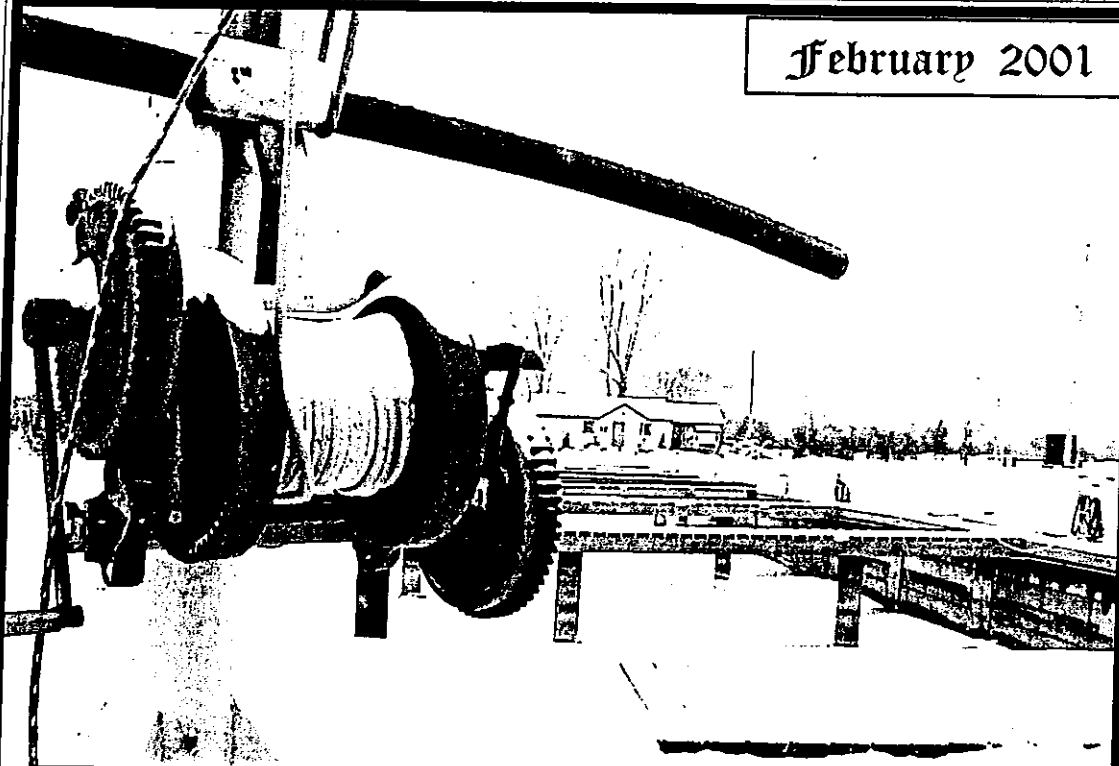


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Looking West from Pumpout

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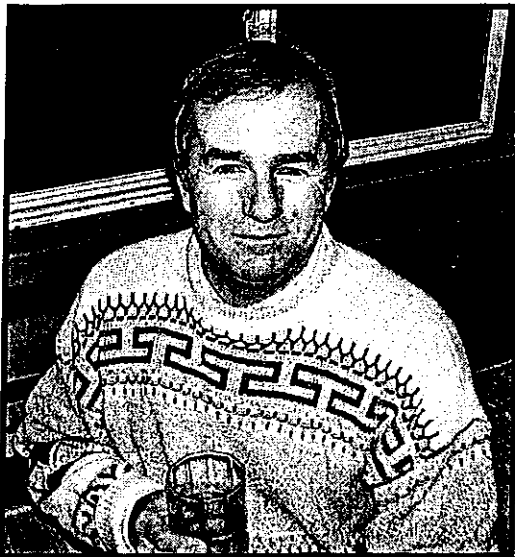


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From the Commodore



Commodore Robert Reaume

Just a small update:

We have begun the new year with a great deal of activities. My fellow executives have taken on their duties with gusto and zest which is an excellent sign. There are club events which will be taking place during the next few months. Try to attend and make these events successful. Let's make 2001 a memorable year for LMYC.

Commodore: Bob Reaume



Fellow Mariners

Welcome to year 2001.

Your executive is working on an exciting and full sailing season. As you are probably aware the vice commodore is usually assigned the task of the work hours. In order that all members can enjoy more of their time at the club sailing and messing around on their boats, I hope to have a posting of work assignments in the clubhouse ASAP. The aim is to get teams of mariners to work together getting things done but having a good time.

Free beer to everyone who participates in these work partiesonly In your dreams !!!!!

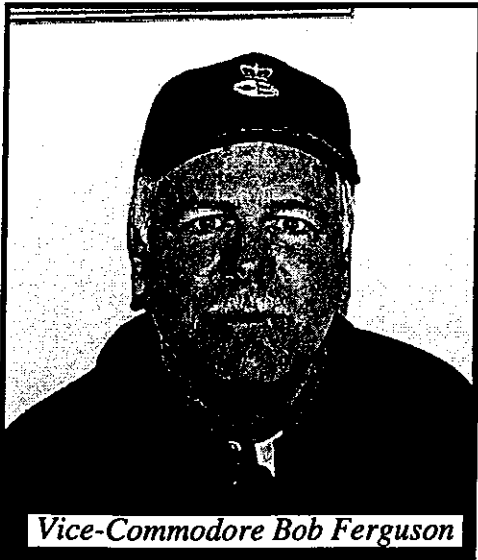
Just a quick update on projects already underway.

A new parallel dock in the north harbour will be constructed by Hotte Marine this Spring situated between the last well and the dingy ramp. This should allow more room for visiting Sharks and other Mariners to tie up.

Most of you have noticed the droop in the west wall of the club house- even the porch door cannot be used. Your executive has arranged to have this repaired by using a local contractor. Present plans call for us (Club members) to remove and replace the front porch to allow the contractor access under this wall.

As well the appearance of the club should be improved somewhat by the addition of vinyl siding to the utility shed and repairs to vinyl on the garage.

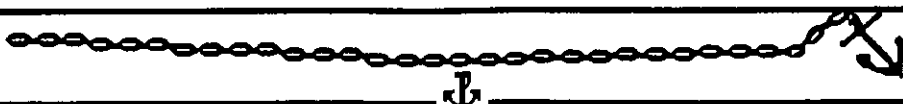
With all major projects completed last year - dredging and the lift now running smoothly we should have no problems and smooth sailing for 2001.



Vice-Commodore Bob Ferguson

V.C Bob Ferguson

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News and Information

From the Harbour Master Ralf Fiedler



Two Freestanding mast racks have recently been purchased to ease the overcrowding of our large mast rack. These new racks will serve to store the smaller, shorter, masts like Santana & Goman 20's, C&C 24's, etc. During winter storage we request that owners of such masts now stored on the large rack to remove them ASAP. This will allow proper storage of the larger and longer masts

Congratulations

Dennis and Barbara Pare are most pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Lynn to Rob Belanger, son of Bob and Joan Belanger. The ceremony took place on December 16 at St. Andrew's (LaSalle). A reception followed at Kingsville Golf and



Country Club.

Life is an ocean, and love is a boat. As it happened, Rob pirated away Becky's heart. Now they've signed on together, and coupled their fate. Weighed anchor and set off on fair winds, to navigate a voyage of the heart.

Thanks so much for your help and consideration.

Dennis





General Meeting January 14, 2001

The first general meeting of the new year began at 1:08 pm Sunday January 14, 2000. Bob Reaume, Commodore called the meeting to order at 1:08 with Chris Barron reading the minutes of the last meeting.

The *secretary* Chris Barron also announced that he would like to be informed of special events such as birth, deaths, etc. so that appropriate cards, flowers etc. can be dispensed.

Vice Comodore Bob Ferguson spoke about work hours approval and some of the clubs new projects.

- **Club house Repair:** This concerns the sagging of the front section of the club house and several options which are available to the club to solve the problem.
- **Shed Improvement:** This involves installing vinyl siding on the shed.
- **Dockage:** 5 pilings to be installed along

the north shore of the club property between the digny dock and regular docks. This dockage will be available for guests.

Phil Smith read a thank you card from Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank for the Christmas Toys.

Dear Phil

Please extend my sincere thanks to the members for the wonderful toys. The children appreciated them very much.

*God Bless
Frank Chauvin*

The *Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie* brought members up to date concerning club finances. The new budget was handed out and explained to the members present.

Please Note:

- By March 1, 2001 all dues must be paid. If not paid, then executives will assume that you are letting your membership lapse, and your membership will open to those on the waiting list. At present we have four individuals waiting to become full members of LMYC. Those members in arrears will be posted.
- Dock assignments will not be finalized until March 1, 2001. If you are not in good standing you will not be granted a dock.
- If members still wish to get on the payment plan, please get in touch with the treasurer immediately.
- Those members who belong to the Grey Duck Bay Association, please make your checks out to Grey Duck Bay. (Bob Bingham)
- Penalty Box (smoking room) was paid for by Grey Duck Bay.
- LMYC suffered some water pipe fractures this year. Please do not open the main water line under the clubhouse after pipes have been winterized.
- **Patrick Holland** was the successful winner of Win Your Dues and has the dubious honour of continuing the practices for the year 2001

- Safety meeting was held with lift operators to discuss safety issues and rules to follow.

ILYA Report

Ralph Allen

- ILYA meeting was held in Toledo Ohio December 1-3, 2000.
- No new rule changes to the Racing Rules - Starting sequence is the same as LMYC.
- US sailing members dues are up to \$50.00 per year or 3 years - \$120,00 US
- Bay Week will experience some changes this year. Participation is way down. Mr. McCan owner of the Crews Nest will donate \$10,000 to ILYA for Bay Week.
- ILYA dues are going up to \$190.00 for club over 50 members.
- PHRF Groups are being sued in Florida. Imperative to have Liability Insurance.

LAKE VISION <http://www.lakevision.com>

This is an internet site which will access lake conditions on the Great Lakes with a mini cam. Updates are available every few minutes. Some sites currently active
Chicago, Monroe, Put-in-Bay, Huron Ohio,
Cleveland, Oswego, New York, Oakville Ontario

Update from Denmark

Many LMYC members will remember Bjorn and Tove Dolby who visited our club during July and August of 1998

This is a short message from them.

Dear friends,

We wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We have been in Denmark for seven months and visited our family and friends and enjoyed the time.

Now we looking forward to come back to LAURA the 31, of December. Our plans for the next five months are cruising to the US Virgin Islands and back to Trinidad, where we again will fly back to Denmark in June for the hurricanes season.

We hope the best for you and hope we will meets again.

Best regards from

Bjorn and Tove

Deepest Sympathies

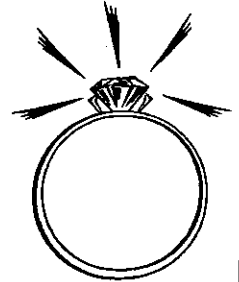
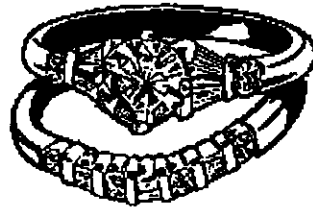
The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Anne and Herb Colling on the passing of Herb's mother.

Your prayers are appreciated.

Wedding Congratulations

Lindsay Walker & Bob O'Brien

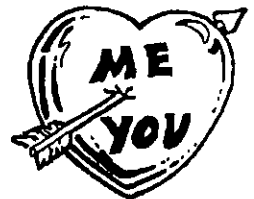
Sam Irwin and Marg Brown



Coming Events

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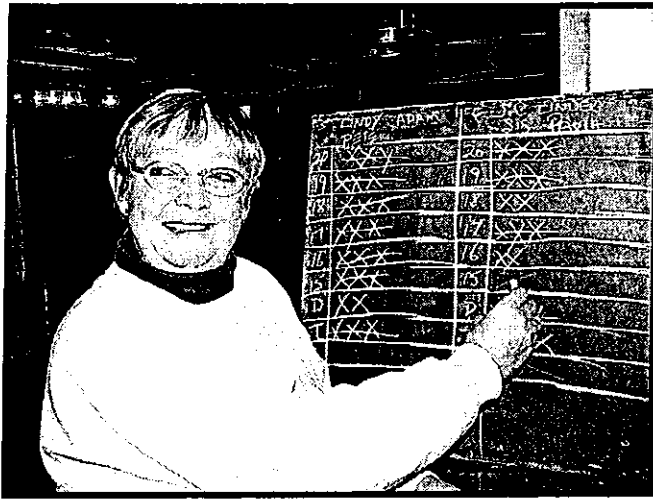
February 10, 20001 at LMYC. Check clubhouse for further details.



St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday March 17, 2001. Check clubhouse for further details.

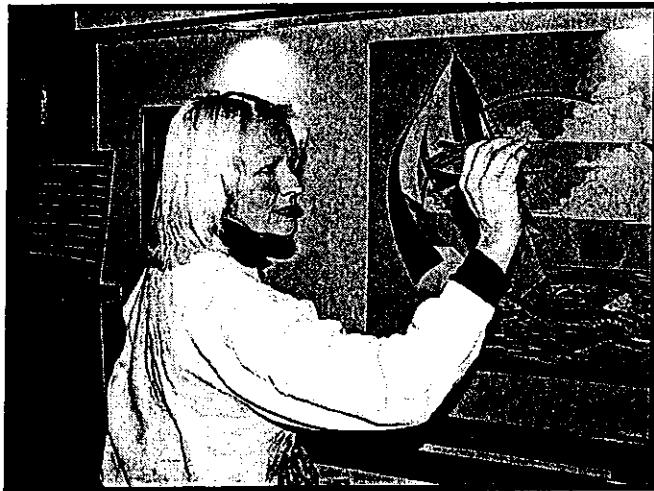




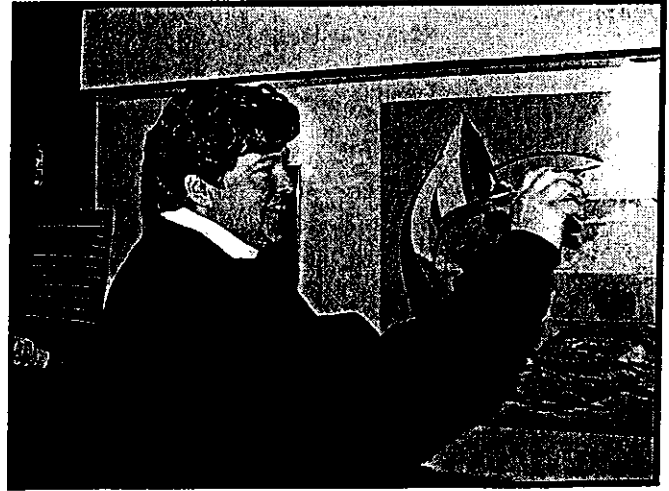
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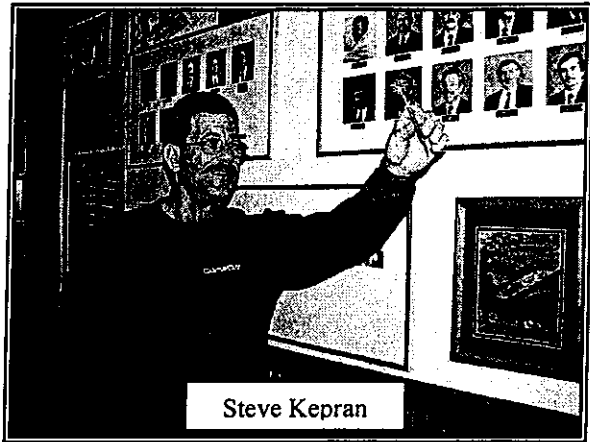
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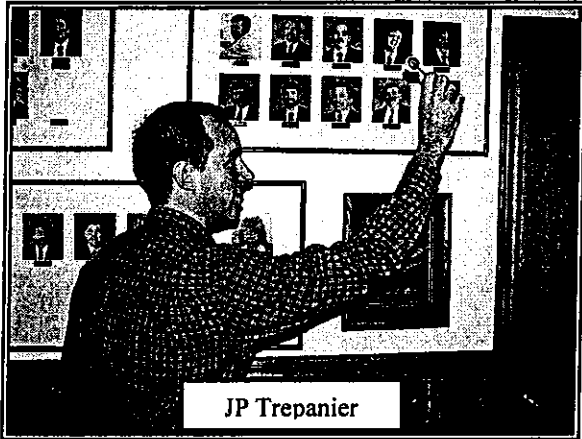
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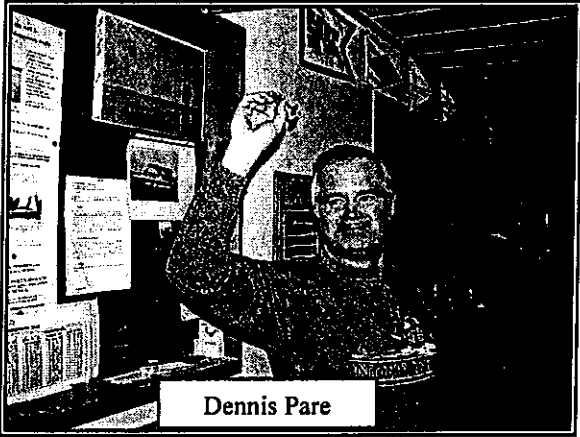
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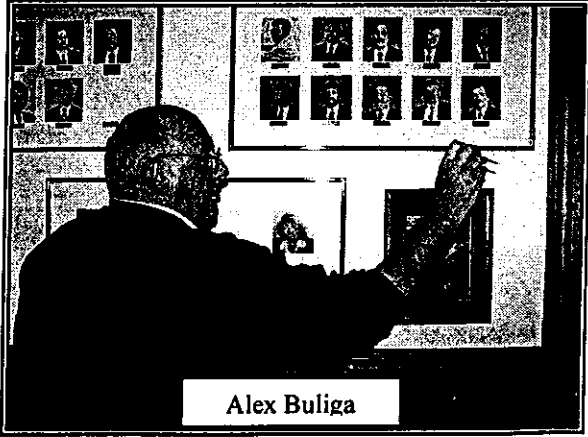
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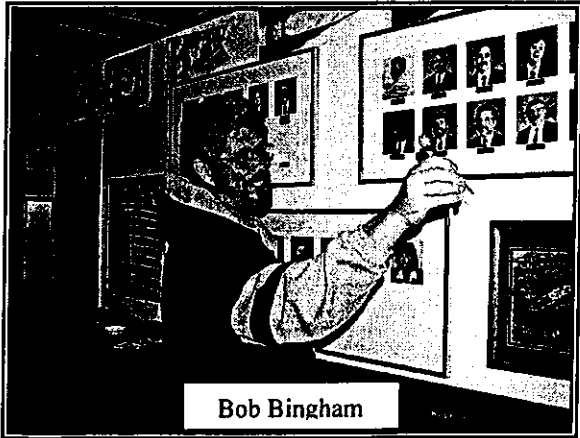
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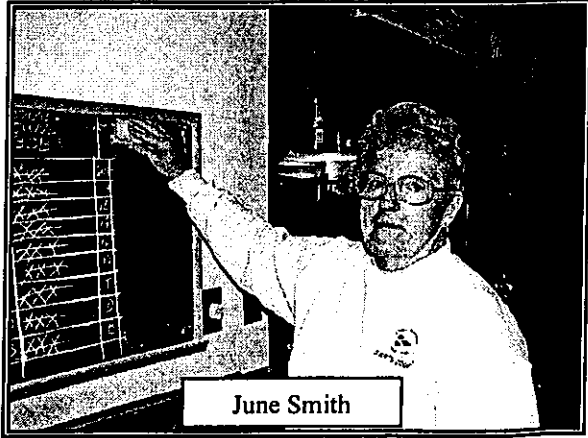
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June Smith



New Years Eve Party LMYC



Doris Kenran



Bob Reaume and Sue Ouellette

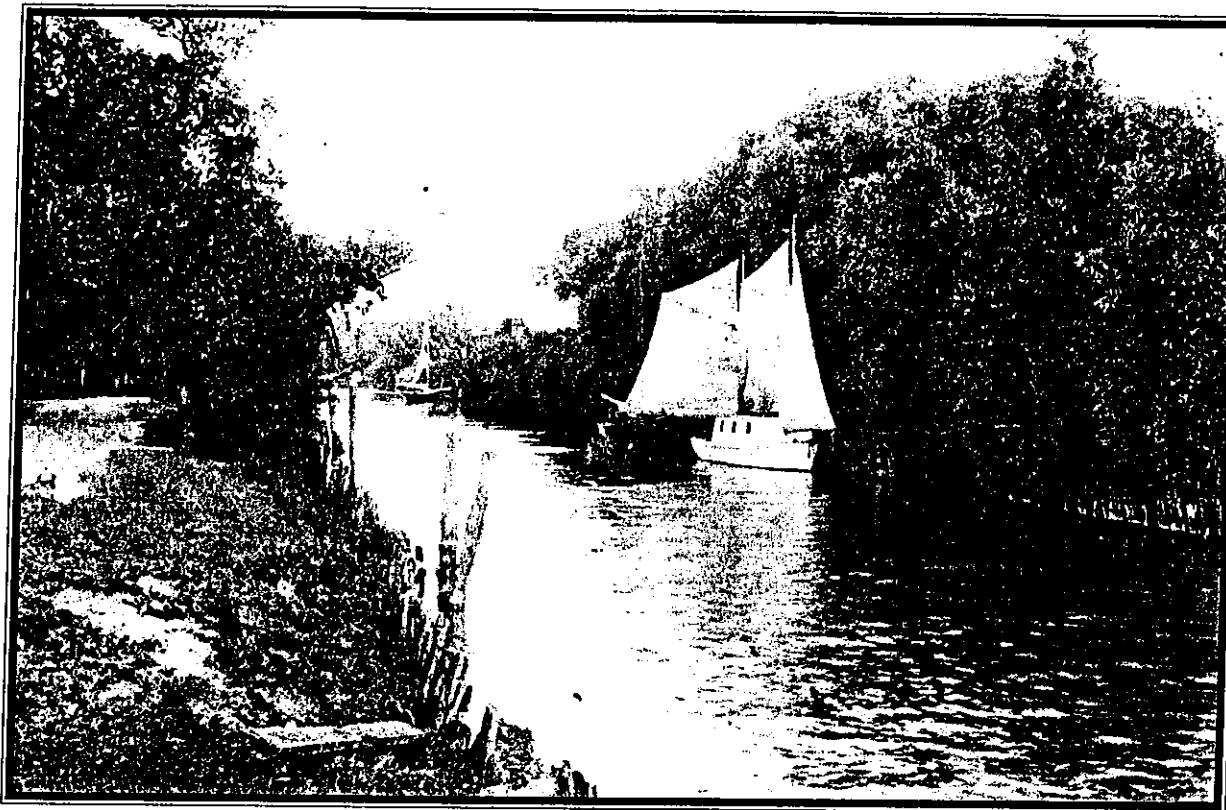


New Years at LMYC



Dave Nantais on far left and Denis Pare on the far right





Sandwich Mineral Springs

If you stand at the northern edge roughly where Sandwich and John Streets meet, and give your imagination free rein, you might pick out the traces of a shallow, north-south cleavage in the earth. This is all that remains of what was once one of the most popular natural tourist attractions this side of Niagara Falls. In its heyday it was a wide, peaceful, tree lined lagoon running from the river's edge to a mineral springs bath and spa at its head. It was magnet for thousands of visitors who came seeking a quiet weekend retreat or because they believed the warm mineral waters gushing from the earth could give relief from illnesses ranging from rheumatism to liver complications.

Development of this health spa was accidental and is one of the lesser known but more interesting aspects of life in late-19th century Sandwich. In 1866, when the search for oil was firing imaginations, a group of investors believed petroleum existed in Sandwich. A fund-raising meeting held at the Western Hotel brought in \$10,000, which was used to form the Sandwich Petroleum Oil Company.

Drilling equipment was installed and, although they didn't raise a pint of oil, at 900 feet they hit a rich, sulphurous mineral spring which turned out to be the next best thing.

Sightseers poured in and before townspeople realized what was happening, they were in the midst of a tourist boom. A hotel was built called Lagoon Park Hotel.

A canal was dug from the Detroit River; trees were planted along the banks and a boat livery opened, creating a popular weekend destination for family outings; boat fare from Detroit was 25 cents return. Some estimated that 20,000 people would arrive on a Sunday.

The springs drew huge crowds until about 1889 when the springs lost their allure. The hotel and bath house were taken down and the lagoon silted in.