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## La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

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## From the Commodore

Here we are in the midst of the winter season and looking toward warmer times that can't arrive soon enough, at least for me! Dredging will have begun in the south harbor already, and we apologize for the mess, but we have limited time to get the job done and this was the only way to do it. Rubber boots are available at fine stores everywhere.

Events have been scheduled by the Social and Race directors to fill in the next couple of months of waiting before launching of the boats, so come out and have a great time!

We bid Dolores and John Gaydos farewell as they have resigned from the club. We wish them all the best in the future, and hopefully they will drop back from time to time for a visit.

The EISA survey (environmental impact study) had surprising results. A red-tailed hawk flew over our property, we have some spiny turtles, three stands of Iron weed, and crayfish. They study also indicated that by dredging the harbor we will be increasing habitat for the fish population and the crayfish and turtles. Nice to know

we can lend a hand and help ourselves at the same time.

Hope you enjoy what "little" (hopefully) is left of this cold winter season.

*Commodore: Elaine Prettyman*

## From the Vice-Commodore

A great many things to report for this month. Many club members are going to Chicago for the boat show. A report of this event will be in the next issue of The Currents.

Thanks to Ken Robitaille for finding a tractor suitable for our club needs. This tractor is now resting in our club garage. It has a blade on the back with a three point hitch and is fitted with a bucket on the front end.

Thanks to Charlie Schindler for constructing the four Life Ring Holder Boxes. This is a safety issue that has been resolved. Charlie is looking for assistance in painting these boxes.

The walkways are now under construction in the garage. This is a great time to earn work hours. If interested please contact George Mooney to make your wishes known.

Dredging will be starting early in February. All the permits have been granted. Do to time constraints some of the dredging will be done from the land on the south side of the harbor. Hotte has guaranteed that he will repair any damage he might cause.

The garage has had the electrical repaired and inspected. Thanks to Bob Bingham. Bob Bingham has purchased a new light for the parking lot and the non functioning light will be replaced.

*Vice-Commodore: Robert Reaume*



# News and Information

## Health News For LMYC Members

Article appeared in the Windsor Star December 13, 1999, written by Helen Rumbelow of the "Times of London"

**S**moking a cigarette will take 11 minutes off your life, new research claimed Thursday. Showing just how much time you lose by a few moments of puffing may help to encourage people to give up smoking.

Smoking just one cigarette means you may expire without the chance to spend 11 minutes with "your love ones or family members," Dr. Mary Shaw, the author and researcher at the Economic and Social Research Council, said.

**Remember Second Hand Smokes Kills**

Getting through a whole package will shorten your life by three hours and 40 minutes.

The calculations used for this study is based on a man who starts to smoke at 17 and dies at the average age of 71. It is estimated that a smoker would die an average six years before a non-smoker.

## Deepest Sympathies

**T**he officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the families of Phil and June Smith and the families of John and Elizabeth Metcalfe.

June Smith suffered the loss of her father over New Years.

John Metcalfe suffered the loss of his mother, Majorie Elma Metcalfe 83 years on Friday, January 21, 2000 at Leamington Nursing Home.

Your prayers would be most appreciated.

## WINE APPRECIATION EVENING

**C**arol, Bob, Holly and Bernie have come through for us again this year. They have graciously agree to host another of their famous Wine Appreciation Evenings. It will be held Saturday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Not all details have been finalized at the time of print so for further information and to reserve your tickets please call Carol and Bob at 736-5606.

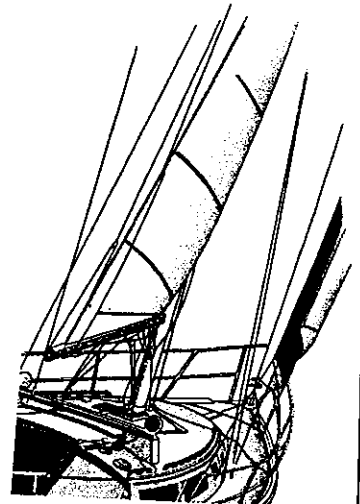
Written by Mary Ellen Mangile (Social Director)



## SECOND ANNUAL SAIL SEMINAR

Diamond Boat Works and Dynamo Designs present their Second Annual Sail Seminar for Hospice Saturday, February 26th at St. Clair College (Room 320) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donation to Hospice \$5.00.

Featured speakers:  
Spike Boston - Doyle  
Boston Sails on sail  
shape. Wick Smith on  
proper rig tuning and  
Sam Irwin on keel



preparation. Come on out and support this worthy organization.

February 26th is shaping up to be an eventful day! So, mark your calendars and get ready for another fun filled year. Don't forget to give me a call if you would like to do your work hours by helping with any upcoming event. Help is always appreciated!!!

Written by Mary Ellen Mangile (Social Director)

## Highlights of January 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

### Commodore's Report – Elaine Prettyman

- New member to LMYC was Jerry and Beverly Angus. They have purchased Orange Float, previously owned by Ron Wigle.
- Sam Irwin is now a full member.
- John and Dolores Gaydos have retired from the club and have given up their membership.
- Ron and Gail Wigle, John and Louise Geary have become Associated Members.
- Special Thank you to Paul and Faye Laing for their effort in the Environmental Impact Study.
- An offer to purchase some club property from a neighbour was turned down.
- A fence will be erected around some of the club property to stop the encroachment of the neighbours.

### Vice-Commodore Report – Robert Reaume

- Vice-Commodore Bob Reaume reported that a tractor was located by Ken Robitaille and was purchased for \$6200.00.
- Charlie Shindler has built four Life ring holders' boxes and there will be one on each harbor at the front, one by pump out and one by the lift.
- Dredging will be starting the first week in February and must be completed by March 15, 2000.

### Social Director's Report – Mary Ellen Mangile

- A letter was received from Frank Chauvin expressing his thanks for the contributions given to his organization by LMYC.
- Calendar of Events will be in this issue of The Currents.
- Since there is no longer an official Launch and Haulout day there will be a Fitting Out

Breakfast April 29 to replace the old event. See Calendar of Events for more details.

### Race Director's Report – Donald Beneteau

- The Race Director indicated that there would be new events added to this year's Race Schedule.
- The Co-ed Double Handed Race will be added to replace the Couple's Race which was held in the past. The new race will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> 2000.
- LMYC Single Handed Race 1, 2, and 3 will be added this year. Race #1 will be in Lake Erie and Races 2 & 3 are to be announced.
- Racers' Breakfast will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This is a good opportunity for sailors to find out any changes in this year's sailing and racing events. There will be racing movies and videos after the meeting.

### Roads and Parking Lot – Richard Worr

- There are a great many activities going on during the winter months and members who are interested in learning how to operate the new tractor or how to maintain it, please get in touch with Rick Worr before the end of February. This related activity entitles you to Work Hours. Get ahead of the game.

### Treasurer's Report – Yvonne McRobbie

- Miss McRobbie reported that Ron Wigle has brought the financial books up to date.
- Financing is no problem for dredging. Fine points to be addressed.
- Members who own dinghies and keep them on the property must be assessed and payments brought forth.
- Haulout and Launch will be \$50.00 each way plus GST. Members will be allowed to lift their boats in the sling during the year at no extra charge. If their boat is put on a cradle and removed from the club, it will then be considered a lift and the member charged.
- NOTE: Only LMYC members are allowed to lift their boats. No members from other clubs are allowed to be lifted at LMYC.
- Dockage fees the same this year. \$13.00 per foot.
- Members who wish to submit monthly checks for dockage and dues, please check with Yvonne McRobbie for details.
- NOTE: ONLY THE CERTIFIED LIFT OPERATORS WILL LIFT MEMBERS BOATS. NO OTHER MEMBER IS ALLOWED TO LIFT BOAT ON HIS/HER OWN. IN ORDER FOR A BOAT TO BE

LIFTED THE MEMBER MUST SIGN A WAIVER TO ABSOLVE THE LIFT OPERATORS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SIGN THE WAIVER, PLEASE LIFT YOUR BOAT ELSEWHERE.

- There has been an upgrade to the electrical in the kitchen, ladies bathroom and the handicap lift.
- Club burgees are available from Yvonne McRobbie for \$20.00

### Amendments to the Constitution

#### *John Amyot Senior*

- John Amyot spoke about the amendments to the constitution and asked if there were any questions. After answering a number of questions from the floor the amendments were passed.
- New booklet will be printed and distributed to the members in the near future.

A motion on the floor was discussed on whether to have Rev. Stan Fraser be the official club Chaplin. The executives gave their reasons and reasons were discussed from the floor. After a vote it was decided that Reverend Stan Fraser would be the official LMYC Chaplin.

### *New Club Member*



LMYC welcomes new member Jerry Angus to our fold.  
WELCOME ABOARD.

LMYC members welcomed new club member Jerry and Beverly Angus at the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jerry and Beverly welcome aboard.

### *Wine and Cheese Extravaganza February 26, 2000*

*This year featuring Liise and Pierre LeBlance owners of LeBlanc Wineries in Harrow Ontario, who have returned by special request.*

*This year's theme involves Local Essex County Wines featuring Late Harvest Riesling Wines.*

*Once again succulent food will be served by Chef Bernard Wolter to complement the wines being presented.*

*Time:* 7:30-11:00

*Location:* LMYC clubhouse

*Cost:* \$25.00 per person

*Contact Carol or Bob Ferguson*

*Note:* **No smoking** during this event. *If you must smoke, please do it outside.*



*LMYC Members Beware. George Mooney is in the kitchen*

# *Around The Club*



Jessica and Rick Worr



Phil Smith



Steve Kepran and Bob Bingham



Paul Laing on new lift



Gord Freeman



Rob and Bob Ferguson

# Yukon GMC 20000

## Key West Race Week

By Connie Buliga

**M**ad Max felt the sting of inexperience again in the salt water classic south of Key West, Florida, January 17 thru 21, 2000.

Key West Race Week is won by sailors who better understand tacking angles, tide current, and who race windward/leeward courses only.

During the 8 race week we had a full range of wind conditions from 4 knots to 25 knots and every day bright sunshine and turquoise seas.

It costs a lot to get a boat 1500 miles to the starting line in January. Our crew all chip in and split these costs.

Race Entry Fee	\$450.00 US
Florida PHRF Certificate	30.00 US
One Week Dockage	570.00 US
Highway Fuel	600.00 US
"Wide Load" Permits	600.00 US (est)

Because the boat has an 11 ft. beam, we must travel with permits. Each state charges a different fee - Kentucky charges \$150.00 US each way, while Ohio charges only \$10.00. The rules for hauling are usually sunrise to sunset at 50 MPH only, with red flags and a flashing amber light. lot of the boats haul without permits hoping not to get stopped, but a Henderson 30 staying at Peninsular Marine, where we stay, told us he got caught in Florida bootlegging from only Ft. Meyers to Key West and ended up paying \$700.000 in fines.

Our race results were disappointing: the J29 One Design Fleet is so tough, the best we could do was 8~ of 13 and many times last. (Our elapsed times would have held up considerably better in the PHRF 6 fleet where the one renegade J29 Hustler posted 8 bullets.) On Monday during the afternoon race our spinnaker touched Quickdraw (from Toledo) during a hectic mark rounding. We did a 720 degree turn and went from the front of the fleet to the back. Later we discovered that we should have just taken a 20 percent penalty (\*Note to self - read sailing instructions before race day). On Tuesday morning in very light air we got pushed over early and had to restart, can't catch anyone in this fleet when they get a lead. On Thursday with the wind up, the seas swelling 8 or 9 feet, and some crewmen turning green, we called it a day after the morning race



### Last Day - Heading Home

Top (left to right) John Trepanier, Al Buliga, John Murphy  
Bottom (left to right) Paula Anderson, Don Beneteau, Tim McWilliams, John Amyot Jr. (Missing Andy Kozieradzki and Brian Lawson)



and headed for shore. After the race on Friday, we got Mad Max hauled out, lashed down the mast, and headed downtown to party.

Win, lose, or draw, Key West is still a paradise in January. The seafood is delicious - dolphin was usually the "catch of the day", rum punch provided daily vitamin C, and when the sun goes down the crazies take over Duval Street.

Many people deserve a special thanks for helping put this trip together.

Donny Beneteau and Alex had their hands full driving the rig southbound; very strong winds for 2 days caused the mast to rip the bow pulpit off, plus they had a flat tire on the trailer. It was midnight when they finished working on repairs in Cordele, Georgia. Fortunately the rest of the delivery went smooth. On the trip home, however, with Brian Lawson driving the truck, the second day again turned into repair day. On a routine check of the trailer in Dade City, Florida, one wheel was red hot to the touch and 3 1/2 hours later with 4 new wheel bearings they were back on their way. Thanks again, Donny and Brian for helping haul the boat.



Alex at the Wheel

Paula Anderson, Andy Kozieradski and Tim McWilliams rearranged work schedules and booked flights to Florida on very short notice when three original crew members jumped ship just 4 weeks before the race.

John Murphy provided us with the funniest story of the week. We won't let him smoke on the boat, afraid that a stray ash will bum the plastic sails - back at the condo he tosses a butt out into the yard from the deck and sets the palm tree on fire!!!

Thanks to John Trepanier for being light enough to do foredeck and keep us under our 1 500# crew weight limit. We just made the weigh-in by 8 pounds!

Thank you, Bruce Lancaster, for giving us a heated work area inside the Model Hobby Supply building when we were preparing the boat for the trip.

Jack Penney lent us his 5 hp outboard motor for the week and it worked great. Does anyone want to buy a 15 hp Yanmar diesel inboard cheap - I don't think it will ever get put back in.

If you want to read more about the race week - visit the web site [yachtingnet.com](http://yachtingnet.com). If you have an opportunity to go to Key West, jump on it. It's the best racing you'll ever see.

till next year - cb



Friday January 21 - Heading out to battle



## *Yukon GMC 2000 Photos*



*Paula Anderson*



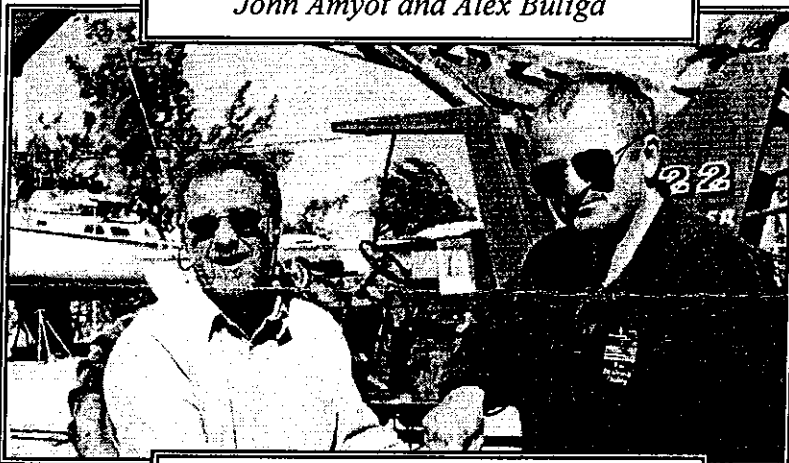
*Brian Lawson*



*Condominium in Key West Florida*



*John Amyot and Alex Buliga*



*John Murphy & Andy Kozieradzki*



*Donald Beneteau*



*Donald Beneteau & Tim McWilliams*



*John Trepanier on foredeck*