



Aerial photo – a view of LMYC – courtesy of the Essex Regional Conservation Authority



## The Currents

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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### January 2013 Issue

#### Commodore's Report

The General Membership Budget meeting held on Sunday was well attended and a number of issues besides the Budget were covered. For those who were unable to come due to illness or personal obligations I will cover a few of the highlights. The minutes will be distributed in a few days and will provide more detail.

The 2013 Budget was approved by the members present. There were a few items that required clarification and minor adjustments but on the whole it went pretty well.

Dredging; an item that peaks everyone's interest as to how far along we got; when will we finish and most importantly how much will it cost. Hottie was able to complete the North harbor clearing the entrance, scooping out the Launch and Gin pole wells and along the Emperor's dock. He also was able to just about complete the South harbor entrance with just a little more material to remove. Unfortunately he ran out of time due to weather conditions and places to put the dredged material. He will however return in the spring to complete the job which entails the Guest dock, the area down around the Pump out and a little in the Turning basin. Our agreement with Hottie is that he finishes the job complete at which time we will pay for his services. The total cost will run to the figure that I gave you in my report before this work began. As it looks at this time this may have been one of the most important decisions the Board could have made on behalf of the membership this season. Water levels are low and the winter up to this time is showing no sign of producing the necessary events that would make a positive impact on lake levels.

With low water levels, another issue will be weed growth. With sun light able to penetrate to the bottom easier than ever before we may be in for quite a battle. Traditionally we have Hottie come in a drag a heavy bar along the bottom ripping the weeds out as he pulls through to the channel.

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Commodore – David Nantais  
Secretary – Barb Albrecht  
House Director – Mike Tyler  
Race Director – Andy Kosieradski  
Harbour Master – Jom Amyot Jr.  
Regalia – John Treacy  
Web-Master – Tim McWilliams

Vice Commodore – Tony Berends  
Treasurer – Tom Smith  
Social Director – Barb Pare  
Cruising Director – John Murphy  
Road and Grounds – Rob Ferguson  
Newsletter Editor – Roger Renaud  
Small Equipment – Lothar Bauer



### Commodore's Report con't...

This is only at best a short term solution and leaves us still with weed growth directly behind our boats and in our wells. This season we hope to try another method that has been used the past 4 years in Holiday Harbor with great success. A chemical that is **Approved** by Environment Canada that kills the weeds in the entire harbor (without harming marine life) for a longer duration. At this time we are investigating this idea and will provide more information as it is available. There is also a gentleman in the area that is working on some type of cutter that would be easy to maneuver around the docks, as well the channel. Personally I'm a little skeptical but when it is ready he is willing to give a demonstration. For free I hope.

Every Board strives during the development of the Budget to decide on a project or two that continues to move LMYC forward. Either by suggestions from the LRPC or looking back at the past season for opportunities or a topic from the Table of Knowledge. The Board came up with 3 projects with that in mind. But one project would meet a crucial issue that if not dealt with quickly and decisively could alter what defines LMYC. Last season our Race director struggled to have a race committee available at almost every event. We had volunteers but it was difficult for several reasons. Using your own boat, the mess of anchoring, no protection from the elements and no conveniences. We had not realized how accustomed we had become to having a power boat that offered all that and more to those that were willing to assist our race program.

The long and the short of it is after a presentation of a potential purchase and a lively discussion, the membership agreed to purchase our own Harbor boat. Now call Discovery it is a steel hull tug of 25ft. with a Volvo diesel engine, fully enclosed wheel house, V berth and private head with holding tank. The engine will be serviced with all new filters, belts and fuel tank. Navigation light and systems will be operational. Electronics include Radar, GPS, Depth, Fish Finder, Compass, Marine radio, Trim tabs and Rudder position sensors. It will be delivered to LMYC in the spring and launched using our lift system. There is some work that will be required by LMYC. That includes a good wire brushing/sanding of the bottom and then the application of a primer and some paint. The interior will require the carpeting to be pulled out, a general clean up, maybe paint the interior to freshen up. Has a large open aft. deck about 8'x9' and much more. I have provided some pictures and a write up that is in the club house for your viewing.

The Board and I want to thank everyone for your support. I am confident that we will all come to appreciate the value that this purchase will bring to our club and our members. LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club continues not only to maintain but grow. Where others are struggling and are unsure of their future we take opportunities that will ensure our uninterrupted continuation as having the best that a Sailing Club can offer. - Dave Nantais





## New Year's Eve 2012



We had a small but merry group at the party.

One kind person sent a thank you note from which this quote is lifted: "We may have been a small group celebrating New Years Eve but the evening was very special. We had a great evening full of games, laughter, a great meal, wine ,champagne, great companionship. It by far was a New Years Eve we will never forget.

The Fireworks after Midnight put the icing on the cake... Wonderful things do happen at LaSalle Mainers".

## Take Notice

LMYC welcomes Bob Bingham back to the fold. Bob has served the club in so many ways during his time with us before he left a year ago. He has always been someone you could count on to give a helping hand. I'm sure he will continue to offer his time and talent for the betterment of LMYC. Again, welcome back Bob



## Its been cold...

It's winter in Ontario  
And the gentle breezes blow,  
70 miles per hour at 52 below!  
Oh, how I love Ontario  
When the snow's up to your butt;  
You take a breath of winter air  
And your nose is frozen shut.  
Yes, the weather here is wonderful,  
You may think I'm a fool.  
I could never leave Ontario ,  
Cause I'm frozen to the stool.



## 40 years ago.....

From the General meeting of January 28, 1973:

### Banquet:

Dale Souilliere stated he had made tentative arrangements with the Fogolar Furlan Club for, March 10, 1973. A room to hold 125 people would be rented and a country style dinner would be served at a cost of \$4.50 plus 10% tax. Drinks were to be 50 cents for beer and 70 cents for mixed drinks. Commodore Allen suggested the meal tickets be \$5.00 per person.

### Club dues:

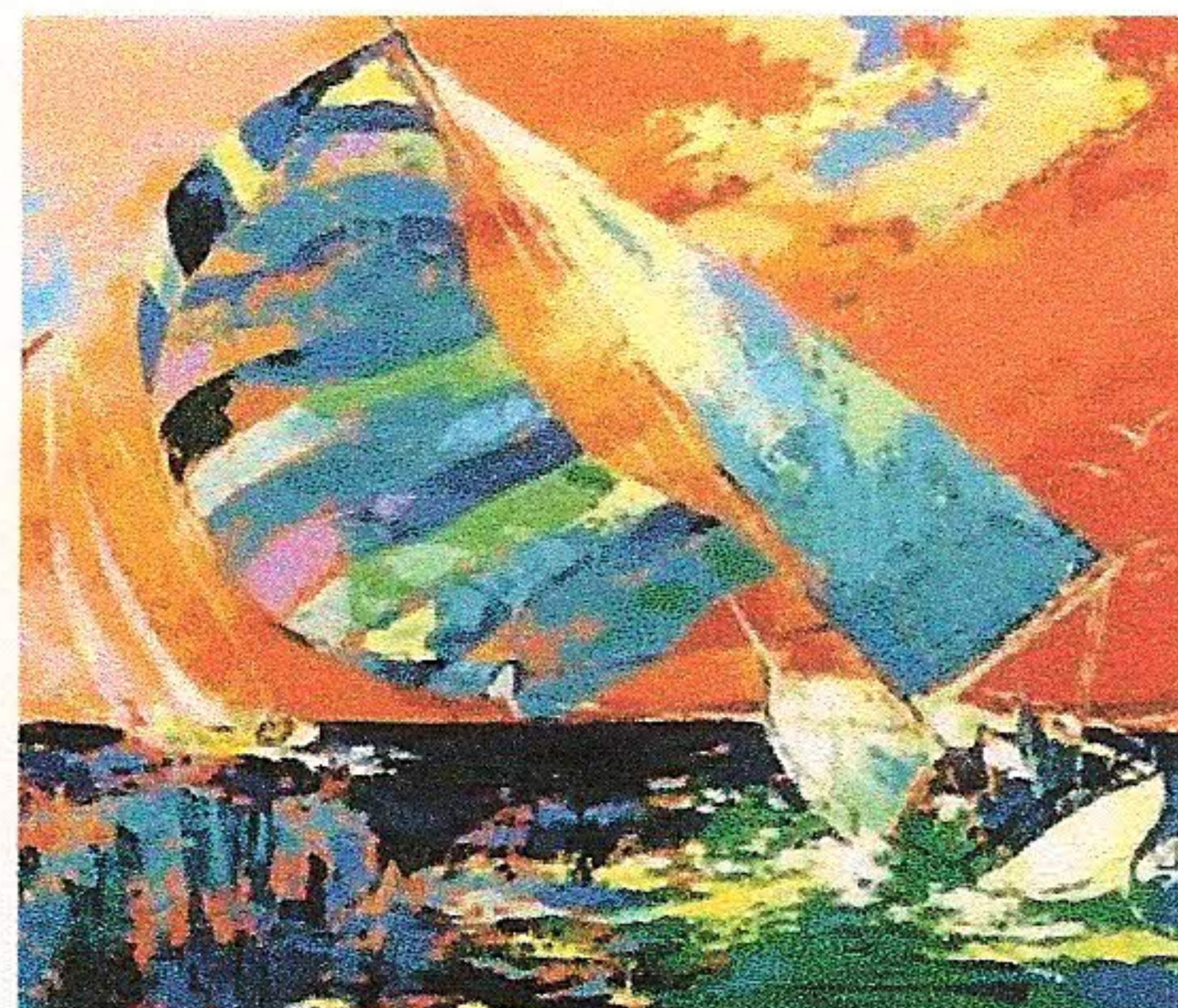
A motion that the club dues be made \$50.00 per year and that R.I.Y.A. dues of \$3.00 per year be handled by each member if he so desires to belong to R.I.Y.A. was made by Carl Durham, seconded by Ralph Allen. Carried

### New Members:

A motion amending the previous bylaw that the initiation fee of a new member of \$25.00 plus annual dues be changed to \$400.00 plus annual dues was made by Richard Renwick, seconded by Tom Dennison. Carried.



Don't  
forget  
to feed  
the Duck



## Harbour Master Report:

A couple new boats are coming into LMYC this spring, so please get your well request form completed soon. These forms can either be dropped off at LMYC or sent to John Amyot Jr at [jamyot@ltdparts.com](mailto:jamyot@ltdparts.com). Forms are available in the LMYC clubhouse.

There are still masts sitting at the gin-pole. Please remove and stow away your masts in the mast racks.

Our 2013 Lift/Trailer Planning and Safety meeting is being held at LMYC **Feb 17th at noon**. All lift operators need to attend. For those out of town, we will hold a second safety/review meeting.

The club is looking at alternative methods to help control the weeds in the harbour. We are currently studying the use of government/environment approved chemicals. We will keep you posted. - John Amyot Jr

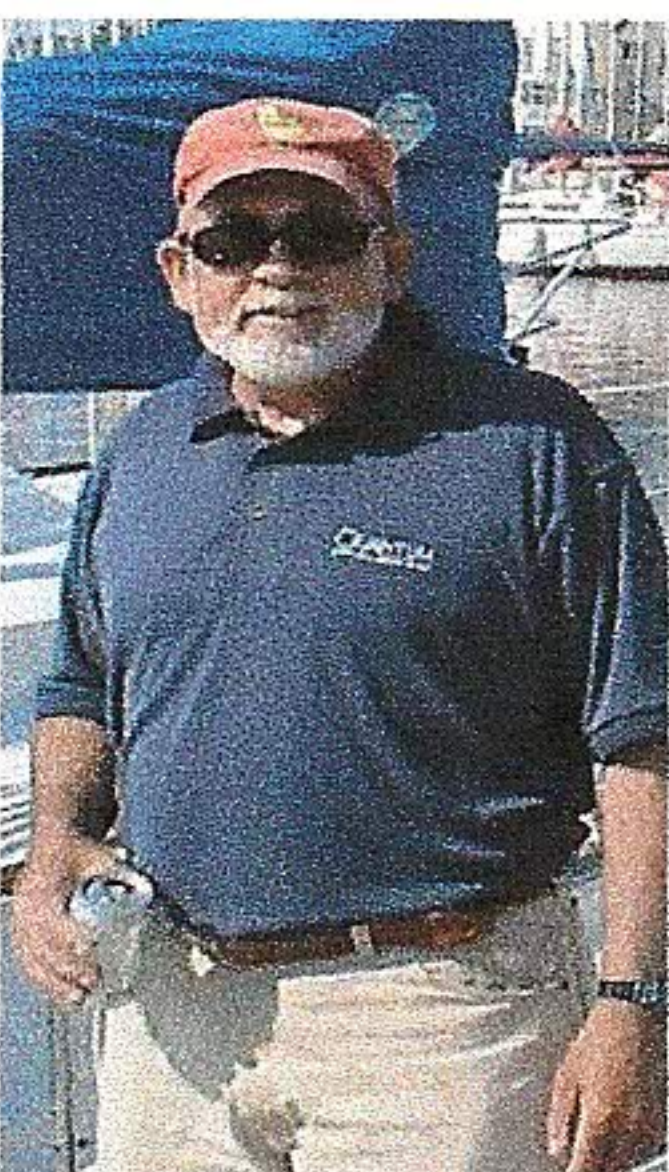
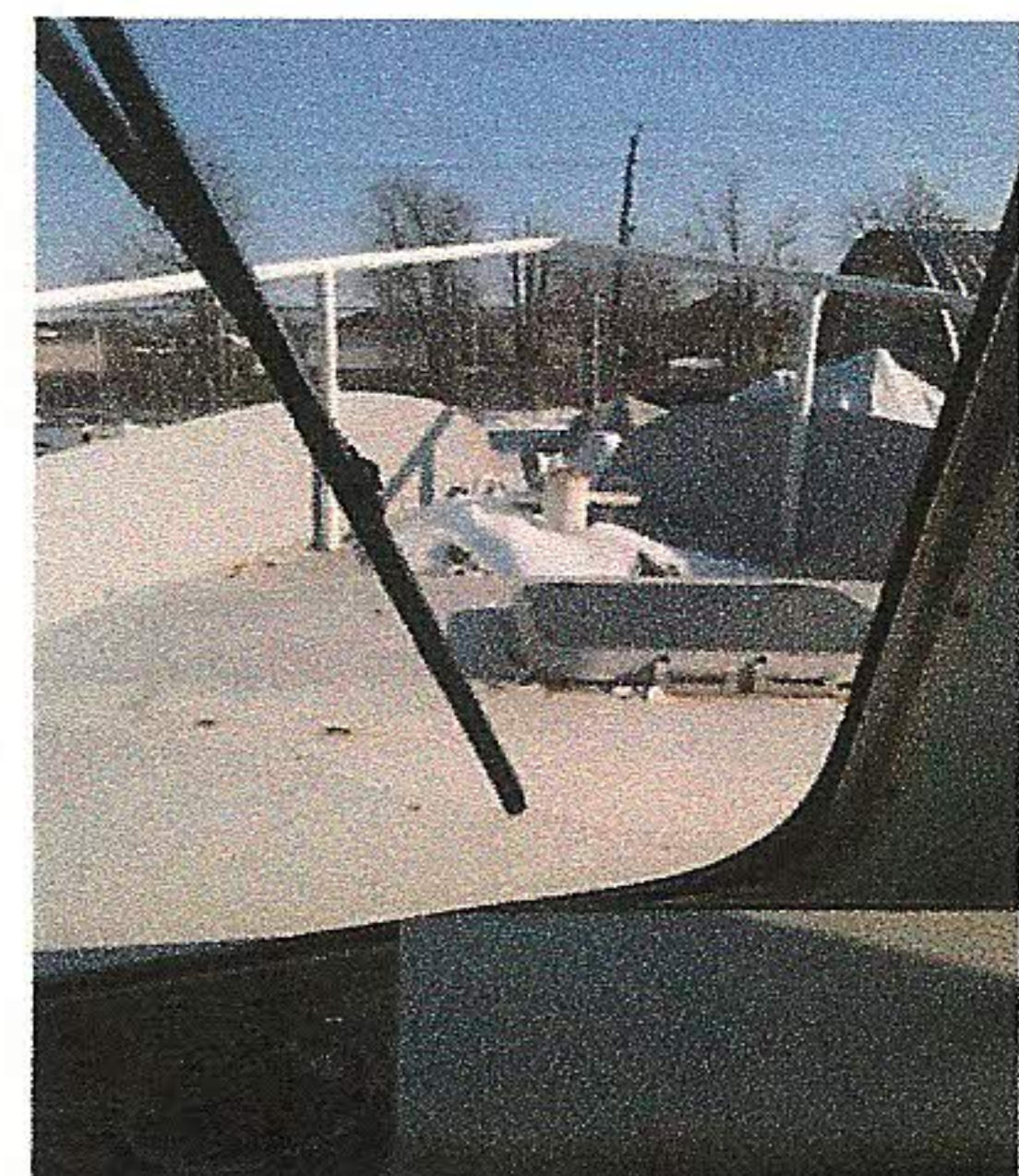




Photo by astronaut Chris Hadfield in space taken January 10, 2013. On Twitter, he says "Southeastern Ontario in the sunglint, from Huron to Erie, from Sarnia to Windsor."

Sunglint is defined as - A phenomenon that occurs when the Sun reflects off the surface of the ocean at the same angle that a satellite sensor is viewing the surface. In the sunglint area of a satellite image, smooth ocean water becomes a silvery mirror, while rougher surface waters appear dark.

More "tug" pictures



## Sailing with a spinnaker

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVkjjkxJqVk>

**An Instructional video – you may recognize the driver!**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzKeugdbtac>

