

LASALLE CURRENTS



A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

January 13th, 1981

Ahoy Mariners -

Here is wishing you all a Happy New Year, and may the winds of 1981 always be gentle and fair and the golden rays of the sun colour your skin bronze! Meanwhile, it is c c c cold!! How cold is it? Well, where yours truly happily sailed on a balmy Dec. 20th a year ago, he walked on ice one foot thick on the same day this year! Some of the members are showing us their prowess on the ice, skating and ice fishing. And since it is boat-show time, the days are getting longer and we know that spring is closer!

It's time to introduce our new members: Bob and Cheryl Burke, who may also keep their Abbott 33 "Black Knight" moored here, Kingsley Wooton, who with Mate Janice sailed his C & C 30 "Great Expectations" on Lake Ontario last season, Bill and Leona Martin who have not chosen a boat yet, John and Evelyn Durrant, whose Matilda "Miss Piggy" will undoubtedly be attracted by our "Kermits", and Bill and Marjorie Pitt who were seen sailing their "Obsession" a Tanzer 26, late in the season. WELCOME ABOARD!

While we are introducing.... Here are those members who are responsible for the various functions of our club. Again, if you have suggestions or even complaints, you should address the person looking after the respective position.

E. Gresik, Director - Clubhouse - D. Kirkaldi

D. Souilliere, Director - Social - J. McIntosh-D. Evans

J. Beaudoin, Director - Racing

R. Fiedler, Vice Comm. - House and Grounds

I. Henderson - Grounds

T. Parent - Harbour

D. Bardsley - Mech. Maintenance

From the Loudhailer -

You are well advised to attend Jim's (Beaudoin) meeting for those that will race the Club Race series in 1981. On the agenda will be the seasons schedule, race committee duties and your vote on all these things is needed.

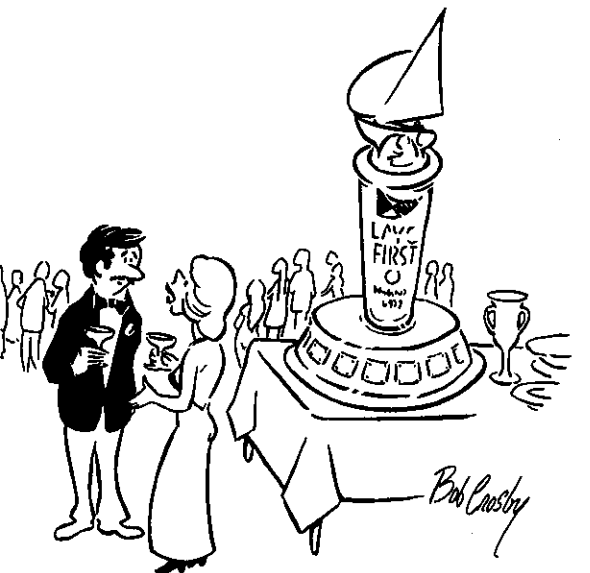
Explanation of scoring and rating systems are another topic. The date is: Feb. 15th, at 11:00 a.m. clubhouse. Jim is also planning to have "know your rules" sessions to start on Feb. 15th at 1:00 p.m. Ralf (Fiedler) and J. Hendel will be heading these and expect to have two or three of these "classes, each lasting about two hours plus.



These classes should be of particular interest to new members, and members who will be racing in our new J.O.G. class. There will be no charge, but you are advised to bring note paper, pencil, rule book and folding chair (not a lounge). Because of the space available and the type of programme it is important to know how many wish to attend. Please, contact either Ralf or me well in advance. We will deal with the basic rules most often encountered, race course behavior with special consideration given to situations typical for our club race courses. Any sailing race continually throws up challenges that everyone who best solves these problems, particularly when sailing on small or confined courses, and "knowing your rules" is imperative in picking up places on the race course.

Because of complexities involved in the Cox-Sprague scoring system for a race series to establish an equitable average score for boats doing race committee duty, I would like to have a permanent race committee to start and finish our club races. This race committee will not have the responsibility of scoring, handicaps or protests. Any member wishing to volunteer his boat or services for this committee please see me after our general meeting.

Jim Beaudoin



Now the rules are complicated, dear, but explain to me how you got that for finishing 14th!''

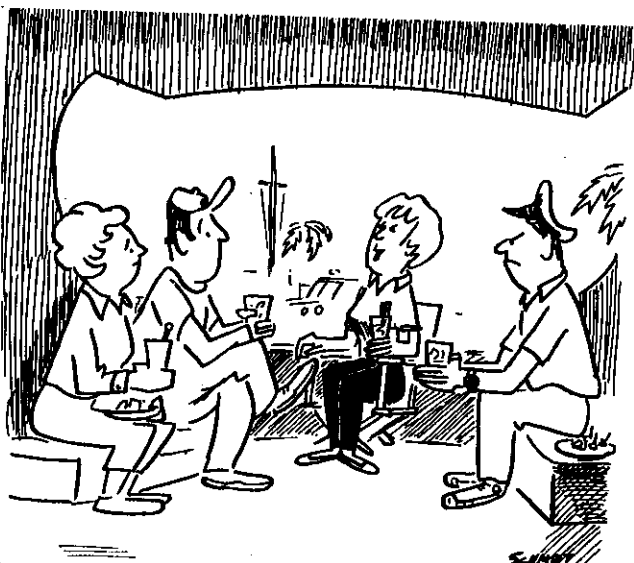
Did you know that.... Dave (Evans), by buying one new Mylar Genoa acquired the title "Mylar Man" that...Dave(Brigham) now owns one of those super 23 ft. Sprinta sports, also rumored to have Mylar in its wardrobe. that...Ralf and Margie have a new member in the family, "Brigadier". A beautiful bulldog baby. that... in 1980 nobody challenged the record time established by Dennis (Hendel) for the "Speed King" trophy. that... in fourteen different situations the port tack boat will have right of way over the starboard tack boat. that...the average wind velocity is highest in January at 11.8 miles per hour and the lowest in August at 8.1 mile per hour in Windsor. that...the percentage of sunshine is 32 in January and 70 in July. that... the daily mean temperature is 25.5' in January and 73.3' in July. that... the nice clubjacket raffled off and won on ticket #136033 has not yet been claimed. Is that what's troubling you, bunky?

LATE BREAKING SIDELINES (for snowbound sailors)
 The Great Lakes Historical Society has two upcoming meetings that may be of interest to some of you.
 - Dossin Museum - Friday Jan. 31/81 - 8:00p.m. - SLIDE SHOW, "THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE GREAT LAKES"
 - Windsor Public Library - Sat. Jan. 24/81 - 2:00p.m. - SLIDE SHOW of boats on Detroit River & those taken on a trip aboard the steamer Middletown.
 Bob M.

Our sustained deep freeze has put an abrupt end to the shipping seas on with uncommonly heavy ice buildups in the rivers and the lakes and has all four Coast Guard ice breakers working overtime. One is the visiting and also the largest "Mackinac". Another, the "Bristol Bay" has her berth at the foot of Mt. Elliott, just downstream of the Belle Isle bridge and she is very impressive in her task of keeping the river clear for the car ferries. "Bristol Bay" is the first Coast Guard cutter ever to be commissioned in Detroit, in June 1979. Her primary operating area is Western Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River and Southern Lake Huron. "Bristol Bay's" primary responsibility is the opening and maintaining of ice bound shipping lanes on the great lakes. To help her achieve this goal, she has been equipped with a unique bubbler system, which lubricates her hull during ice breaking operations. The system is designed to help the ship to break through 20 inches of ice continuously, a 50% increase over the older ships. Actual tests have shown that she can easily exceed that amount. The new 140 ft. ice breaking tug is part of a new class of ships designed to replace the Coast Guard's fleet of 35 year old 110 ft. tugs. She is bigger, faster and more powerful than her 110 ft. predecessors. Although she has more than double the horsepower (2500 vs 1000) and double the cruising range (4000 mi. vs 2000 mi.) a greater degree of automation allows the "Bristol Bay" to operate with a crew of 17, three less than the older ships.

You may want to add these to your membership list:

Durrant, John (Evelyn)	2170 Lincoln Rd. Windsor N8W 2R1	252-0357
Burke, Robert (Cheryl)	183 Cedar Beach, Kingsville	733-2034
Martin, Bill (Leona)	285 Reaume Rd. LaSalle, N9J 1B2	734-1623
Pitt, William (Marjorie)	774 Felix, Windsor N9C 3K8	253-3287
Wooton, Kingsley, (Janice)	Kingsville	733-4926



"Now listen carefully . . . Charles only tells the same story thirty five times"

NOTICE
 GENERAL MEETING
 JAN. 25TH.
 DON'T MISS IT
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