

The largest trophy this evening was the **MAURICE DIET TROPHY** which was awarded to Len Strahl. This regatta consisted of 14 races all held in one day. Len Strahl edged out Dennis Hendel who came in second and Dick Hein who was third.

The **Club Races** (US 1 meter) consisted of the best 14 out of 20 races. The results were Dennis Hendel (First), Len Strahl (Second) and Bruce Lancaster (Third)

The results of the **Soling Division** were Dan Cooper (First), Dave Cadieux (Second) and Paul Delaney (Third)

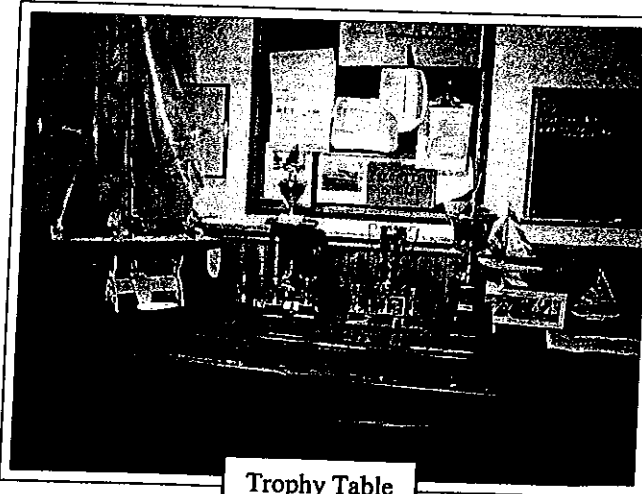


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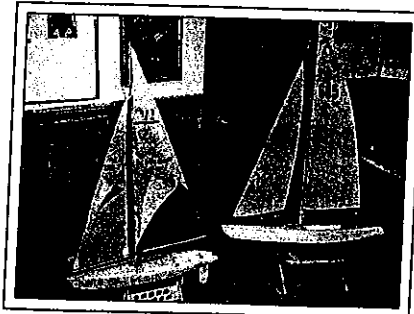
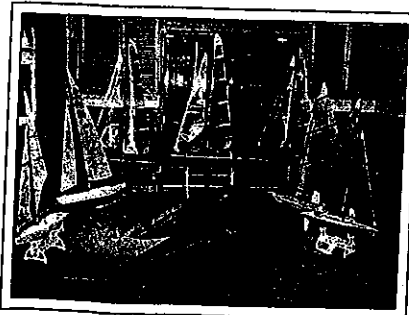
Doug Diet (Secretary), Jurgan Hendel (Vice-Commodore), Dennis Hendel Commodore
Marj Delaney (Treasurer)



Members and guests Enjoying

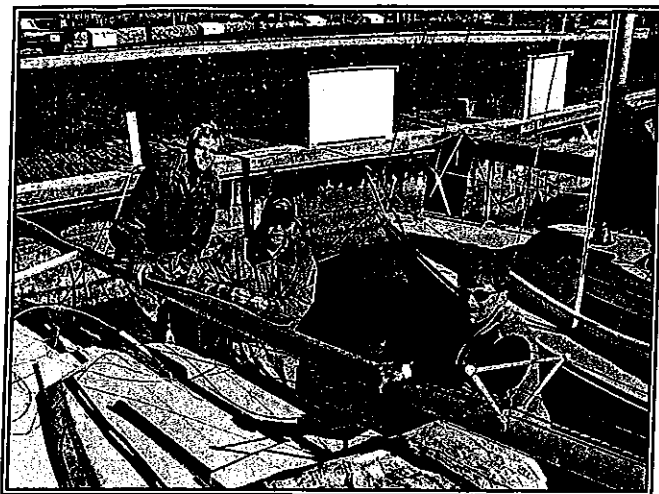


Trophy Table





Around The Club



Rob, Bob Ferguson & Ted Popel



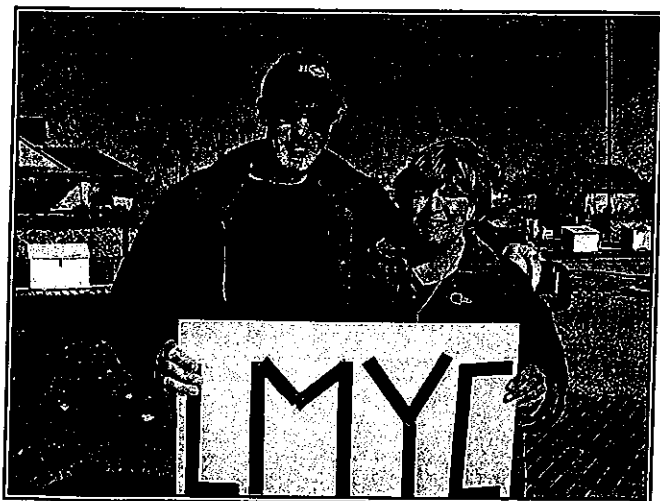
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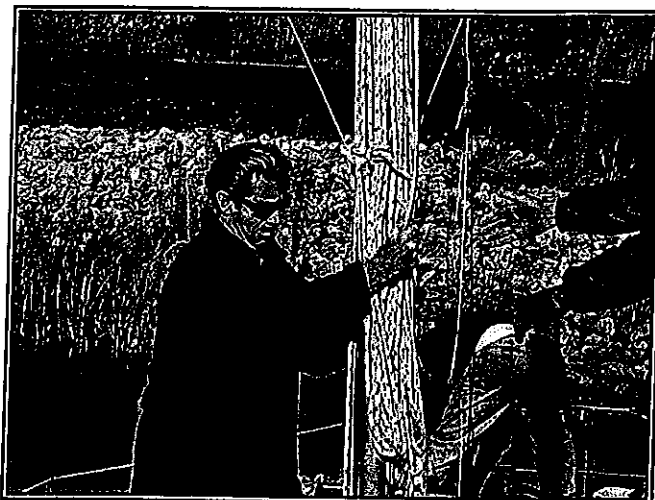
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Ian Henderson



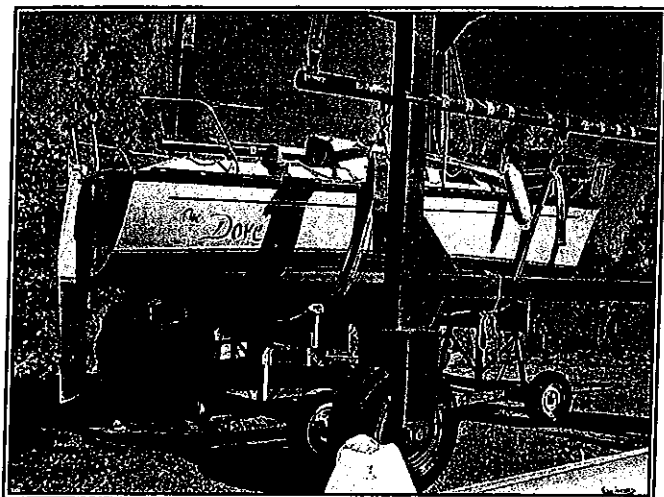
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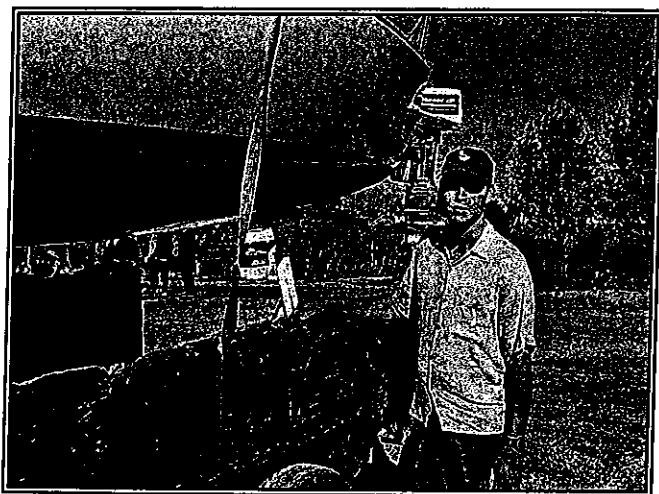
Around The Club



The Dove – Roy Oliver



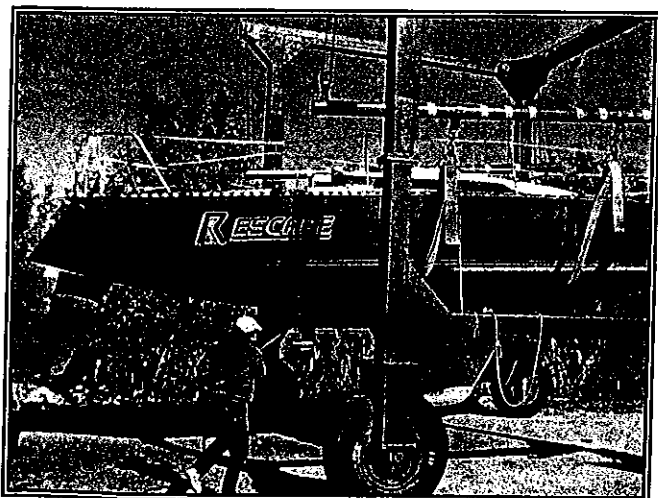
The Blackton Family



Office Off Ice --Donald Beneteau



Ratso – Dave Evans



R-Escape – Bob Reaume



Spindrift – Rick Beresford



Up Coming Events



We need to deck the hall

So...

Let's make it merry



Saturday December 15, 2001 at 7:00 pm

Trim The Tree Party For Adult Members

Bring an unwrapped gift for a needy Child (Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank)



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club



Potluck & B.Y.O.B



R.S.V.P. Denise Melanson 969-2350



Children's Christmas Party



Sunday December 16, 2001 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Prizes
Pizza & Snacks

Games

Crafts

Face Painting



Cookies

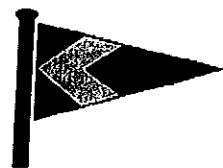
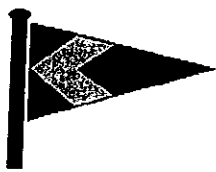
Santa

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

R.S.V.P. with children's names and age

Call Denise Melanson 969-2350

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club



*Presents
An evening of candle light
and glitz*



*Bring in 2002, New Years Eve
Monday December 31st at 7:00 PM*

New Years Eve Dinner Menu:

1900 Hours (7:00 PM)

Hors d'oeuvres

2000 Hours (8:00 PM)

1st Course (Appetizers)

Stuffed Mushrooms

2nd Course

Seafood Potlache

3rd Course (Main)

Beef Loin

New White Potatoes in Herbs and Butter

Baby Carrots

Sweet Peas

Dessert:

Sherbet over Lady Fingers

Midnight:

Champagne Toast

Nights End:

Coffee and Cheese Platter



\$10.00 per Person B.Y.O.B

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