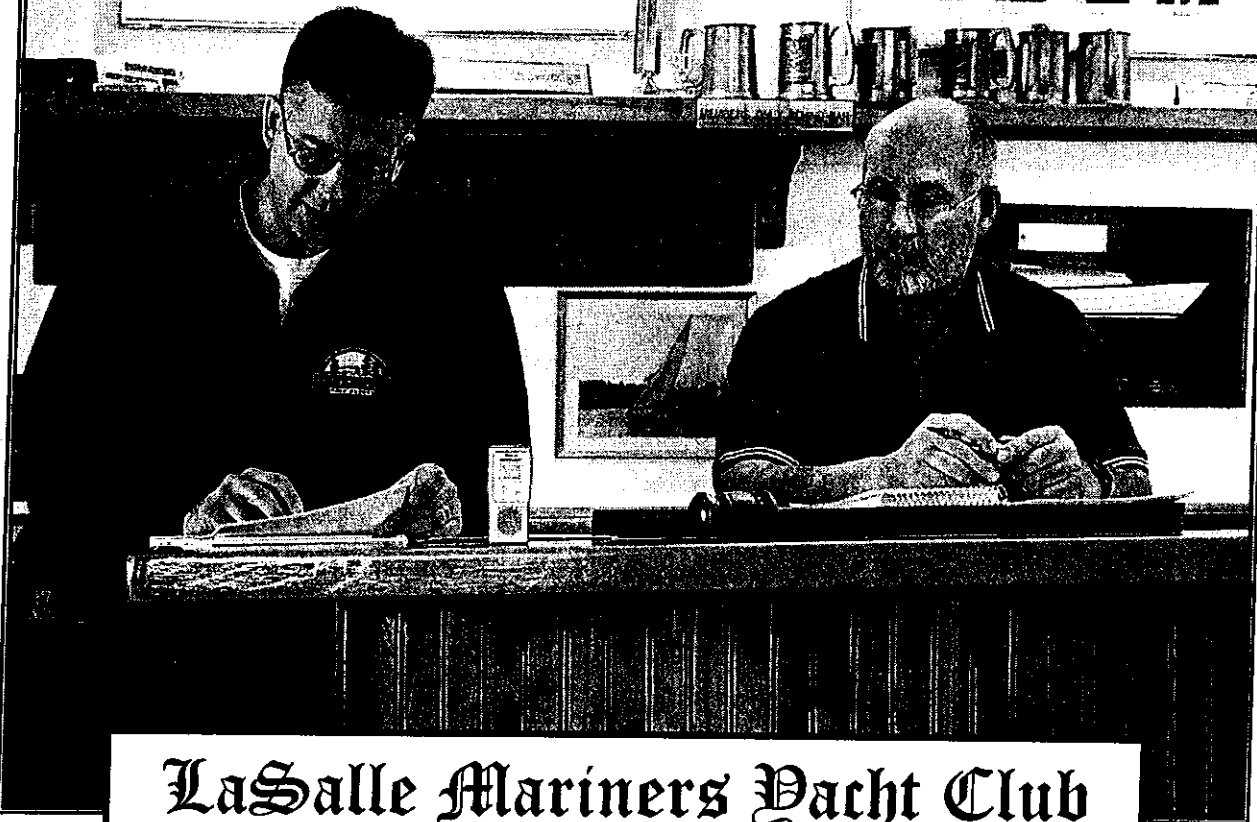


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## LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Vice-Commodore Larry Laing & Commodore Rick Beresford January Meeting

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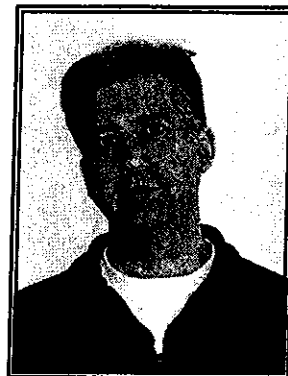
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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Rick Beresford



Vice-Commodore Larry Laing

**I**t was great to see so many of the members attending the General Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It means that the great majority of the members want to be involved with the running of the Club. The main purpose of the meeting was to approve the Budget for 2006 prepared by your Board of Directors in addition a few other items were thoroughly discussed including the state of the Club's Tractor and how our Line of Credit Account is managed. All in all it was a good meeting with a lot of member participation. The next General Meeting will be on Sunday, March 26 at 1:00 pm. This will be our Launch meeting but in addition we will be discussing and voting on proposed By-Law changes that we hope respond to the concerns raised by the members at the March 2005 General Meeting in addition there will be a couple of proposed changes that will deal with how our Club is managed.. The proposed By-Law changes will be mailed to all members prior to the meeting so that we can all come prepared to participate in any discussion. A quorum of 50% of the membership is required at a meeting to change a By-Law so mark this date on your calendar now. A reminder to those who have yet to pay their 2006 membership dues – **your dues were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Rick Beresford, Commodore*

**I** will have a list of jobs for 2006 posted at the club by Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. On the posting I will try to estimate the number of hours the job should require and the time frame (month) the job should be completed in.

*Please sign up for work that suits your skill set and schedule best.*

*As stated in our January Membership meeting, the Executive has decided to raise the charge for un-worked work hours from \$20.00/hour to \$30.00 /hour.*

*My goal is to not have anyone pay for work hours unless they choose to.*

*Vice Commodore Larry Laing*

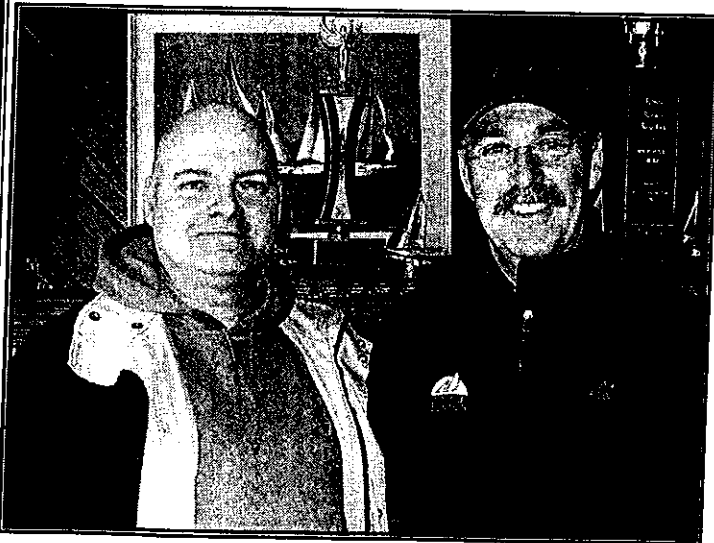


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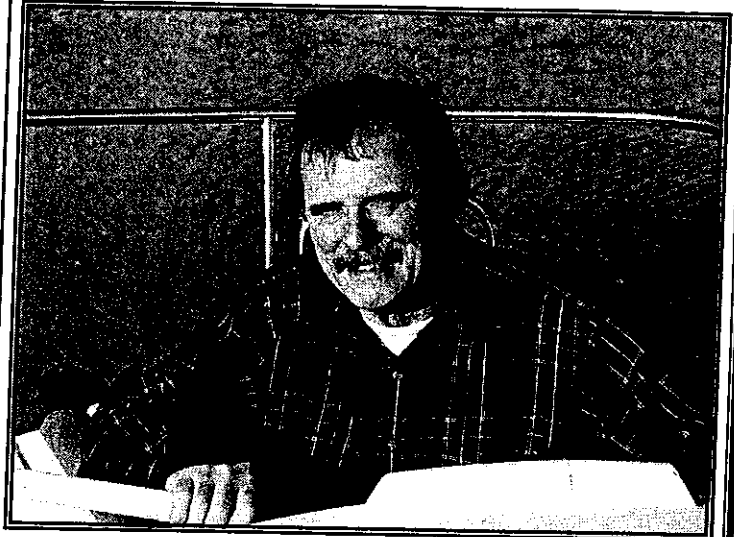
## Congratulation On Your Retirements



*Congratulations to Ralph Allen on his retirement. Ralph retired from St. Clair Marina on December 31, 2005 after 9 1/2 years of service.*



*Congratulations to Ralf Fiedler and Jim Beaudoin on their retirement from Fords after many years of faithful service*



*Congratulations to Roy Oliver who will be retireing from Ford Motor Company at the end of January. Happy Retirement*

## From The Secretary

Craig Morrison



### Members:

*In order to keep our files up to date and make sure we are able to contact you it is imperative that our roster be current and correct.*

*Enclosed this month is our latest club roster. Please check it carefully for any errors or omissions. If there are any errors please contact me (Craig Morrison) with the corrections.*

*If you have Email and are not getting LMYC announcements via your Email please advise me of your Email address or any changes thereof.*

*Your participation is greatly appreciated.*

## L.M.Y.C. Members,

At the Directors meeting of Jan. 17 the Accounts Receivable practices were discussed. It was felt that the membership should be reminded of the payment procedure which we follow at the club.

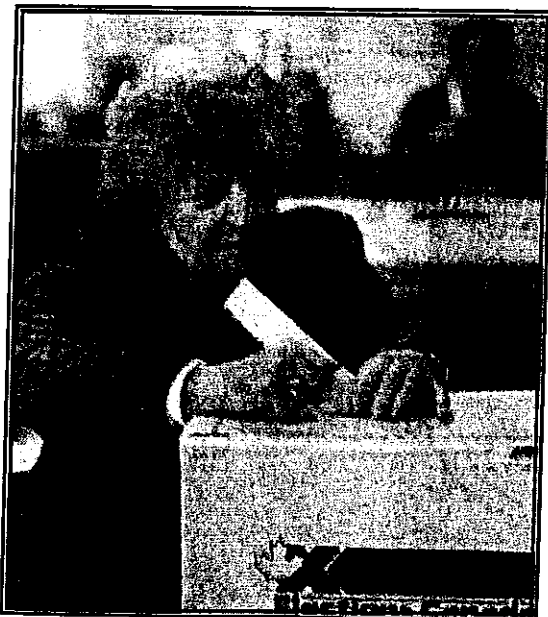
- ♦ Membership dues are due on or before Jan. 2, 2006.
- ♦ Launch and dockage charges are due on or before April 1, 2006.
- ♦ Haul out and storage charges are due on or before Oct. 1, 2006.

All other charges are due when service is rendered.

Your co-operation keeps your club financially sound and ensures the facilities are there for your enjoyment.

Any question about your account please contact the Treasurer, Dennis Paré.

## Vicki Boyce At The Polling Station



The Windsor Star captured Vicki voting early Monday at the polling station for the Federal Election

## Mary Ellen Mangile Update

Just an update from Terri Skope daughter of Mary Ellen who presently on an adventure of a lifetime. See more of Mary Ellen's adventures later in this newsletter.

*Just a quick update. Mary Ellen left to return to her adventure December 24, 2005 to return to Indigo which was in Luka, Mississippi on the Tombigbee River. She left Luka to travel south on December 29, 2005 where her and Judgie said goodbye again and traveled back to the cold and home.*

*December 31 and January 1 were spent in Columbus, Mississippi. January 5, 2006 she arrived in Demopolis Alabama. She rented a car and traveled to Memphis to visit Grace Land for Elvis' birthday. January 15 she arrived in Fairhope Alabama in Mobile Bay. She crossed Mobile Bay and arrived in Pensacola Florida January 18, 2006 at 12:45 p.m.*

*January 20, 2006 she arrived in Panama City, Florida and is trying to reach Fort Myers prior to the arrival of the baby.*

*Terri Skope.*

## Thank You From Frank Chauvin

*Phil Smith LMYC member read a thank you note from Frank Chauvin (Holy Name of Mary Food Bank) for the toys collected by LMYC.*

*Dear Phil*

*Once again please extend my sincere thanks to your members for the great toys. It made many kids happy.*

*God Bless*

*Frank*

# *Minutes of General Meeting January 22, 2006*

A special thanks to Larry Laing and Craig Morrison for providing the members with the minutes of the last meeting.

**Call to order:** Greetings from Rick Beresford. **Motion** to approve agenda, John Murphy, **Seconded**, Shirley Beresford. **Approved**



1. **Attendance:** sheet going around
2. **Minutes** from last meeting dated November 20, 2005. Read by Larry Laing in absence of Craig Morrison. **Motion** to approve minutes, Larry Laing. **Seconded**, Bob MacKenzie. **Approved**.
3. **Business arising from last meeting.** Phil Smith, what happened to the wheel barrel? It has been returned by Jim Ouellette, he was working on it
4. **Commodores Report:** Club tractor, will be going out for estimate of repairs. Tom Boyce looking in to a bigger tractor to replace ours if necessary. By-Law changes, the past commodores have met three times to try and hammer out the changes to the by-laws they will meet again on February 2 to hopefully complete the task. The proposed changes should be brought up at the next general membership meeting. The changes will be mailed out to the membership before the meeting. Blessing of the fleet will be Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Jonathon Smith will be chairing this event. Membership applications will have a slight change to them. Members will be asked to print their names below their signatures so we will know who signed them. Pelee Island regatta, will be July 15<sup>th</sup>, John Vandereerden. I will be away from Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> until Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. **Motion** to accept report, Rick Beresford. **Seconded** Rob Dorion. **Discussion on report.** John Murphy, how many by-law changes are being proposed? Rick about 6. John, will there be a special meeting to discuss these changes to the by-laws. Rick, no the proposed changes will be sent out to the membership about a month in advance giving members a chance to look at the changes and call me if there are any questions about them. What is happening with the tractor? Tom, it is going to Jacobs to have an estimate. At this time they have still not picked it up so we will have to wait for that to learn more about it. In the report the tractor had a repair bill of \$3395.00 last year. Carl, it was for a new rad, hoses, new clutch, fuel gauge repair, and some other small stuff. John, we should make a decision on the amount of money to be spent to repair the tractor. John would like to propose that we allocate an amount in the budget to replace the tractor if necessary. Rick this should be dealt with in the budget proposal. Is the tractor big enough? Should we be looking at a bigger tractor anyway to prevent throwing good money after bad in to our existing tractor? Rick, why do we not look at this when we discuss the complete budget rather than looking at one thing at a time outside of the budget. **Approved**.
5. **Vice Commodore:** Solutions to better manage work hours; the executive has raised charges for un-worked hours from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per hour. List of jobs for 2006 will be posted in early February. Estimates of time required will be attached to this list. Club members will be able to sign up for jobs at this time. Time sensitive jobs will be noted. With left over jobs, I will try to contact people that are best suited for those jobs to encourage them to do them. Our goal this year is to try and not have anyone have to pay for un-worked hours. We have 31 people that are available to do work hours. Spring clean up with Sea Cadets is tentatively set for April 29<sup>th</sup>. **Major Jobs for 2006:** Put gravel and a light in pump out house. Fix porch door. Replace rope railing on Emperors dock. Rushing widows walk roof. New counter top and sink

in kitchen. On proposed big job that was discussed with executive, enlarge the turnaround and possibly cement it or paving stones. **Moved** by Larry. **Seconded**, John. **Discussion on report:** Concerns about launch dates overlapping with clean up day. Rick, as we do not have a single launch day, the launch breakfast is tied into the clean up day and those who stay after breakfast helped with the clean up. Phil, there is a light in the pump out house. Why are there only 31 people to do work hours? Larry, the others have jobs on the executive, the lift, other jobs at the club and others that have 25 yrs. and over the age of 60. The last to addressed in the by-law revision. Rob, will be still be able to do jobs not on the posted list in February. Larry, yes, there will still be a list of other jobs that need to be done that can be done at other times of the year. Larry presented a spread sheet showing proposed jobs to be done for the club to look at. **Approved.**

6. **Treasurers Report:** Balance at T.D. Canada Trust. As of January 13, 2006 (\$16,166.23) Records have been reviewed by Cowie and Partners and are in good order. With review of the records for 2005, Perry Basden is to be complimented on his diligence and care of the financial records during his term. At the December general meeting it was stated that our accounts receivable were too high. We needed a volunteer to manage these accounts. Yvonne McRobbie and Bob Reaume have volunteered to handle this duty. While only on the job for a short time, they have gotten positive results already, with the accounts receivable outstanding down to \$3,890.42 among 12 people. The 2005 budget and income statement, and 2006 proposed budget will be presented as one document to allow for through comparison. Membership cards are available for paid up members. Dues are due now. \$235.40 for full members and \$117.70 for associate members. **Motion** to accept, Dennis. **Seconded**, Ralph Allen. **Discussion:** Phil, did I hear that almost \$4,000 is owing. Are they being charged interest? Dennis, they will be starting in January. Phil, why just in January not last year. Dennis, for a variety of reasons. Phil, why were they not posted? Dennis, if the club sees fit they will be posted. With last year being as rough as it was, it was thought that this was one of the ways to help in the healing process. The list is always available to any who ask for it. **Approved.**

7. **Budget Report:** See attached reports. Highlights of report. Pg.5 Net income Budgeted for \$12,995.00. Actual \$14,377.52. Last years budget was a very good budget. Revenues on pg 1&2. Expenses on pg.3, 4, &5. Revenues and Expenses are gross. Eg. Revenue from awards banquet \$3,955.00 came in. Expense \$3,796 .09. Leaving a net income of \$168.91. That is how you look at individual expenses. We are looking at a break even budget. Assuming that all accounts receivable come in. **Motion** to approve proposed budget, Dennis. **Seconded**, John. **Discussion:** John, have we budgeted for paying down the debt. Dennis, with the budget, it will leave us at the same place. With all that we make this year we will spend it on capital expenses. Rick, the capitol expenses to be incurred are siding on the garage, roofing on the widows walk, soffit under the north porch. Bob Ferguson, other than the \$7000.00 listed for expenses, if the club decides on any other major projects the budget does not allow for those at this time. Phil, is the \$3,500.00 tractor m&r expense included in the budget for repairs? Rick, yes that is for the repair of the tractor. Rob Dorion, would we not be better off putting the money into a good used tractor that would serve us in the long term instead of putting more money into this one. Tom, we have people looking into what is available in used equipment. It has to meet size requirements and be able to fit into the garage. Rob, there is another thing, if we are siding the garage, should we not wait until we have gotten another tractor in case we have to modify the garage. Larry, we have talked about all this and we want to find what are the repair costs in fixing this tractor to start with? Rob, I would rather spend a little more money up front and save a lot in the end. John, the tractor is critical to the operation of this club. This is a 30 yr. old tractor. John Murphy, **moves** that the executive look in to the purchase of a new tractor. **Seconded**, Bob Reaume. **Discussion:** Let's set a figure for the price limit for the new tractor. **Approved.** Budget does not address the liability of the line of credit? Dennis, with this budget we will have the same bank balance at the end of the year as we do now. John, the line of credit was established around 4 yrs ago. It is now at \$16,000+ and it will be reduced approx \$230.00. **Motion** to accept 2006 budget as presented, Jim Beaudoin. **Seconded**, Red. **Approved.** Red, we have had the line a credit for about 7 yrs. It totals \$100,000.00. That is represented by five members being responsible for that line of credit. We have never been above \$50,000.00. We use the

line of credit on a daily basis, and pay the interest accordingly. Pat Holland, I would like to see the line of credit paid down.

8. **House Director:** Tom has prices for renovating the kitchen. A new sink and counter top will be approx \$500.00. We also have had a change in the staff cleaning the club house, it will Sue Ouellette's son Keith. He will take over the first of February. **Motion** to accept, Tom. **Seconded**, Jim Beaudoin. **Discussion** None. **Approved**.

9. **Race Director:** Racers meeting will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be breakfast. We will discuss regattas and race schedules. Our regatta August 25<sup>th</sup>. Shakedown will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. We need chairperson for our regatta and shakedown. We are working on a new application for our regatta as there were a few mistakes on last year's application. **Motion** to accept, Rob. **Seconded**, Kevin. **Discussion**. **Approved**.

10. **Social Director:** Mary would like someone to organize a Valentines party Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. And a St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. These would be bring a dish to pass and B.Y.O.B. She is still looking at changing the awards banquet to a new location. It will be held on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Possibly to be at Branch 594 of the Legion. **Motion** to accept, Rick. **Seconded**, John Murphy. **Discussion**. Phil, the Legion has a very large room. Rob Dorion suggests the Serbian Centre. Rick will pass that info along. **Approved**.

11. **Committee Reports.** Harbour Master. Please inform me of any changes in boat or boat name, as we are full and have a couple of boats against the wall now. **Motion** to accept report, Bob. **Seconded**, Phil. **Discussion**, none. **Approved**.

Roads and Grounds. Clean up inside pump out. We will high pressure wash the interior and add gravel to level the floor. We will be ordering gravel to put in the driveway to fill the potholes, and low spots. **Motion** to accept report, Gus. **Seconded**, Gerry. **Discussion**, none. **Approved**

**Maintenance:** All equipment is being made ready for spring. Weed wacker has a problem with fuel tank, I am looking for another one but they are getting hard to find. **Motion** to accept report, Lothar. **Seconded**, Phil. **Discussion**, none. **Approved**.

12 **New Business:** Richard, News letter has been delayed as to the increase in the postage. This has been addressed. Past commodores ball and awards banquet. Attendance is down at both events. The past commodores ball should be combined with the awards banquet. It would get some members together that only go to one event or the other. Richard makes a **motion** to combine the past commodores ball and the awards banquet. **Seconded**, Phil. **Discussion**, Dennis, this should be postponed until the Social director can address this. A possibility is a survey of club members to find out what they would like to do with this situation. Rick, is this something that you, the members, would be in favour of? Is there anything else we can do to make the banquet better? When Richard spoke to Mary about this she was neither for nor against this motion. **Approved**. Richard, a full member would be able to summer store their boat on the club property in a designated area at the discretion of the executive for a one year period. This is a by-law change and it must be presented with the other by-law changes that the Past Commodores will bring forth at the next general meeting. John, what is happening with motions the came up at the general meeting a couple of meetings ago. Rick, that will be brought up at the next meeting after the notice of by-laws has been posted. Gus, would it be possible to get the next year's budget before the meeting. Dennis I appreciate what you are asking, but practically it is not possible to be done for this meeting in January. What might be possible is to e-mail the budget to the members before the meeting so they can have a look at it. Phil read a thank you card from Frank Chauvin thanking us for the toy donation. Next general meeting, March 26, 2006 1:00 pm. The next executive meeting February 28, 2006 7:00 pm.

13. **Motion to adjourn meeting**, Gus. **Seconded**, John. **Approved**.



# LMYC Racing News



- ♦ Racing Meeting Sunday March 5, 2006 at 11:00 AM
- ♦ John Murphy will be serving up his excellent breakfast at 10:00
- ♦ We will discuss the racing calendar for the 2006 season

Here are some dates already gathered for the upcoming 2006 sailing season. Completed schedule to be handed out at Racers' Meeting.

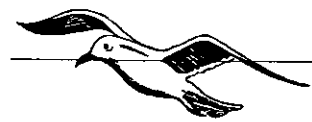
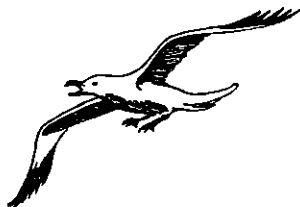
Please note that GIYC is still figuring out its race schedule and their races are not available at this time.



May 20	Shakedown—Put-in-Bay
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June 2-4	Detroit NOOD
June 17	South Port C Course
June 24	S.P.S.C. Women's Challenge
June 26-27	LMYC to GIYC Port to Port
June 27	S.P.S.C. Invitational Dinghy Regatta



July 8-9	Shark World cup SPSC
July 15	Bayview Mackinac Race
July 15	Pelee Island Wine Race/Cruise
July 27—Aug 2	ILYA Bay Week



August 1-2	Bay Week Regatta Put-in-Bay
August 12-13	South Port Invitational
August 26	LMYC Fighting Island Regatta



September 30	Harvest Moon
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October 7-8	Put-in-Bay Fall Regatta
October 15	River Rat LMYC



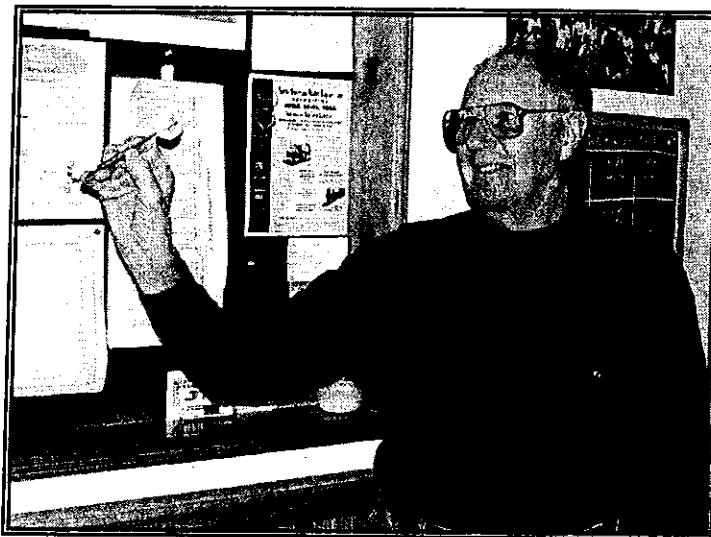




# Darts—LMYC



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Phil Smith



Tom Boyce



Tracey Moroze

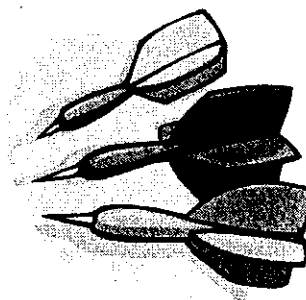
**T**he Dart League at LMYC is well underway with about 15 members and friends attending the Wednesday Evening Event.

This year the Dart League is organized and run by Vicki Boyce club member.

The event begins around 7:00 PM every Wednesday evening and can run to 10:00 PM some evenings.

The food is always excellent and when I was there I had the opportunity to sample chocolate covered bananas prepared by Tracey Moroze.

If you are interested in darts, learning how to play, or just for an exciting evening there is still time to come down. Make Wednesday Evening at LMYC a place to be.





**Ralph Kepran**



**Doris Kepran**



**Dennis Pare**



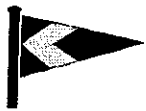
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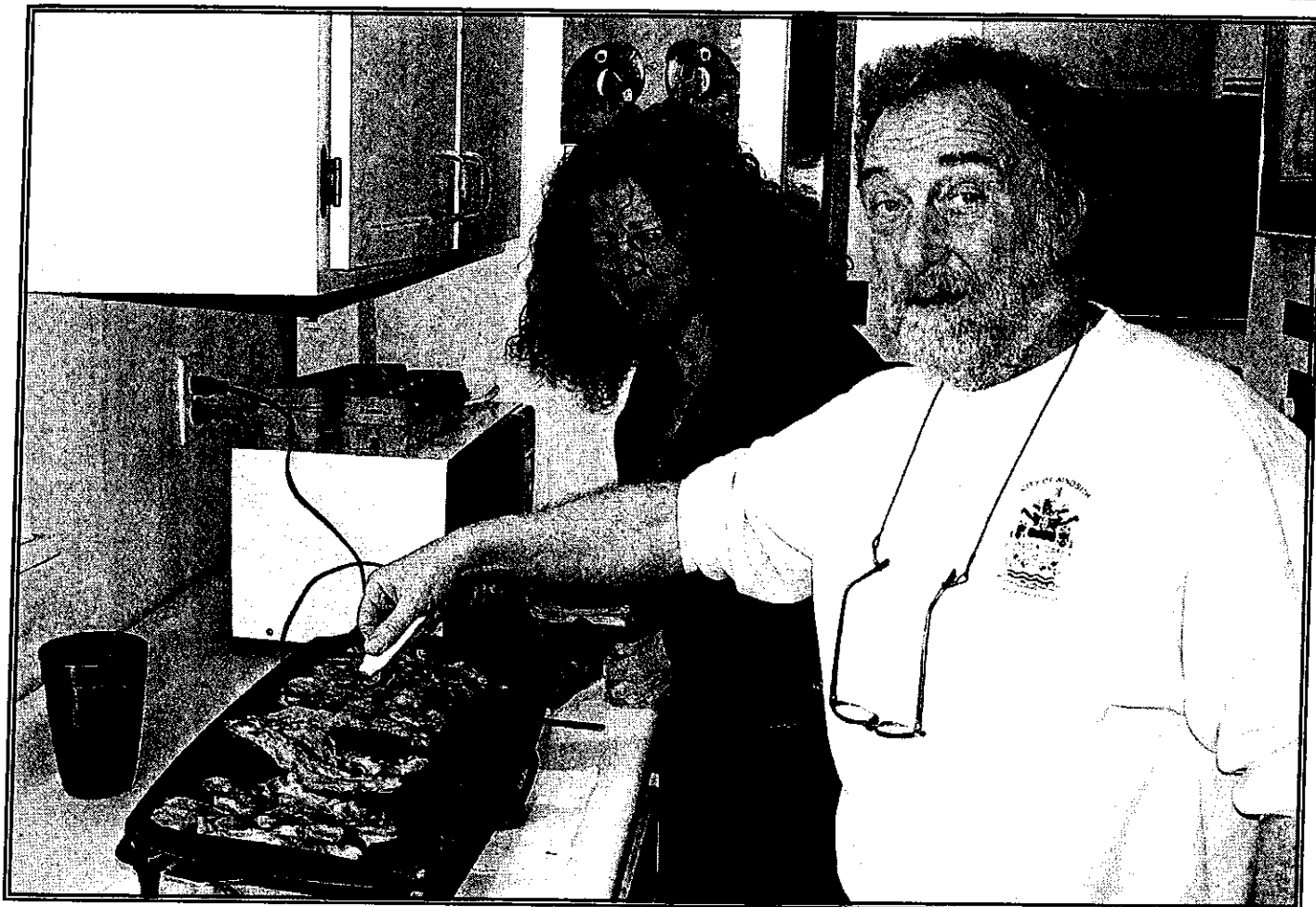
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**Vicki Boyce**



# *Sunday Breakfast*



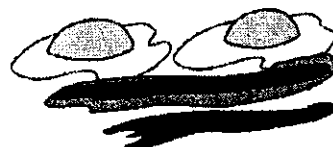
**Chef Murphy With Assistant Cathy Harris**

**D**ue to popular demand the Sunday Breakfast has become a reality again. Chef Murphy and associates will be serving their \$4.00 breakfast beginning Sunday January 8, 2006. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

*This year Chef Murphy is planning to serve bacon, eggs, toast, coffee, home fries etc. This is a breakfast that will stick to your ribs.*

*After breakfast stick around and mingle with other club members. If you are new to the club or perhaps have not been down for some time this is a great opportunity to make that New Years Resolution (Take more part in LMYC activities). John is planning to show boating videos and sailing seminars in the future.*

*Make LMYC Sunday mornings a place to be.*

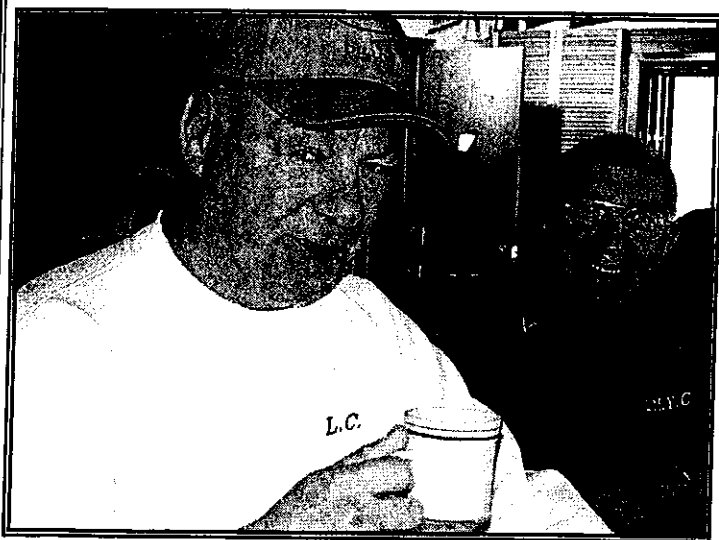




**Doug Warford and Bob Reaume**



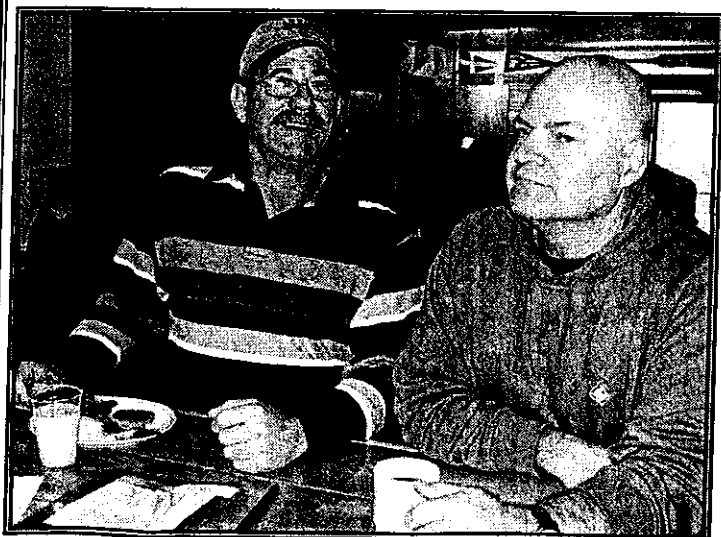
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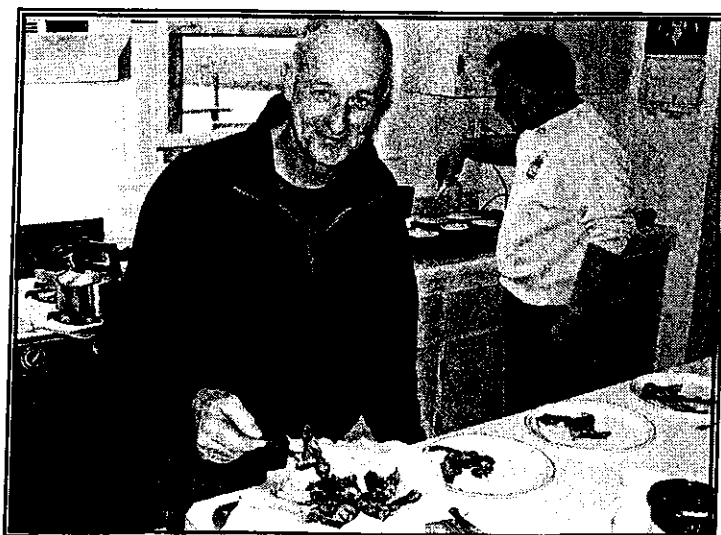
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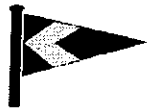
**Sue Ouellette and Ted Popel**



**Steve Kepran and Ralf Fiedler**



**Alan Prettyman and John Murphy**



# *The Great Loop*



## *Harborside Marina*

**W**ell, I survived my first day in the river system. It is so different motoring with the mast down. I am actually surprised that *Indigo Lady* handles so well with the mast across her deck. After going through the usual morning chores of checking the oil, checking for water in the bilge, checking the charts, etc. I called ahead to the next lock which was only two miles away. The lockmaster said if we could leave in the next 10 minutes he would let us go through before the tow that was northbound. I started my engine and went to let the others know it was time to go, if they wanted to make this lock time. I took in the power cord and jumped back aboard.

I have somewhat of a ritual before I leave in the mornings. Besides checking the oil and those chores I make sure everything is set up in the cockpit, as well as in the cabin. It would not be dissimilar to what any one of you would do...I am sure. I make sure everything in the cabin is secure, put away anything that could fly, put my charts in the cockpit, as well as the handheld VHF, the GPS, a pencil, my dividers and my plotter. I hook up Norman...my trusty autohelm (the second one already...thanks Bob). I also never leave without having my PFD on. Sooo... with all in order I left the dock and headed for Brandon Road Lock and Dam, the third of seven locks on the Illinois River.

After calling the lockmaster on channel 14 and finding out the preferred tie up, I set up my fenders on the appropriate side and waited for the green light. You cannot enter a lock until you get a green light and you

don't exit a lock until you are given the whistle to do so. When we were all in the lock the doors closed for the 34 ft drop. It wasn't long after we left the lock that Another Compromise and Dream Catcher were out of site and I was once again on my own.

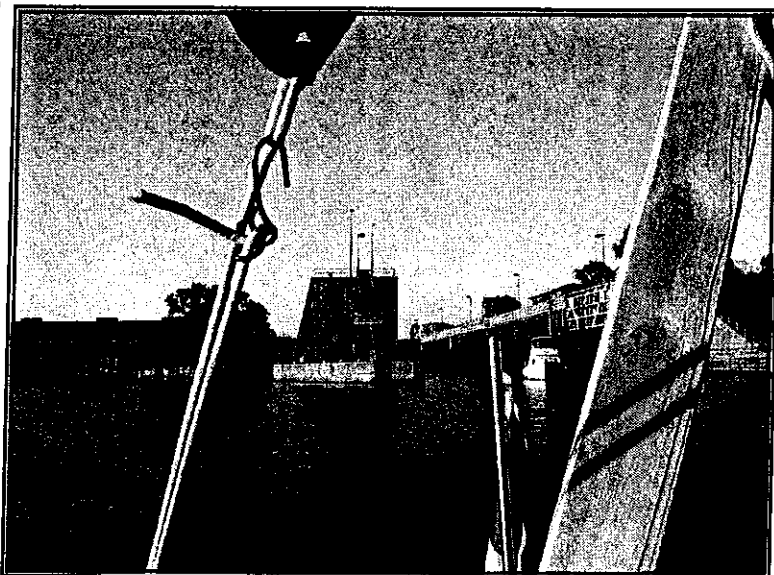
Yesterday I was a 'bull in a china shop'. Today I am a clutz and a scatter brain. Or at least that is how I felt at the end of the day. I am chuckling here, because you really had to be there to get the full effect of the situations. I was motoring along, enjoying the scenery and feeling good about getting through 3 locks without too much trouble... following the channel markers and being totally distracted with the start of the changing colours of the trees,

when all of a sudden I wasn't moving any more, grrr. I had left the channel and gotten too close to a day mark. "Well now", I thought. "This is a fine predicament to be in, your second day in the river". I hadn't gone hard aground and the bottom was mud so it didn't take too much to get off and get moving again. Thank goodness! With this little bit of excitement I had forgotten to look at the mile marker and less than a mile down I came to a 'fork in the road'. Now...I had broken my first rule. "Know where you are at all times". Needless to say... I didn't know exactly where I was. I had to stop and sit there while I looked hard at the chart to figure out where I was. Feeling comfortable that I knew where to go I went to starboard. I was right. I took a deep breath and realized that they were gentle reminders that I AM alone and vulnerable. These were lessons not to be forgotten.



**Harborside Marina**

I was now on my way to the next lock about 8 miles away. When I got there I called the lockmaster on the VHF to let him know I was standing by and waiting for instructions. He told me that there would be a 3 to 4 hour wait for the lock. With this news I decided to call the marina I had just passed, to see if I could spend the night there. By the time I waited the 3 to 4 hours to go through the lock it would be about 1700 and I would still have to go another couple of hours before I found a suitable anchorage. I let the lockmaster know that I would be heading to the marina, instead and would pass through the lock in the morning. Sooo, I turned around and headed back the two miles to the Harborside Marina. It was a very nice marina/Yacht Brokerage. Was very clean and I found the owners to be quite hospitable. There was free WiFi, but for some reason I couldn't get mine to work. I had a nice rest that afternoon, taking time to regroup after my two blunders. I looked over my charts and planned my next day. I even took the time to play a little on my mandolin. Was a really nice day after all.



**Going Through The Canals**