

LASALLE CURRENTS



A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

February 14th, 1980 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: March 2nd, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. SHARP!!!

NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: March 3rd, 1980 at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 10th, Race Committee Chairman, Curley Ellis held the season's first race meeting. In attendance were the skippers that intend to race and a number of crewmembers. The proposed new starting area and courses were generally accepted as a good solution to improve our somewhat unique racing conditions and the skippers approved. Thus, the starts will now be between the horizontally banded spar, 3/4 n.m. downstream of the club and a committee boat near Fighting Island. The courses #1 and #2 are the same as before but are 4.25 and 6.0 n.m. long now and for a #3 course a 1 n.m. triangle (about the length of the South Port triangles someone remarked) will be added to the course #2 to provide some interest to our previously rather routine reach and reach situations. ("reach for a beer and reach for another beer?) This triangle can be sailed in either direction as will be indicated by the Race Committee. The finish will remain to be in front of the club. This new starting line will be more than twice the length of the old one and the, to some, intimidating starting situations shall thus be eliminated.

Wednesday evenings with starts at 7:00 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. were approved, as the time taken to the start was estimated as 10 min. under power. The Race Committee duties for these club races will be shared by the registered skippers, by a draw out of a hat. All were willing to use their own boats as the committee boat, if the club cannot provide a launch suitable for the job. Ken Robitaille offered his boat and services as part of the R.C. for a number of these races. The race schedule of eighteen races, divided into two sections was approved. The first bona fide race will start on May 28th. A minimum of six races started in each section is required to be eligible for awards, seven of nine races will be counted for awards in each section.

If you are on race committee duty you will receive a score equal to the average of your best three races of that section.

The month of August will not have Wednesday races that count towards awards, but was left open for fun races to be announced at a later date. Also at a date to be announced, those drawn to do race committee duty will have a meeting to become familiar with the proper procedures of their job and will as a group be aboard to start one of the impromptu races early in the season.

Bob Munden had some guidelines for the singlehanders. There will be three events for these solitude seekers. Two of these races will be very similar to last years but the third will be raced on Lake Erie over a distance of about 20 - 30 miles. Bob will now go to work on the details of these events and will also announce the dates. Self-steering devices are permitted to be used but the

majority voted that spinnakers are not. Oh, well, have to take an extra sandwich along. There is, specially for the Lake Erie race, a greater emphasis on safety!! Bob indicated he will have all participants wear lifejackets and/or harnesses at all times during the races, under the threat of disqualification for not obeying this sensible ruling. All entrees will be inspected prior to starts for the required safety equipment that each contestant must have aboard. A list of equipment will be available soon in print in the Currents. The organizers also reserve the right to deem a yacht, her equipment or the skipper incapable to compete in any one of these events. It was gratifying to see enthusiastic response to all these issues, and good participation in the three events seems assured.

The skippers approved club race registrations and fees similar to last years to help offset some costs of the awards, equipment, etc. The next issue of the Currents will show a calendar of all area race events, some of which were discussed at the meeting. Curley reported that a meeting of the area race committees had been held on his request to "get together, speak about past problems, announce our plans and proposals and iron out our problems at an early date for better racing in 1980!". One of Curley's proposals was to rekindle the interclub competition with an admirals cup type series using the four invitational regattas of the Essex County sailing clubs. TRYC and LMYC were supporting this proposal totally and it was hoped that the race committees of SPSC and CIYC would find support from their clubs during their upcoming membership meetings. The stipulation of a common handicap system, PHRF seemed logical, created an unexpected problem. CIYC and SPSC use the MORC system during the season and could have trouble fielding strong teams under another system because a good number of their sailors could be vying for the MORC "Boat of the Year Award, counting the same four regattas. We shall keep you informed.

When we were talking about the horizontally banded spar marking the middle ground downstream of the club the other day I remembered that about seventeen years ago our visiting sailing friends had a heck of a time coming upstream through that area because there was no spar. Our "Club" was at that time at Joe's Marina, the big old boathouse just upstream from LMYC. I think we had four sailboats then, three of them wooden. So, a couple of us decided to build a proper spar buoy, pointed out the Canadian and U.S. authorities, received permission and after careful soundings anchored "our mark". Well, two days later the buoy was gone, it sank! Our expertise as welders was questioned from then on and the Canadian government agreed to send someone to the spot in question, saw the need and planted a nice, shiny spar right there and maintained one since!

If you are wondering what is going on along the north harbour near the clubhouse..... these are the concrete pads for Rino's experimental docks mentioned in the last "Currents". When finished they will look like an Olympic diving board. This and the other proposals of your Planning Committee that were printed in the "Currents" in a letter from the Commodore were approved by the membership on January 27th, 1980, including the increases in dues, dockage and winter storage.

Treasurer's Note

For those members who missed the January 27th meeting, let me inform you of the voted and accepted increases in dues and fees for the 1980 season.

These increases were tabled by the Planning Committee to generate the income needed for the 1980 capital expenditures in line with the proposed 5 year plan.

Membership now stands at 70 plus therefore our income from initiation fees will be considerably less than in previous years.

A cash flow study indicated a club income of \$2,000.00 after expenses for the year. It is clear these increases will preserve and better our facilities that we all share and enjoy.

New schedule: Annual Dues full member	\$100.00
Annual Dues associate member	50.00
Dockage	\$6.00 ft.
Winter storage	\$.30 sq.ft.

The annual dues are now due and payable either to me personally at the next meeting, or a cheque mailed to the Club care of the Treasurer.

Jim Beaudoin

CPR Infomation

For those who are not aware, there is a course in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) being held at St. Clair College for LMYC members, crew, family & friends. This is a Basic Life Support course teaching :

- (a) one and two man rescue
- (b) infant resuscitation
- (c) obstructed airways (choking)

The course is being offered April 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 2000 Talbot Road. The response to this has been great and I think another course will have to be set up as maximum per class is 20. So if you are flexible with dates that you can take this course, please let me know at 253-6408. Hopefully another course can be set up 2 weeks later to accommodate shift workers.

A reminder that the course cost is \$30.00 payable to St. Clair College, and is tax deductible.

Registration forms are included. You must include your Social Insurance Number or the form will be spit out by the computer! If you need more forms I will have some at the club.

Also please let me know if you plan to attend the April course so I can judge the class size.

I do hope there is a large turnout from the club for this, as alot of lives can be saved by knowing this simple technique.

Thank you

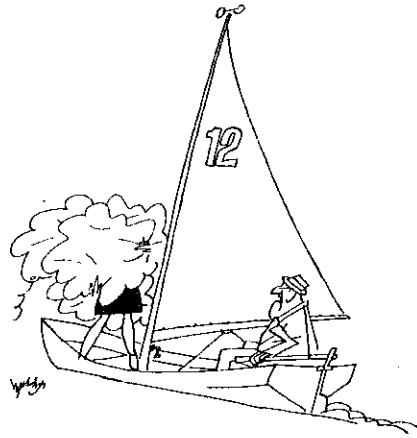
Kathy McIntosh(Instructor CPR)

Two of the eight winter programmes have been held so far and the response is good. The first one, and we must apologize here for the mix-up in the starting time, gave us a chance to meet some of our new members. The "knotty girls" did a fine job with their "Tie a Proper Knot" class evidenced by the fact that people are still practicing with the left over rope ends. For those who wish to splice braided line and have the material we planned some more sessions following the regular classes.

The second class also dealt with the basics of identification of gear, nautical terms and knowing your boat and these classes will bring you eventually to

learn about and discuss racing tactics! We still would like to see more crewmembers attending! Phone Bob Clark for info- at 734-8724.

ATTEND OUR WINTER PROGRAMMES AND THIS WILL
NEVER HAPPEN!!



*"That's all right
dear, never mind
the spinnaker ..."*

FLOTSAM-- We have a super skating rink (natural) right next to the clubhouse, enjoy it now!

From River Isles Y.A. Millie Rabe's summer of 79 slide show (sailing), free, cash bar - Fri. Feb. 22nd, at 8:30 p.m Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Don't miss it and bring a friend!

On Feb. 13th, John Geary Jr. threw three perfect darts in succession for a score of 180, congratulations, John Jr.

Spring membership meeting March 9th, 6:00 p.m. Grosse Ile Yacht (Attention those interested in RIYA racing, attend.)

Reflections from the Toronto boat show: The most stylish - A power boat - the Carlson Scimitar, a mixture of a Buck Roger space vehicle and Ferrari that floats, all in metallic green - the most interesting display - the gorgeous Bear Lake canoes and wooden boats under the theme "Wood is Wonderful" - the most shapely - the Abbott 33 and Miss Boat Show (tie vote, E.I. the latter could also be judged under the aforementioned category) - most exciting looking sailboat - the international sailing canoe with sliding seat, so beautifully built - (so was Miss Boat Show) - spiraling prices - record attendance - nice to see friends- must rank #1 winter Boat Show in North America!

HOUSE DUTY ----- February 17th, 1980 to March 1st, 1980

Ian Henderson and Robert Ferguson

March 2, 1980 to March 15th, 1980

Doug Bardsley and Ken Robitaille

March 16th, to March 29th, 1980

Bernie Wolters and Paul Hoffman

House duties are posted in the Club.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION
REGISTRATION**

CE1 SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER: _____
 MR. 1 MS. 2 MS. 3 MS. 4 SURNAME: _____
 NUMBER AND STREET: _____
 CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

CE2 GIVEN NAME (IN FULL): _____
 APARTMENT: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
 BUSINESS PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____
 IF YOU HAVE A POST-SECONDARY STUDENT NUMBER, PLEASE SHOW HERE: _____
 IF YOU HAVE MOVED SINCE YOUR LAST REGISTRATION? YES NO
 HAVE YOU EVER REGISTERED AT ST. CLAIR PRIOR TO THIS SEMESTER? YES NO
 HAS YOUR LAST NAME CHANGED? YES NO

EMPLOYER NAME: _____
 EMPLOYER NUMBER (ASSIGNED BY COLLEGE): _____
 CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

NO.	COURSE CODE	SECTION	COURSE NAME	TUITION FEE	LAB FEE	TOTAL FEE	YEAR SEMESTER	CAMPUS DATE	START DATE	START TIME	DAY OF WEEK
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2			BASIC RESCUE			30.00			Aug 7pm		
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STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____
 DATE: _____

MINISTRY OF LABOUR CONTACT NUMBER FOR INDUSTRIAL APPRENTICES: _____

REMARKS
