

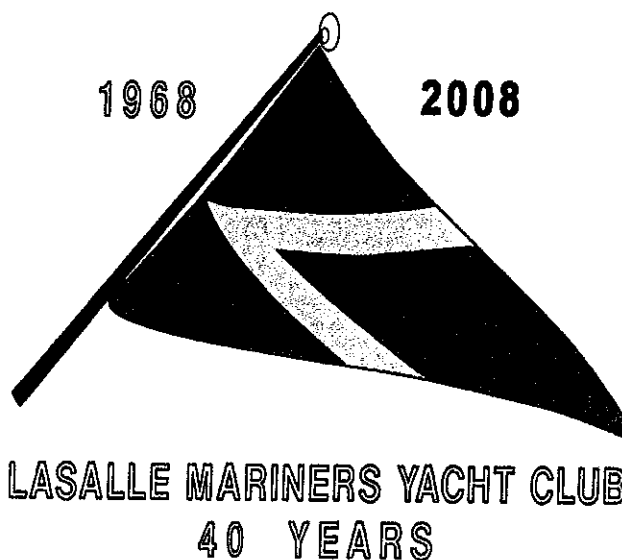


LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

THE CURRENTS



Our New Logo for the year 2008 LMYC



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• Vice Commodore	• John Amyot Sr.	• Treasurer	• James Beaudoin
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• Race Director	• Ted Popel	• Harbour Master	• Ralph Allen
• Road & Grounds	• Frank Marmara	• Refreshments	• Alan Prettyman
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**LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club
Commodore's Mid-Winter Report,**



The festivities of the holiday season have come and went. LaSalle Mariners have enjoyed a number of fine events at the club. Bob Bingham's annual Christmas lunch is becoming a legend. I can

attest to the tasty turkey we all enjoyed. Bob's glaze of maple and bacon on that bird was truly a prize winner. Hopefully we can look forward to him sharing some of his culinary secrets in our upcoming 40th Anniversary Recipe Book. Of course you are also invited to contribute to this first ever edition for LaSalle Mariners. I understand that if you don't cook there will be room for drink recipes and tips for racing and cruising, or yarns on the water. Information can be placed in the Commodore's mailbox in the clubhouse or given to Cheryl Clark.

Our social director, Mary Nantais was keep very busy with a tree trimming party and a delicious New Year's Eve event featuring catered prime rib and shrimp. Mmm Good! Mary demonstrated her dedication to the club's families when she was not deterred by a major snowstorm that cancelled the Children's Christmas Party. With true grit the party was rescheduled for the next weekend.

I have passed on an Events Calendar to the Currents Editor and our Web Master for publication. This will give everyone a chance to schedule their favorite social and yachting activities. If you have an event or a change to our list please let me know as I expect to update the calendar as the year progresses. If you have a private function and would like to reserve the clubhouse there is a calendar in the

galley. Just give me a call and we can find you a time.

Our January meeting went well. The budget was well presented by our Treasurer, Jim Beaudoin. The bottom line on this is, if the water goes up, expenses go down. If the water goes down, the expenses go up. Dredging is an expensive proposition but we are a sailing club and the harbour is a high priority.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as project manager for a junior sailing program. If you would be interested in details please give me a call.

Come and down and sit and chat in front of our cozy fireplace. It is a fine way to spend a cold winter's day.

**Dennis Paré
Commodore**

**LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club
Vice Commodore's Mid- Winter Report**



As our Commodore points the holiday season is in the history books and we're all putting in time waiting for spring. What better way to help while away the time than to put in some of those work hours. And there is an added bonus-you free up time for when the weather is nice and you'd rather be sailing. So why not take a look on our bulletin board and pick one of the winter projects. Some may require more than one person's effort. Contact me and I'll help you find a partner.

Please don't forget we'll have a spring clean-up work party that will coincide with the cadet annual spring work party. This will be

scheduled for late April. More to follow on this. But please keep in mind this is LMYC's 40th anniversary and we want to make the grounds the best ever. We need everyone to pitch in and help.

And finally, as reported at our last general meeting, the travel lift only requires recabling this year. The straps are good for another year or two. Also, Ralf Fiedler has stepped down as Keeper of The Lift and Tapani Lintunen has graciously accepted that responsibility. Many thanks to Ralf for all the hard work he's put in so we can haul and store our boats.

John Amyot
Vice Commodore

LMYC Awards Banquet:

Bob Reaume, race director, is to be commended for awarding of the race flags in a very organized and easy to follow manner. Congratulations to all recipients. The awards went to pretty well the same boats for Spring, Fall and Overall which means that the rest of us are going to have to get off our duffs and give them better competition! The individual results are shown on the LMYC webpage. The B & G show returned after an absence of a couple of years. Tough show to do as the writers strike was still on so George and Bob had to make up their own lines! Sometimes successfully and sometimes not! It added a lot of comic relief, fun and laughter.

Special awards were made to a bunch of different club members which included events such as an exploding head and a real live drogue!

John Vandereerden and his band provided great music as they have been doing for a lot of our events!!!!!!! You guys ROCK!!! Thanks too, to John for providing musical recordings for the B & G show.

Thanks everyone for the great turnout. Looking forward to next year already! Imagine how great it will be now that the writers are back!

December Tree Trimming Party:

Apparently the hostess was a little late getting down to the club. Early arrivals saw no lights on at the club and some of them went home! Sorry about that! So, by the time the party got under way the turnout was smaller than anticipated. The job was done very well by the small turnout and a good time was had by all. In future, any early arrivers are perfectly welcome to go in to the club and turn lights on and get the party started themselves!!!!!!!

December Children's Party:

This was a tough one for Carl Durham who was trying his level best to plow

out the driveway and parking area in the middle of a snowstorm! It was very cold and Carl just couldn't get ahead of the snow despite a valiant effort. So, the children's party was postponed till the following week.

Probably due to this confusion, attendance was not as high as it has been in previous years. But once again, a good time was had by all!

New Years:

A nice gang of twenty people showed up for a wonderful steak and shrimp dinner catered by Cramdon's. Wine and champagne flowed freely. Great party complete with fireworks to bring in the New Year! Hopefully in the future, we can get more members interested in what had turned out to be a fun party.

Special thanks to Mary Nantais for putting a great deal of effort into these parties! Well done Mary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Of Interest:

Our own MaryEllen Mangile put on an interesting and informative power point presentation of her single-handed Great Loop voyage. This event was attended by 50 or more people at the Windsor Yacht Club. Lots of pictures

and anecdotes detailing her many experiences including water spouts, sudden storms, lots of locks, lift bridges, free dockage and helping fellow sailors! Kudos to you MaryEllen!

Upcoming Events:

March 15 is the St. Patrick's Day celebration at LMYC. Bring a dish to pass. This would be a great opportunity to test one of your recipes for the 40th anniversary cookbook (see Cheryl Clarke).

March 30th is the Racers meeting at 12 noon. For those who are interested, breakfast is available from 10 to 11:30 am.

April 5th is the Fitting Out Breakfast. Yah, how great to be working on the boats again!

Looking ahead to the Shakedown regatta..... In addition to LMYC's Saturday race to the Bay, Cedar Island is proposing a Sunday race back to their club from the Bay. The idea is that you can leave your boat at their club for the following week and then hopefully participate in their night race that following weekend. *Sounds like fun!*

Sorry there no pics but no one seemed to have sent any to us by email or in person.