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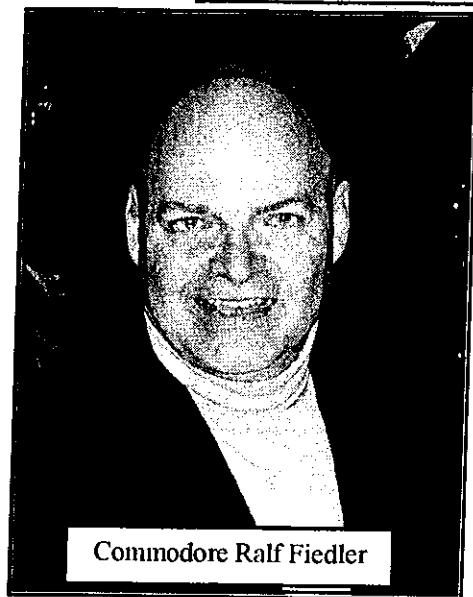


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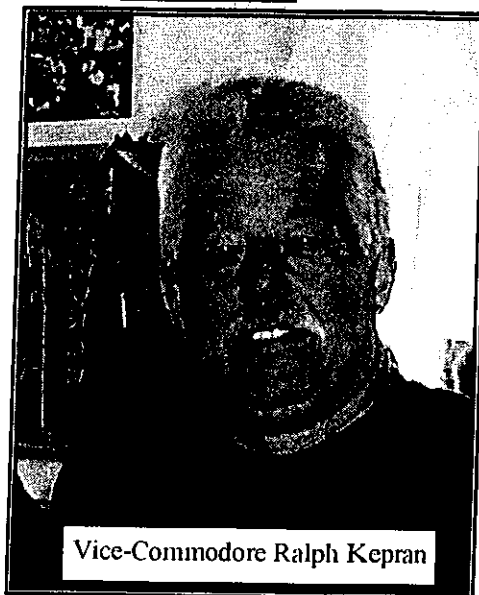
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran

It seems that every time my editor has me write a column for the newsletter it's snowing/sleeting outside. I may have to stop writing. For all those members who did not attend the budget meeting here is a brief re-hash. ALL IS WELL. Perry Basden our treasurer has things well in hand but as you may have heard our insurance was canceled with very little notice. Perry is spending a great deal of time filling out forms and on the phone with different agents trying to rectify this problem and I am sure that he will be successful. Thanks for your work Perry.

Commodore: Ralf Fiedler

SPRING!!! It will return and once again we will be down at the Club prepping our boats for the upcoming season. Now as we draw up our list of tasks to be done, it is probably a good time to remind ourselves that as we clean up our boats it is also our responsibility to clean up the area around our cradles and trailers. I encourage all members to ensure that when your boat goes in the water that the area where you performed your maintenance is policed up. Any oil or anti freeze that you have removed from your out drives or engines is to be removed by you and disposed of in a safe manner. Do not leave it at the Club. No fluids are to be put in the dumpster. We have been warned in the past that BFI will not tolerate any violation of this rule. Keeping the Club property neat and tidy is up to all the members.

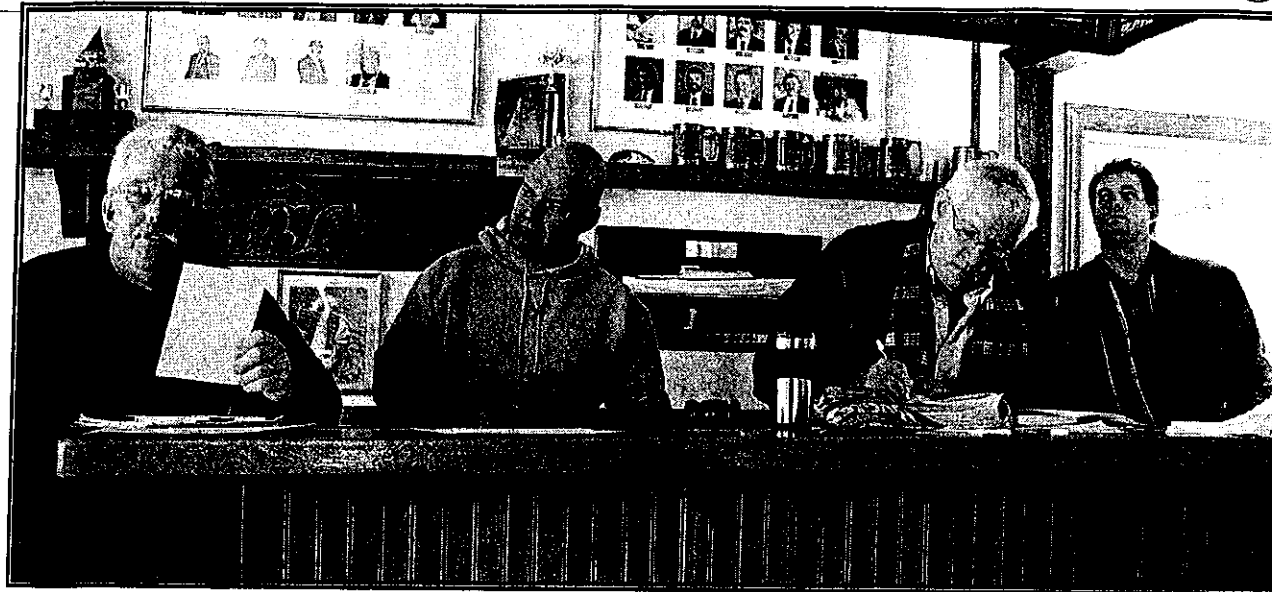
As the days grow longer and warmer it won't be long before we get back to our annual rites of Spring. Washing, Waxing And Painting.

Vice-Commodore: Ralph Kepran

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News and Information



General Meeting

Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran, Commodore Ralf Fiedler, Treasurer Jerry Angus, House Director Guy Meseck

The general meeting at LMYC began shortly after 1:00 pm on January 18th 2004 with Jerry Angus secretary reading the minutes from the last meeting. These are the highlights of that meeting:

- **Nick Beaudoin** brought members up to date on his quest for the Olympics. Nick and Craig Noakes will leave for Miami in January to train and to qualify for the 2004 Olympics. There will be a fundraiser in March. See attached letter in this month's newsletter.
- **Phil Smith** read a card from Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank which thanked all the club members and friends for the beautiful toys which the children received from the members at Christmas. See actual card in clubhouse.
- **Vice-Commodore - Ralph Kepran** stated that he will once again start Tuesday Evening Work Parties. Goal is to have no member pay for work hours. Great way to get to know new members of the club. Remember that 12 work hours is just the beginning. Important to sign your work hour sheets when you do your work hours not months later. **Family Work Hours Defined** - The 12 work hours per year may be completed by members of your immediate family. (Spouse, child under 18 years of age). Hours worked by one member cannot be credited to another.
- **Race Director - Juergen Hendel** reported that he is looking for members to be Chairperson for races during the sailing season. Some of the races that are still open are the following: Monday Night Races, Couples Race, Sail For Hospice, Fighting Island. If interested in one of these events or others please contact Juergen Hendel. Juergen reported that he has to attend a meeting at Ford Yacht Club to confirm race dates for the 2004 sailing season. Juergen presented flags for the Mid-winter series.
- **House Director - Guy Meseck** reported that everything is going well and that if you need something or something is missing please contact him.
- **Harbour Master - Bob MacKenzie** reported that LMYC has been warned by customs that we are one step away from losing our REPORTING STATION. It is very important that you call in and report when returning from the US. Very important to have US visitors call in as soon as they land. If we lose our status we will have to report in at Duffy's which would be a big inconvenience.
- **Roads and Grounds - Patrick Holland** reported that holes were filled in the driveway and in the parking lot. Water

remaining in area could only be solved by adding a drain. New parking along the road to give more access to cradles. This should give us more parking space for cars. New sign up list for grass cutters. Last year there was a poor response. We need volunteers to make the club neat and presentable. New list this year would be for the week not a month. Hoping for better success.

- **Treasurer's Report – Perry Basden** A monthly payment plan is available for members who wish to do so. Contact treasurer for details. If members are more than 30 days overdue they will be posted. See actual treasurers report for specific details in different areas.

- **Ice Cost**—There will be an increase in the cost of a bag of ice. New price is \$2.00 per bag.

- **Behind The Bar** – It was brought up during the meeting that members only should be behind the bar in the clubhouse.

- **New Capital Project** – Ralph Kepran Vice-Commodore spoke about the Emperor's dock and the expenses in the past to rent a tent. The size of the Emperor's Dock is roughly 48 feet by 18 feet which is a great size for a permanent summer canopy. Prices for this project varied. Club was looking to seat approximately 80 people under this canopy and it could be used for a multitude of outdoor events. Plans were to keep it up from Victoria Day to Labour Day. A railing would have to be constructed on the water side.

A Voice From The Past

Many members of LMYC remember John Yankovich who was a member of this club for 17 years. I received an Email through our website from John. I will share some of what he had to say to our members.

Pat, Jackie, granddaughter Elizabeth & myself, are now residing in Powell River, B.C. Our Alberg 37 is now in Richmond, B.C., and am hoping to sail her to Powell River, some time next month. I was at the marina, this morning, to see if I could crew for the winter series of racing. Today's temperature is about 8 degrees C, but should warm up by the middle of next month.

I searched your LMYC web site, which is informative and very well laid out. I have very fond memories of LMYC and miss the camaraderie. The only thing I don't miss are the mosquitoes, even though they are just as friendly as the members. Anyone is welcome to contact me, at my email address, which is cjsails@shaw.ca.

If anyone, is in Vancouver, they are welcome to look us up, as there is year round sailing, and we are only about 20 miles

from Desolation Sound. The area has many islands, and the waters are safe and protected. I guess in some months you have to be part penguin, as I would imagine it is quite chilly, but almost every day one can see some diehard sailing. Surfing the internet for Upper Sunshine Coast, Powell River, can give you some idea how beautiful the area is, but the views on the internet does not do the area justice. It is that spectacular, and well worth visiting.

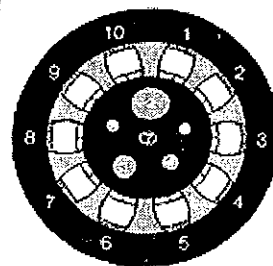
Wishing all, health, and fair winds.

Sincerely,
John Yankovich

LMYC Dart League

A reminder for members who still might be interested in joining the LMYC Dart League. Its not too late.

Dart are held Wednesday Evenings beginning at around 8:00 pm. Everyone is Welcome.



Sunday Breakfast

Sunday Morning Breakfast has begun at LMYC. This is a great opportunity for members to get together and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am and continues until 10:00 am. It is necessary to be on time to be accommodated.

Cost is \$3.00 per person.

In order for this breakfast to continue a minimum of 15 people are required. Let's make this work.

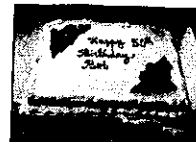


LMYC Webpage

I have made some changes to the webpage to reflect the winter season. Good Surfing. <http://www.wincom.net/lmyc>



Bob Reaume's 50th Birthday Party



In the movies, surprise parties are always easy to manage and give the recipient one hell of a shock when everyone leaps out to yell "surprise!"

Of course it's a cinch for people - sticking to a script - to not let the cat out of the bag, but how about normal people not reading what will they do?

Let me tell you it isn't easy, but it is do-able.

This project began several weeks before the big event - Bob Reaume's 50th - as hitting the dreaded number was a birthday worth making an occasion. A Saturday evening party held on January 10, 2004 was decided upon - with friends and club members in attendance. Utmost secrecy was involved in this enterprise. Secret Emails and phone messages to club members and friends were started.

Now it came down to how to decorate the clubhouse and for it not be suspicious and yet look good and give Bob a reason to come down that Saturday night. John Murphy provided the bait. He posted in the clubhouse that there would be a single handed seminar for all club members and visitors who were interested in this particular aspect of sailing. We knew that Bob was extremely interested and would be certain to attend.

To make sure that Bob did not arrive too early George Mooney co-conspirator had the dubious honour of bringing Bob to the



clubhouse and we all knew that George was devious enough to accomplish this task.

When Bob entered the clubhouse he was greeted by friends, relatives, club members all singing "Happy Birthday Bob". Sue Ouellette welcomed Bob with a huge kiss.

In one corner of the clubhouse was a huge picture board which members and friends decorated with pictures of Bob throughout the years. Balloons and decorations were everywhere. Bob made his way throughout the clubhouse shaking hands with friends and in my view totally surprised.

If you have attended the LMYC Awards Banquet you know what the George and Bob show is all about. This evening was no exception. The Bob Reaume Roast began with a dancing gorilla coming out of nowhere doing a semi-striptease to get everyone into the party mood. Bob was then hoisted on to the bar top and perched upon a stool for all to see. The Roast had begun.

A number of friends came forth who had something to say about Bob Reaume. Bob Bingham, Dave Evans, Juergen Hendel, Dell Darling and others came forth with humorous stories out of Bob's past which put everyone into a gleeful mood. You would have to be there to enjoy it.

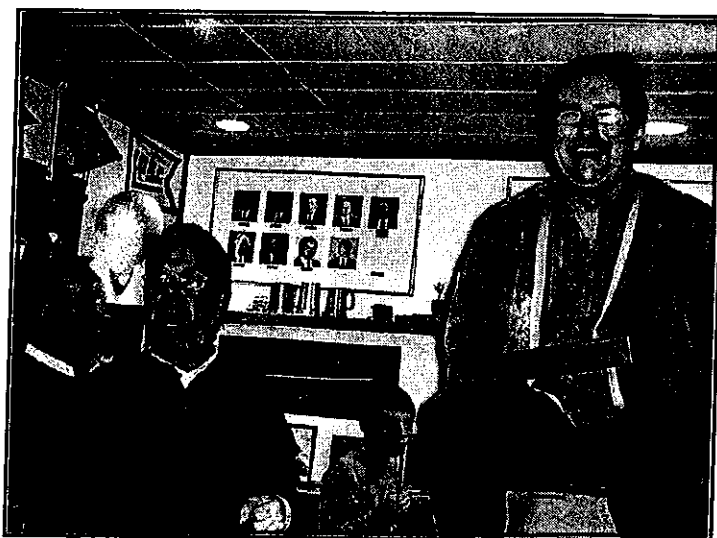
After the roast a luncheon was provided which consisted of cabbage rolls, potatoes, meatballs, salad and an assortment of desserts. While friends and members were enjoying the luncheon Bob and Sue opened the many gifts Bob had received.

Another highlight of the evening was the cake cutting of the 50th Birthday cake which was followed by entertainment provided by John Vandereerden, club member. Members enjoyed the music and singing until the party broke up around the 3:00 am mark.

Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume would like to thank all the members and friends who attended this event and especially to all the people involved in making this event a success.



Bob with Gorilla Dancer



Bob Bingham Roasting Bob Reaume



Dell Darling Roasting Bob Reaume



Dave Evans Roasting Bob Reaume



George Mooney and Juergen Hendel showing their Single Handed Tattoos



Tammi Pouget in Food Line



Crew Girls

LaSalle Mariners Party Faces



Bob and Andrea Bingham



John, Kelly and John Amyot



Craig Morrison and Alex Buliga



Roy and Gail Oliver



Denny Douthart, Myra Roberston
and Charles Schindler



Bodo Schiefer and Lu McKim



John and Joanne Vandereerden



John Murphy, Alan Prettyman
And Juergen Hendel



George Mooney and Laurel Venney



John and Liz Metcalfe



Ralph & Laurie Fieldler



Ken Robitaille & Bob Reaume



Judge Mangile



Linda & Richard Parchoma



Vicki & Tom Boyce



Ladies Night—2



LMYC Ladies

Ladies Night-2 was held January 13th, 2004 at the LMYC clubhouse with over 15 members in attendance. Mary Nantais Social Director designed the evening in the same format as Ladies Night-1. Knitting styles and techniques continued with Jean Dupuis with a surprise guest for this evenings agenda.

This evening the surprise guests were from TERGO OLSSON CLEANING TECHNOLOGY (Debbie Dinning) who demonstrated special cleaning clothes from Sweden which required no chemicals for cleaning purposes. The surprise guests are for informational purposes and no-one is obligated to purchase any items.

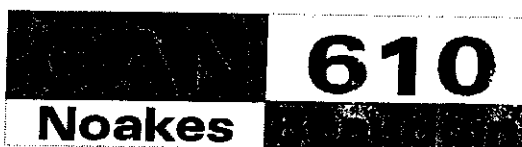
Many ladies present perused their knitting agendas while others sampled many different wines and enjoyed a smorgasbord of snacks brought by the members.

The evening concluded around 11:30. A Ladies Night-3 is in the works.



Jean Dupuis, Janet Warford, Doris Kepran, Vicki Boyce

Special Thanks to Mary Nantais (Social Director) and Jean Dupuis for her contributions to a successful Ladies Night.



Noakes/Beaudoin Olympic Campaign

January 11, 2004

Happy New Year!

The 2003 European 470 Circuit was a great challenge and learning experience for our team. Competing with the world's best 470 sailors was initially humbling but our results continued to improve and our abilities to compete at this level were soon realized. Disappointing was our goal in securing a spot on the Canadian Sailing Team and the financial support it would have provided.

However, as in any sport, we must persevere. The 2004 season brings new enthusiasm and expectations. We begin in late January with the Rolex Olympic Classes Regatta in Miami. Later in the spring our schedule begins in Europe from March 21st through May 20th. Regattas include the Barcelona Olympic Class Regatta, the Princess Sofia Regatta in Palma, Mallorca, the International 470 Spring Cup in Les Sablettes, France and finally the 470 World Championship in Zadar, Croatia. Canadian Regattas will include Cork as well as the Canadian NQR's.

Once again our primary fundraiser will be the "2nd Annual Sailing for Gold Pasta Dinner" set for Thursday March 11th at the Fogolar Furlan Club. This event will help off set the costs of the 2004 sailing season, which include airfare, car rentals and regatta fees in Europe, Canada and the U.S. Tickets are \$20.00

Your support is needed in helping the Can 610 Sailing Team reach the ultimate goal of representing Canada in the 470 sailing class at the Olympics. Please tell a friend or pass the word along to fellow sailors to come out for a great night of socializing and support. A limited number of tickets will be available. Reserve tickets by calling Jim or Jennifer Beaudoin at 734-6820, email beaudoinblizzard@sympatico.ca or Bill Noakes at 948-3535, email noakes@mnsi.net.

Your continued support is appreciated and vital to our team's success. Donations of \$25.00 or higher can be tax deductible, with cheques made out to the Canadian Yachting Association.

Thanking you for your support,

Nick Beaudoin

Craig Noakes



Sailing Events Calendar 2004



Here is a first glimpse at 'THINGS TO DO', this season for the long range planners. The impatient, and the tentative. Most dates are set but some are **tentative ***. The final draft will appear here in April

DATE	YACHT CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION
May 22	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	Shakedown	Lake Erie
May 29	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	Day Race	Lake Erie
June 4-6	Bay View Yacht Club	Detroit NOOD Regatta	Lake St. Clair
June 11-13	Toledo Yacht Club	Mills Trophy Race	Lake Erie
June 26	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	Port To Port (LMYC-GIYC)	Detroit River
June 26 *	South Port Sailing Club	Regatta	Lake St Clair
June 27	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	3 Race Regatta	Lake Erie
July 3-4 *	Thames River Yacht Club	Regatta	Lake St Clair
July 4	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	Independence Race	Lake Erie
July 10	North Cape Yacht Club	Commodore Perry Race	Lake Erie
July 17	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	Pelee Island Race/Cruise	Lake Erie
July 17	Bay View Yacht Club	Mackinac Race	Lake Huron
July 24	Bay View Yacht Club	Chicago to Mackinac	Lake Michigan
July 24 *	Cedar Island Yacht Club	Maple Leaf Race	Lake Erie
July 31	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	Down River Race	Detroit River
August 1	GIYC—ILYA	Deep Water Race to Put-in-Bay	Lake Erie
August 2-4	ILYA	Bay Week	Lake Erie
August 7	North Cape Yacht Club	Double Handed Race	Lake Erie
August 7-8	Ford Yacht Club	Regatta	Lake Erie
August 14	LMYC and FYC	Single Handed Race	Lake Erie
August 20-21	E.Y.C. to G.I.Y.C E.Y.C.	Trans Erie	Lake Erie
August 27	Ford Yacht Club	Nite Race	Lake Erie
August 29	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	Fighting Island Regatta	Detroit River
September 4	West Shore Sailing Club	Port to Port to Cedar Island Y.C	Lake Erie
September 5	Cedar Island Yacht Club	Labor Day Regatta	Lake Erie
September 12	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	Sail For Hospice	Lake Erie
September 18-19	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	One Design Regatta	Lake Erie
September 25	South Port Sailing Club	Harvest Moon	Lake St Clair
October 2-3		Put-in-Bay Fall Regatta	Lake Erie
October 17	LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	River Rat Rally	Detroit River

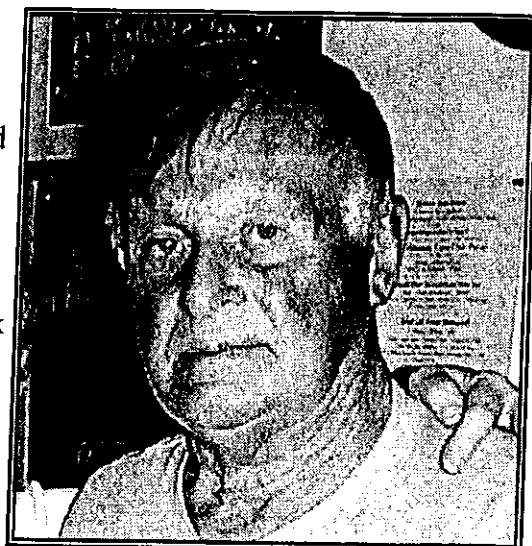
Just reading this list keeps one busy!

Do not forget our Monday and Wednesday evening scrimmages. Nothing cast in stone yet and a departure from the long standing is not anticipated.

While on the subject I can happily announce that the esteemed Race Committee duo of Connie Buliga and Dennis Douthart will be aboard "TL Sea" to again serve as Wednesday night Race Committee.

Brian Casey and helper have offered to do the committee work aboard Brians's "2nd Wind" for the Spring series on Mondays. Although these two teams have worked marvelously while short handed, they are anxious to find someone lending hand. So here is an opportunity to:

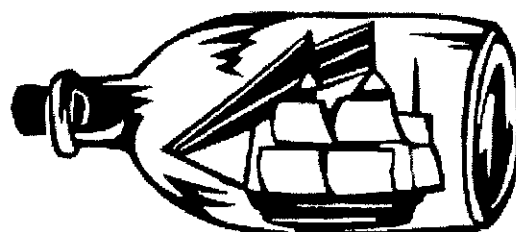
- Learn Race Management
- Race Starts and finishes
- Handicaps and calculations
- Weather Conditions
- Spend evenings aboard a sailboat and view gorgeous sunsets
- See sailboats in action
- Experience the ecstasy and the agony of the races
- You can earn \$240.00 (your work hours for the year)



Race Director
Juergen Hendel

Someone still needs to come forward to handle the Monday Fall Series (8 dates). Still on the subject of "Take A Part". Still require Chair people for:

- Our annual Fighting Island Regatta (Racing only)
- Single Handed Race
- Sail For Hospice are needed
- Couples' Race (Needs to be resurrected) Nothings to do monumental and the consequent bonding may just surpass anything epoxy can offer.



Keep your stick on the ice.

Juergen Hendel

Valentine's Day Party

May Nantais our social director is planning a Valentine's Day Activity on February 14, 2004. Check in the clubhouse for further updates. When finalized there will be an Email update to members.

