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LMYC -Awards Banquet — George & Bob Show

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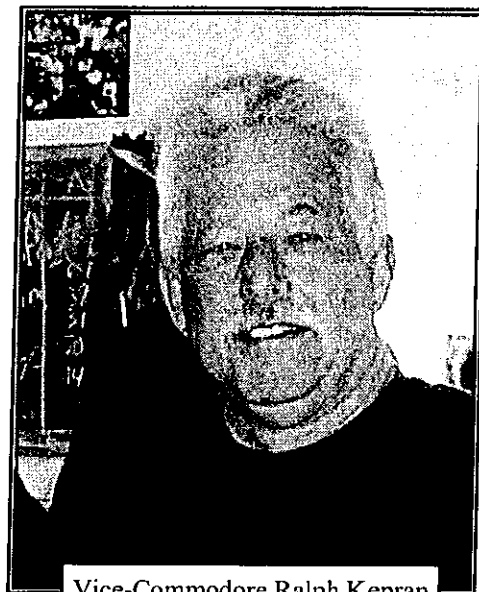
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran

The sailing season is over and the boats are out and dry and the tractor away for repair. All too soon we will be preparing for a new sailing season, but first a winter must be endured.

The table of knowledge has moved inside and meets every Monday at noon. These meetings are attended by your executives so we can receive our instructions. Watch your mailbox for a notice of meeting early in January. This will be the Budget Meeting and the most important of them all. Please plan to attend.

Thank you and have a Happy Holiday.

Commodore: Ralf Fiedler

It is a privilege to again be on the executive at LMYC. I look forward to a successful and rewarding year for our Club and its members.

During the upcoming year it is my intention to re-establish Tuesday Night Work Parties. Our newer members probably have not had the good experience of working with and getting to the other members of the Club. I encourage all our members to come out and contribute to the improvement of our property.

There is always much to be done around the Club. I hope to make the work a rewarding experience for us all. A little sweat equity can help us appreciate what a wonderful spot we have on the river.

Have a Joyful And Safe Holiday Season! See you at the January meeting.

Vice-Commodore: Ralph Kepran

The Currents is published monthly. While The Currents has researched and inquired to assure that information contained in The Currents is accurate, we recommend to double check to assure complete accuracy. Not receiving The Currents? Call the Editor to get your copy.



News and Information

Thanks LMYC

Since the last issue of The Currents I have received several Emails which I will share you.

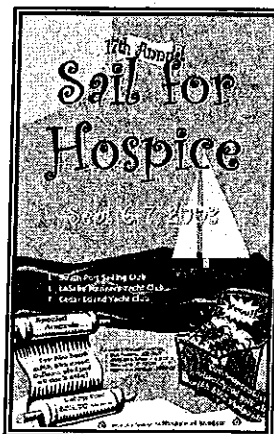
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff here at The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County Inc. I wish to extend our genuine appreciation to everyone who participated in the Sail for Hospice last September. We are thrilled to announce \$13,452.00 was raised through pledges and donations.

In particular, many thanks to Anne Marie Ofner, all the committee members and volunteers for their time and effort involved in planning and running the Sail for Hospice. Without their support the event, and its successful outcome, would have been difficult to achieve.

We salute all sailors who participated. Their compassionate spirit helps our organization to continue to offer programs and services free of charge to patients, and their families, who face a life-threatening illness.

Thank you for giving so generously.

Sincerely,
Carol Derbyshire
Executive Director
The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County, Inc.



Thank you for promoting our recent registrations for our courses in the September issue of The Currents. It is great that many of the Sailing and Boating clubs in the area help support us, only showing that everyone is interested in Safe Boating Through Education.

I must also say that I am extremely impressed with your web site....very clear and informative. Thanks again for your continued support of the Windsor Power & Sail Squadron.



Sincerely,

P/Cdr Joe Gatfield
Windsor Power & Sail Squadron

Election Meeting

The meeting began on 1:08 on November 9, 2003 with over 30 members in attendance. Steve Kepran read the minutes from the last meeting.

- Vice Commodore Ralf Fiedler reported that work hours had gone well this year although not 100 percent.
- Any work hours from today would go on for the 2004 calendar year.
- House Director Jerry Angus thanked the membership for their cooperation and especially Juergen Hendel and Tom Boyce for their extra-ordinary effort in helping to keep the club clean.
- Social Director Mary Nantais reported that at this moment over 170 tickets for the Awards Banquet have been spoken for. If anyone was still interested in purchasing tickets or sitting with your crew please contact Mary.
- Social Director also spoke off upcoming events which included the Annual Tree Dressing Party, The Childrens Party and the New Years Eve Party. More to follow in this newsletter.
- Harbour Master Bob MacKenzie reported that as of Sunday November 9, 2003 there are 5 boats left to be hauled out. Water at docks is turned off, but water is still available by the garage.



- Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie gave a short summary of the financial statement and advised members that burgees and decals were still available.
- New waivers will have to be filled out by club members as Kevin Conrad's truck fire destroyed current records. New waivers can be found at the clubhouse, downloaded from the web or found in this newsletter.

The election slate was read by Bob Ferguson Past Commodore. One change was made to the slate. John Vandereerden who was originally on the slate declined and Petty Basden was nominated to serve as Treasurer. The slate was voted on and approved. The new executives are as follows:

Commodore	Ralf Fiedler
Vice-Commodore	Ralph Kepran
Secretary	Jerry Angus
Treasurer	Perry Basden
House Director	Guy Meseck
Social Director	Mary Nantais
Race Director	Juergen Hendel

Flags were exchanged. Past executives were voted to be held harmless and the new executives empowered.



Past Commodore Chris Barron passing the flag to new Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Past Commodore Ralf Fiedler passing the flag to new Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran



Past Secretary Steve Kepran passing the flag to new Secretary Jerry Angus



Past Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie congratulating new Treasurer Perry Basden

Congratulations



Congratulations to Jerry and Beverley Angus on the marriage of their daughter Lori Ann to Shane Seguin on October 4th 2003.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the LMYC on Friday October 3rd with approximately 35 people in attendance. The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and many compliments were received on the warm and relaxed atmosphere of our Club.

Shane and Lori were married at St. Martin de Porres Church at 3:00 pm on October 4th followed by a 5:30 pm reception at The Windsor Club with 135 people in attendance.

The newlyweds flew to the Greek Isles for an enjoyable 10 day honeymoon.

Our best wishes to the newlyweds.



Wine Appreciation

Bob Bingham and his wife Andrea once again after popular demand will be hosting a Wine Appreciation Night at LMYC. Bob and Andrea plan to hold this event in the new year. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.



Monday Luncheons

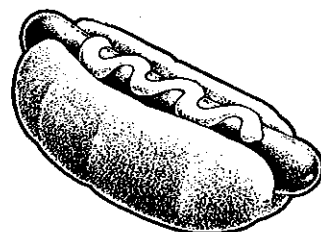


Judge Mangile and Bob MacKenzie

The traditional Monday Luncheons have begun again at LMYC. This is an opportunity for would be chefs to try their hand at preparing their favourite lunch. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon and continues until 1:00 pm with members often spending the rest of the afternoon in deep discussion.

This is a great opportunity for all members to try their hand at being Chef for a Day. Come down and try the luncheon and then if you are feeling confident put your name down for a future luncheon.

See you there.

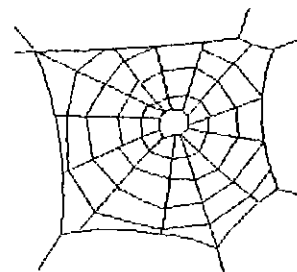


LMYC Web Page

If you have checked the web page lately you have seen some changes. I am presently revamping what the page will look like. Hopefully in the new year you will notice a great deal of changes.

Club Web Page Address

<http://www.wincom.net/lmyc>





LMYC Haul Out Breakfast



Haul Out Chefs — Dave Nantais and Mary Nantais (Social Director)

The traditional haul out breakfast was held November 1, 2003 at the LMYC clubhouse. The atmosphere this Saturday morning was relaxed and the breakfast was excellent and cheap – just \$5.00. Social Director Mary Nantais and husband Dave prepared a scrumptious breakfast consisting of eggs, bacon, ham, toast, coffee, sweets etc. When you came in for breakfast you would place your order and within minutes your delight was cooked to order.

Some members came just to enjoy the camaraderie, and reminisce about the good old days when all LMYC boats were hauled out on the same day by crane. Others came to finish hauling out their boats and preparing them for the long winter.

After breakfast many said our thanks to our hosts Mary and Dave, then ducked off to the boat wells to see if anyone needed help.

That morning, Nivak was hauled out carefully and expertly and put into her cradle and then immediately power-washed. Experience prevails as the process all went very smoothly. If you are as most boater, the haul out is the most stressful time you will spend on your boat. Nevertheless, the camaraderie in the club among the members makes the work move quickly with smiles all around.

Social Director Mary Nantais also wishes to thank Perry Basden for his assistance with this years Haul Out Breakfast.



The Blackton Family



Maggie Evans and Charles Schindler



Doris and Ralph Kepran



Tom and Vicky Boyce



Jim Murray and Rick Beresford



Lothar Bauer



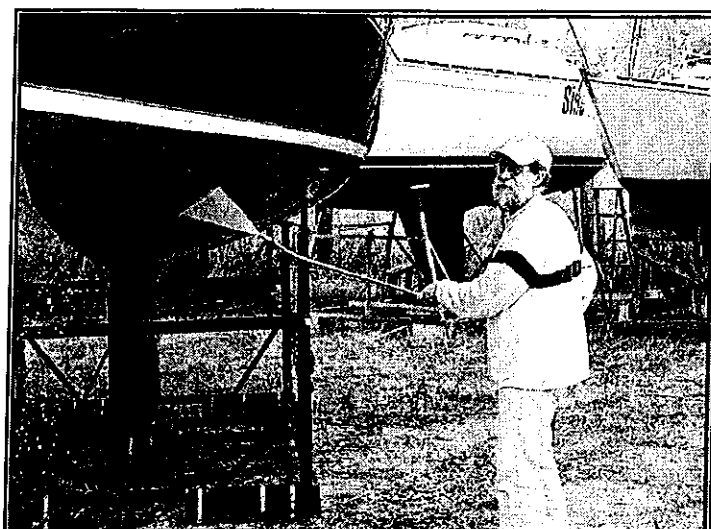
Gus Martin



Craig Morrison



Connie Buliga



Kevin Conrad



Bob Bingham



Guy Meseck



Ladies Night At LMYC



LMYC Ladies enjoying Ladies Night

The ladies of LMYC were in full force at a Special Ladies Night which was held at LMYC clubhouse on Tuesday November 25, 2003. This was a special evening organized by Social Director Mary Nantais. Mary contacted several guests to make this evening memorable.

Knitting expert Jean Dupuis was available and demonstrated knitting techniques for various projects. Jean through her demonstration illustrated how knitting is a relaxing and fascinating hobby that can be enjoyed by anyone at any age. Members were able to start new projects of their choice or continue on previous projects started earlier.

Home Interiors Jeanet Vallance displayed decorative items for the home. Sconces, candles, pictures, shelving, floral arrangements and Christmas Ornaments were just a few of the items available. We learned that sconces again are being lighted with candles and as supplemental lighting; they're low-key, yet engaging.



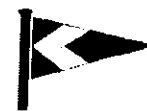
Barb Albrecht, Mary Nantais, Jean Dupuis & Vicki Boyce

Doug Rankin from Just-Cork-It was available for wine making information and wine tasting. Doug shared his experience in making wine with us and for many of us who were present "brewed" inspiration and the desire to make our own wines.

Special Thanks to Tom and Vicki Boyce who helped in the club cleanup.



Awards Banquet



Perry and Gloria Basden



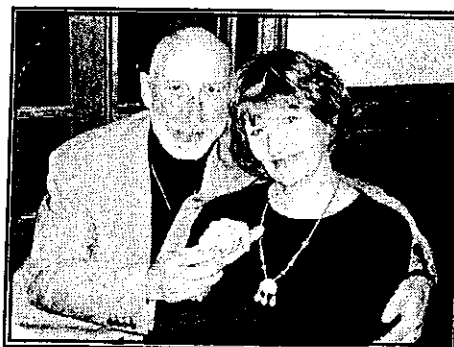
Dave and Paula Soulliere



John Amyot with Crew



Bob and Andrea Bingham



Bob and Lindy O'Brien



Bob Reaume and Sue Ouellette



Rob Ferguson & Ted Popel



Bob and Jean Williams



Lu McKim, Bodo Scheifer, Gus Martin



Connie & Alex Buliga, Dennis Douthart
and Sandy Mailloux



Sue Dunbar, Laurel Venney
George Mooney



Justin, Rachelle,
Juergen Hendel & Linda Schreiber



Awards Banquet



Joanne and John Vandereerden



Charles Schindler
Janet & Doug Warford



Celso and Natalie Guiang



Tammi & Pet Pouget



Terri and Peter Skope



Vicki and Tom Boyce



Dave and Mary Nantais



Roy and Gail Oliver



Liz Metcalfe, Maggie Evans
Anne Marie Ofner, Yvonne McRobbie



Mike Puchantj and Sherry Raeside



Amy and Robert Doiron



John Murphy, Cathy Harris
Andy Kozieradzki



Awards Banquet



Paulette and Guy Meseck



Jeff Williams and Caroline



Brian Casey and Family



Rick & Shirley Beresford



Alan Prettyman and Crew



John Trepanier
Jessica & Chris Barron



Treasurer

Perry Basden



A Message from the new Treasurer.

As many of you know, I have been elected Treasurer of the Club for the coming year. I think "elected" may be the wrong term, as I seem to have won the position by default. I will be replacing Yvonne (Red) McRobbie who has decided to end her stint as Treasurer, a position that she has held for the past five years. It will be very difficult for me to fulfill the position as ably as Yvonne has done during her many terms of office, but I will try my best.

I would ask that the membership please join me in offering our thanks to Yvonne for her years of service to the Club and its members. Her work was ceaseless, taking care of the books, meeting with the accountants, bankers and lawyers, as well as challenging government bureaucrats over assessments and land use and striving to solve any other financial issues

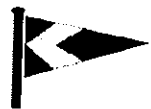
that have arisen over the years. Because of her efforts all members have been able to enjoy the facilities knowing that the finances of the Club were on a sound foundation. Thanks for all you have done for us Yvonne.

The books have been transferred and a review of the 2002 Statements from the Accountant has been completed. The Club Executive will soon begin planning a budget for the coming year and should have it available for presentation to the membership in January. The executive will also be preparing the 2003 books for an accounting review early in the new year. It is imperative that all Members who have open accounts please pay them as soon as possible so that the current years books can be closed at year end.

Personally, I look forward to serving the Club. The job will be a challenge and, I'm sure, it will have many opportunities. Should anyone have financial issues that need to be discussed, please don't hesitate to call me.

Regards

Perry Basden



Awards Banquet



The Awards Banquet held at Fox Glen Golf Course and organized by Social Director Mary Nantais was another great success with over 170 members and friends in attendance. Dinner began shortly after 7:00 pm and consisted of roast beef, potatoes, chicken, dessert and much more.

The Awards part of the banquet is the highlight of the evening which again this year was hosted by George Mooney and Bob Reaume often referred to as the G & B Show. For those members who did not attend this is a short summary of this fantastic event.

The program began with the introduction of the LMYC Village Girls (Sue Ouellette, Laurel Venney, Joanne Vandereerden and Joanne Tiborez) who performed a short dance selection to get all members, crew and friends in the proper mood.

The first award of the evening was presented to outgoing Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie for her many years of service to LMYC. Yvonne at this time presented incoming Treasurer Perry Basden her special hat since she was not able to present him with the Treasurer's flag at the election meeting.

Richard Parchoma editor of the LMYC newsletter was presented with a plaque for his efforts over the years on the clubs newsletters with "Thanks for the Memories" playing softly in the background.

In conjunction with the newsletter theme, George Mooney and Bob Reaume presented "The Top Ten Things To Do If You Don't Receive Your Newsletter"

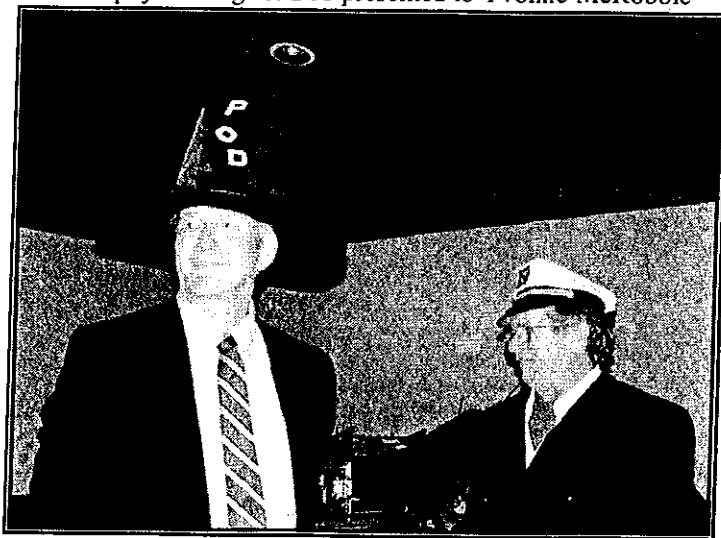
As part of the next skit George and Bob pondered over where their PHRF ratings came from in the past 23 years. This year after much research George and Bob introduce the Rating Fairy (Kathie Hartwell) with "When You Wish Upon A Star" playing in the background. The Rating Fairy dusting off her wings from her flight over Zug Island presented racers with their new 2004 ratings. One example of a rating was for George Mooney who received a rating of 200 (party boat credit)

Dave Nantais presented a special award in only the way that Dave could. Dave spoke of all the help he and others have received from members of the "Table of Knowledge" and especially Juergen Hendel. Juergen was presented with the "Table of Knowledge Award".

A Special Awards was given to Bob Bingham for the horrible time he had with his engine during this years sailing season and being towed off the river more times than you can count. Bob Reaume presented Bob Bingham a special trophy "A TOE" whenever he needed one.



Trophy: George & Bob presented to Yvonne McRobbie



Perry Basden — Hat passed down from Yvonne McRobbie



Dave Nantais presents "Table of Knowledge" to Juergen Hendel

George Mooney and Bob Reaume next skit involved Dave Evans and his proposed campaign to race money for his 2005 Single Handed Transatlantic Race of approximately 3000 miles. A phone call was made to Dave who presently is sailing on a Hunter 50 from the United Kingdom to the Canary Islands. Humorous exchanges were made on the phone. You had to be there to enjoy the conversation.

George and Bob now inspired were interested in doing a fund raiser for Dave, but were not sure of what to do. Some suggestions were offered to the audience on methods to raise money for this campaign. One example was:

A Club Walk-A-Thon -- Start at the Clubhouse around the Widow's Walk and Back. Another example was a Dunk Tank -- Buck A Throw -- Hit the button and Dave goes into the tank. After a little thought Bob and George thought that would be all he needed once Maggie starts pouring bucks into this event.

At this time in the program the Racing Awards were given out for the Spring and Fall Series by Race Director Ted Popel. See official results in another section of newsletter.

After the official presentation of the Racing Flags George and Bob with "I'm A Loser" playing presented their flags to the racers who did not finish in the top three. George concluded this presentation with, "Just remember You! (1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers) Without us there'd be no 'Racing' cause you'd have no-body to beat up on".

The last skit in the evening was on 'Sailboat Racing Attitude'. George and Bob concluded that each boat should have a Motto. The audience was to guess from the music and the LMYC Village Dancers what boat they were featuring and what the Motto should be.

One example was LMYC Village Dancers dressed in kilts and dancing to the music of Dueling Bagpipes. The boat of course was "Flirt - John Murphy" and the motto "Let's Kilt the Abbotts"

Another example was the LMYC Village Dancers carrying signs reading "I Quit" with Sue Ouellette carrying a sign which read "Bit Me" danced to the music "One Is The Loneliest Number". The boat in question was "R-Escape - Bob Reaume" and the Motto "Now You Know Why I'm A Single Handler".

In closing Bob and George thanked everyone for helping with special thanks to Tom Boyce, Dell Darling, John Vandereerden, and of course the LMYC Village Girls (Laurel Venney, Joanne Vandereerden, Joanne Tiborez and Sue Ouellette),

An ominous warning was given to all club members who were not mentioned this year. "If you screw up anywhere on your boat you will be on the G & B show (George and Bob Show), and until next year. LIVE IN FEAR!"

The LMYC Village Dancers led members from the table to the dance floor to get the evening into full swing.

LMYC memberships thanks Dave and Mary Nantais, George Mooney and Bob Reaume and all those associated with the G &



Rating Fairy Kathie Hartwell presenting PHRF ratings



Bob Bingham presented—"Toe Award"



LMYC—Village Dancers

B show for an excellent performance this year and looking forward to next years Awards Presentation.

Special Thanks To Members who donated this years door prizes.

Dennis Douthard, David Nantais, Bob Reaume, Chris Barron, Andy Kozieradzki, Laurel Venney, John Murphy, Alan Prettyman and John Vandereerden.

Special Thanks to Ted Popel and Rob Ferguson who acted as door greeters.

RACE RESULTS SPRING SERIES

PHRF A

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga/J. Amyot
2	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham



Bob Reaume in fine form

PHRF B

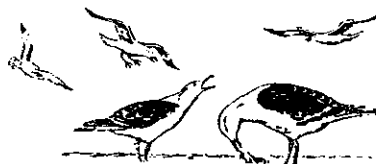
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1	BOTTOMS UP	Niagara 26	John Vandereerden
2	QUATTRO	Mirage 27.5	John Metcalfe
3	AZURA	Kirby 25	Ted Popel



Ted Popel presenting Richard Parchoma

PHRF C

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BREAK-AWAY	Santana 20	Rob Ferguson
2	SUNKIST	Mirage 25	C. Barron J. Trepanier
3	GREY GANET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman



JOG A

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga B. J. Amyot
2	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham

JOG B

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	WIND-SONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford
2	WHAT-EVER	Viking 28	George Mooney
3	DRAGON-FLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick

RACE RESULTS FALL SERIES

PHRF A

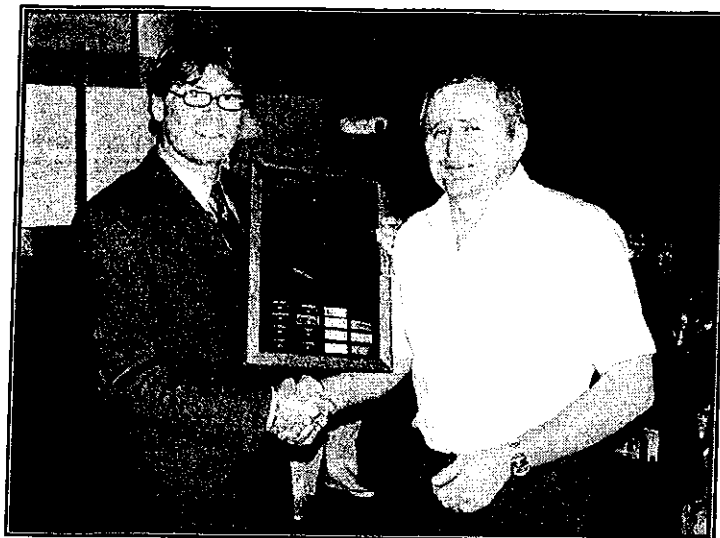
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PHRF B

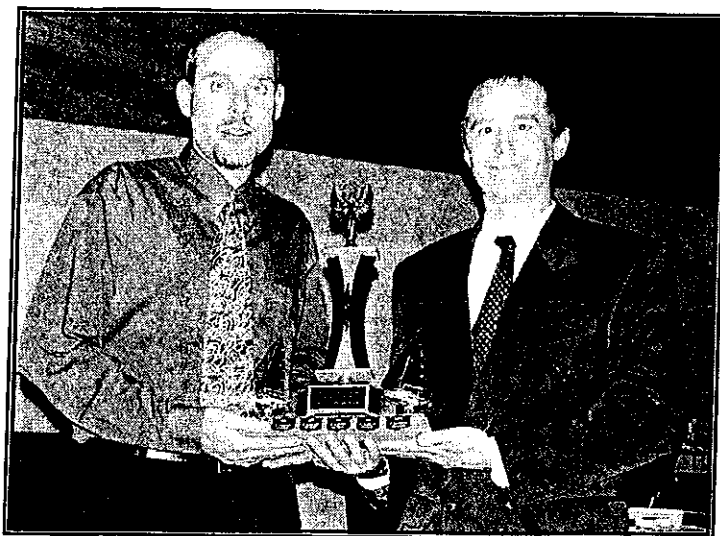
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PHRF C

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2	SUNKIST	Mirage 25	C. Barron J. Trepanier
3	BREAK-AWAY	Santana 20	Rob Ferguson



Single Handed Race — Andy Kozieradzki



PHRF C Overall—Chris Barron & John Trepanier



Fighting Island Regatta—Best Corrected Time — Brian Hartwell

JOG A

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga J. Amyot
2	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
3	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel

JOG B

FINISH	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	DRAGON-FLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
2	RECKLESS	Edel 22	Mike Puchantj
3	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford



Best Overall Jog Serries
A Fleet—Blitz (A Buliga/J. Amyot
B- Fleet—Dragonfly—Guy Meseck

OVERALL RACE RESULTS SPRING & FALL

PHRF SERIES

A FLEET RAKAIA — Juergen Hendel
B FLEET BOTTOMS UP J. Vandereerden
C FLEET SUNKIST—C. Barron / J. Trepanier

JOG SERIES

A FLEET BLITZ — A. Buliga/ J. Amyot
B FLEET DRAGONFLY — Guy Meseck



Fighting Island Regatta
Best Overall Time—Brian Hartwell

FIGHTING ISLAND REGATTA

FASTEST TIME — FIESTY - Brian Hartwell
BEST CORRECTED TIME — FIESTY - Brian Hartwell



LMYC Chicken Dancers



Bottoms Up — Best Overall—PHRF B
Ted Popel, Melissa and Jimmy Vandereerden



Laser Awards



Grosse Ile Nite Race



PHRF Overall Results

OVERALL LASER RACE RESULTS

1. Rob Ferguson
2. Nick Lintunen
3. Edwin Carpio



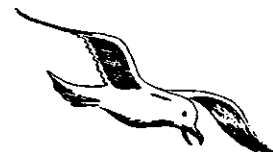
OVERALL PHRF RACE RESULTS

1. Juergen Hendel
2. Alex Buliga
3. Bob Bingham



GROSS ILLE NITE RACE RESULTS

1. Juergen Hendel
2. Chris Barron
3. Judge Mangile



LMYC CRUISING AWARD

Yvonne McRobbie presenting Barbara Albrecht with the LMYC Cruising Award.



Cruising Award





LMYC Tree Trimming Party



Saturday December 13th at 7:00 pm
Enjoy an evening with Members and Friends
Start the season by giving from your heart ..

A gift donation for a needy child will be greatly appreciated
Pickup by Phil Smith

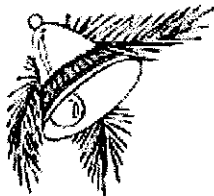


This Party is Pot Luck .. So bring a dish to pass

Social Director Mary Nantais



LMYC Children's Christmas Party



Sunday December 14th at 1:00 pm



The Party includes -- Lunch and a Visit



From Santa Claus

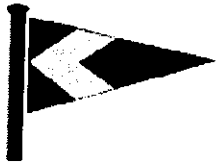


Parents to provide Santa with gifts for their own up to \$20.00

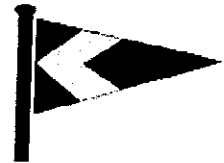
Social Director Mary Nantais



New Years Eve Club Party



*Book Early and enjoy
A wonderful evening with friends*



*Bring in 2004, New Years Eve
Wednesday December 31st at 7:00 PM*



New Years Eve Dinner Menu:

*We have a menu in the works which
is designed to excite your palate.*

1900 Hours (7:00 pm)

Seafood Platter



2000 Hours (8:00 pm)

Main Course

Green Salad

Cornish Hens

Wild Rice

Vegetable Medley

Dinner Wine Included

Dessert

*Cream Puff with
Chocolate Sauce*



Midnight

Champagne Toast

\$20.00 per Person B.Y.O.B

R.S.V.P Mary Nantais 966-6358