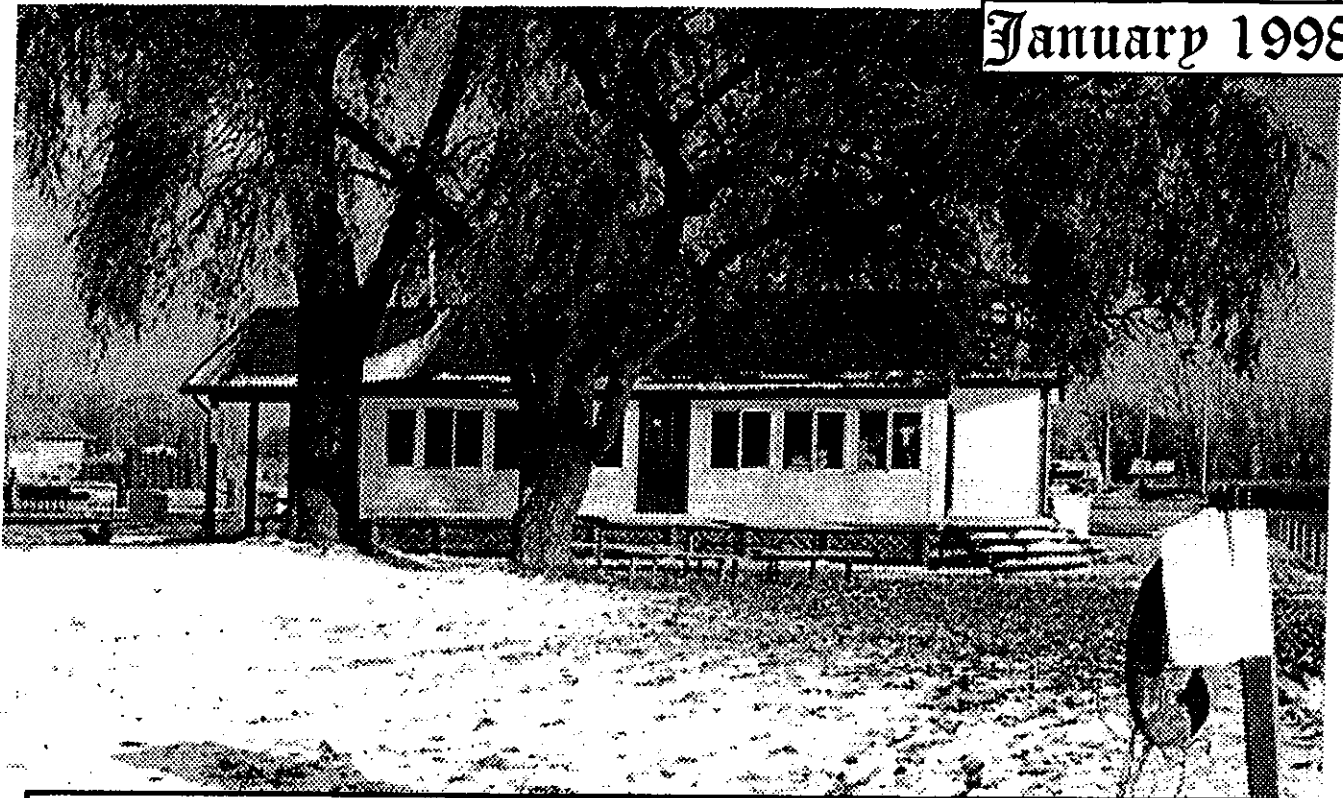


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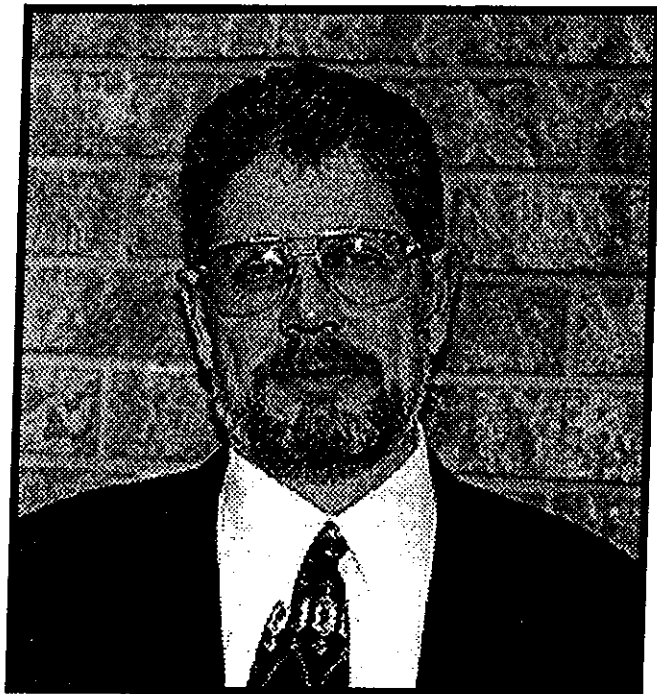
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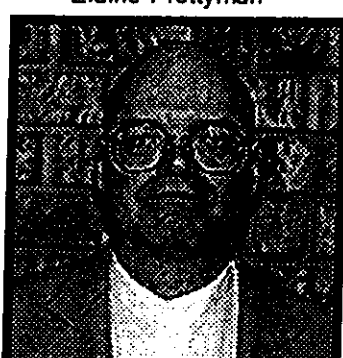
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News And Views From Our New Executives

Commodore: Bob Bingham

I am hoping when this is being read that all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you did as I did, most of us will be used as rail meat in the next season.

Over the last month, I have talked to members about their concerns with our club. Hopefully this year we will be able to deal with some, but I'm sorry to say not all.

Personally I would like to see an upgrading of the property with repairs to the north and south walkways in front of the docks. Walking on the road in damp weather is a hazard to both footwear and clothes. Continued repairs to the Widow's Walk with some landscaping done around both this structure and the flag pole is needed.

I know many members have their own ideas and I hope these will be presented at the upcoming meetings. Hoping to see all members at the next meeting as your participation is what we need.

Vice-Commodore: John Amoyt Senior

With all best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. One of my goals for the 1998 sailing season is to reinstitute work parties on Tuesday Nights to get those big jobs done. I plan to meet with the Planning Committee and see what projects are in the wind, and what projects can be accomplished successfully during the 1998 sailing season.

Treasurer: Yvonne McRobbie

An unfortunate part of enjoying our wonderful sport is that there are certain costs incurred, both for improvement and maintenance of our great facility. My job this year is collect the funds and write the cheques. My job is not to chase you around trying to get payment for money you owe the club, i.e. yourself.

If you are experiencing financial restraints, please contact either Commodore Bob or myself. If you would prefer to pay monthly rather than several large cheques that can be accommodated. We are here to help you enjoy our sport. Best wishes, good health and fair winds in 1998.

Secretary: Elaine Prettyman

'Tis the season to be jolly, and to remember when the weather was warm and the winds were filling our sails with life's most pleasurable moments. This is when events from the past twelve months come to mind; weddings, special occasions, friendships rekindled, and happy memories of loved ones that we miss. LMYC is a family. Each member contributes to our home in his/her special way. We can be thankful for seeing our children running on the grass and appreciating the outdoors, for the camaraderie that sailing brings to our lives, and for our ability to keep LMYC a second home for all of its members.

The New Year brings a bustle of activity that inevitably brings changes - so if you have just won the lottery and have moved to a waterfront property, please remember to give me your change of address!

Reciprocal agreement cards with other clubs will be sent out in the first part of the year. Please let me know if there are any clubs you know of, that our members may like to visit and should be included in our list.

The new membership list will be available in February.



Race Director: Bob Reaume

Christmas is more than a day in December... It's all of those things that we love to remember. I remember the Couple's Race as being an integral part of our sailing season. I, as Race Director would like to reintroduce the Couples Race as a couple race. Husband/Wife, Boyfriend/Girlfriend, or just a twosome. Something to look forward in the future will be the **Racer's Breakfast** which will be held March 15, 1997. Racing season will be upon us before we know it. Volunteers are necessary to work the committee boat for the Monday and Wednesday Night Racing.

House Director: John Murphy

This years activities are to get rid of mice and maintain their absence. My goal is to clean and paint the interior of the clubhouse, maintain supplies, deal with suggestions for house supplies and house improvements. There will be sign up sheets posted in club. During the year I would like LMYC members to please write their concerns on issues on posted notices. Larger initiatives will require work parties. Interested members please contact John Murphy.

Special thanks to Yvonne McRobbie, Ralph Kepran and Adam Prettyman for their efforts in cleaning out the back room.

Special thanks to Juergen and Andy Kozieradzki for redoing the wood finish on the bar.

Social Director: Perry Basden

I wish to thank the membership for their support of the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. I think that La Salle Mariners Yacht Club has chosen a good, diverse group of people and it should be a good year for the club. I personally have only one goal for the coming year... "Let's Have Fun!". There are plenty of activities scheduled for the year, but we always have room for a few more. If you have any ideas or there is something in particular that you would like the club to do, please call me and let's get together and discuss the possibilities. It's going to be a very good year.

Harbour Master: Ralf Fiedler

During the 1998 season I would like to reinstate Weekly Work Parties and work on improving LMYC docks. Our club needs to install, repair, or in some cases reinstall bumper boards. All paraphernalia such as fenders, lines, etc. should be removed to help facilitate this exercise. This is a good opportunity for someone who is in need of early work hours. A good time for this operation is when the canal is frozen. During the winter months our club is not as frequented as during the summer months. This leaves our club and our boats susceptible to break ins or damage. To help prevent this, please secure all ladders, and remove all valuables from your boat. Our club is our home. Please make sure your equipment is put away for the winter months. (example: masts)

Road and Grounds: Lothar Bauer

There is peace in the meadow, but not for long. Geese will be born to spread their dung out with the lawn mowers, slip sliding about. Once should instead take the sailboat out. Many thanks to the volunteers who shape the grounds for our members.

Refreshment: Jim Blackton

With warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas and the happiest of new years. Please keep working to keep up the C.P.P. premiums payments coming.



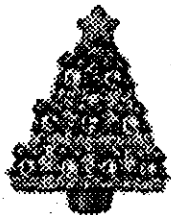
General Meeting

towards the end of the month

**Please Try
To Attend**



Christmas At LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club



The Christmas Tree Trimming

Party was held on December 13, 1997 and was very well attended. There was plenty of food and drink, as usual, with everyone bringing samples of their favorite treats to share. There certainly was

a large variety to choose from and something to please every palate. There was also 37 high quality toys donated to Frank Chauvin's charity (Holy Name of Mary Food Fund). The club members can be proud of their generosity, as demonstrated year after year, for this cause and others throughout the year. The toys donated will be put to good use. It was a fun filled evening for the approximately 25 guests that attended.

The Children's Christmas Party was held Sunday December 14, 1997. It was one of the best attended Children's Christmas

Parties held in the last several years. When trying to organize this event, some suggested that we drop it because of a lack of participation in previous years. I'm glad Gloria and I decided to give it one last try. There were about 18 or so children, grandchildren as well as guests that



showed up. Stacey Manzerolle organized activities and crafts for the children. They had a great time making Christmas Tree decorations. There was chocolate milk, cookies, candy canes, popcorn and other goodies for the kids to eat; and, of course, a visit from St. Nick. It was a great success and thanks goes out to all for their efforts that made it a success.

Perry Basden (Social Director)





HAVE Your SAY...

Dear Club Members,

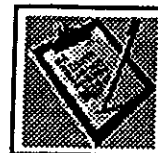
Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "Have Your Say...".

Letters to the *LaSalle Currents* must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

Letters should be concise and to the point and fewer than 200 words. These letters are subject to editing for readability and clarity and may be condensed to save space.

From the Editor

Putting together this newsletter takes time, work, and encouragement. Many people have helped me with their input, efforts and support. Special thanks to **Ralph Kepran** who spent many hours running off this newsletter. Again THANK YOU.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Elaine Prettyman

We are constantly updating our club roster. A copy of the current roster is located by the club telephone. If there are errors or omissions, please make the necessary corrections if applicable. Note: If you have an EMail address or fax number, please make it available to Elaine at your earliest convenience.



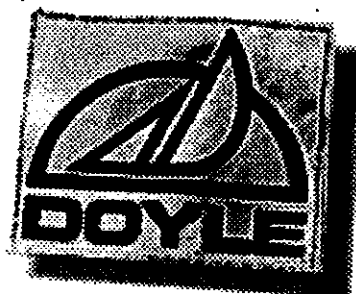
SAIL CLINIC 97-



Saturday December 13th turned into a fine day for travelling, which a band of mostly L.M.Y.C. sailors used to visit the Sail-Loft of

Doyle-Boston, a sailmaker in Pt. Edward/Sarnia for their free "Sail Clinic 97". On somewhat short notice the clinic saw a manageable but attentive group. Most of the sailors had a sail or two analyzed, listened to good news, bad news and were given tips about these sails which were hoisted on a horizontal wire.

Spike Boston, "Sail Clinic 97" host, who grew up in his father's sailmaking business is really good at this sort of thing, expounding with wit and candor. Andy Bellehumeur was pronounced vintage winner of traceable old sails. His 1975 Mirage 24 mainsail, a Boston product still looking pretty good. COME ON ANDY! Let's see it up on your mast and flying.!



Most of these sailors were not used to the multitude of today's hi-tech fabrics used in this industry of sailmaking, of gluing instead of sewing, computer plotting and panel layouts. All of this information seemed interesting enough to those that attended to plan a repeat for early 1998, and this time with more advance notice. REMEMBER, Don't scrunch your spinnaker into it's turtle over the winter. Fold it! *What.....! You don't event fold your other sails at haulout.*

Juergen Hendel



L.M.Y.C. Awards Banquet - 1997



Lu McKim as Marilyn



Patricia Henson, Lu McKim, Gloria Basden



Kelly Wigle and John Amyot Junior



John Amyot Senior and Gail White



Renee Laird, Caroline Raby, Ralf Fiedler



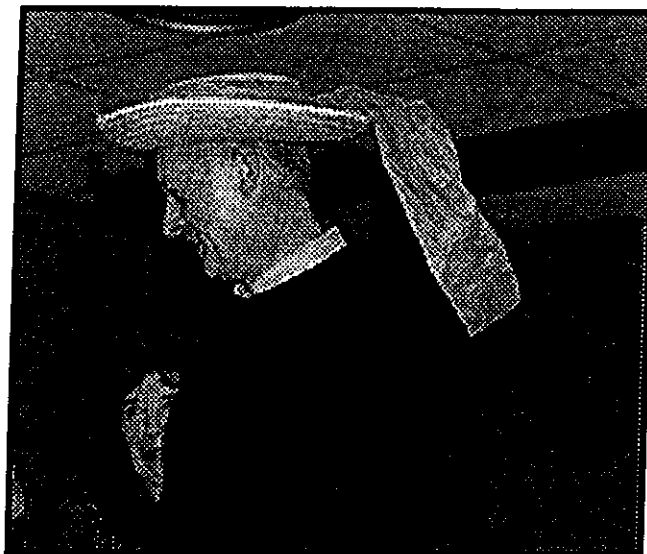
Jessica and Chris Barron



L.M.Y.C. Awards Banquet - 1997



Juergen Hendel, Brian Lawson, Bob Reaume



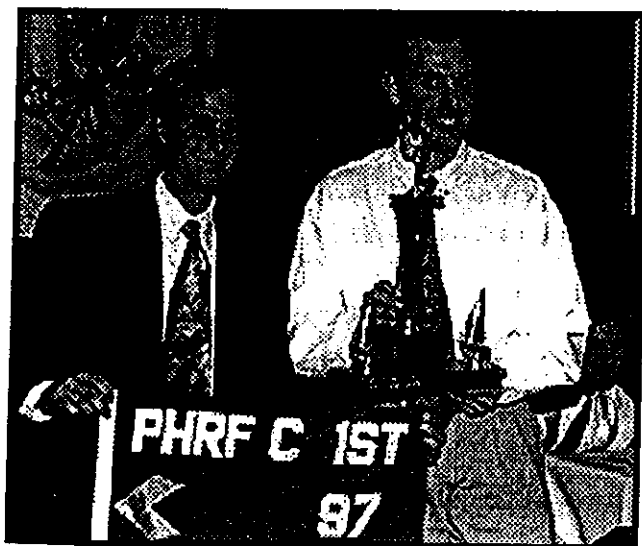
Award Banquet -Allan Prettyman



Howard and Mary Porter



John Geary Junior and Chris Barron



John Trepanier and Chris Barron



Alex & Connie Buliga with Andy Kozieradzki

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club Race Results

1997-Spring Series P.H.R.F. "A"

1	Rakaia	Juergen Hendel
2	Boxer	Ralf Fiedler
3	3 Ring Circus	Bob Bingham

1997-Fall Series P.H.R.F. "A"

1	Roller Coaster	Jim Ouellette
2	Boxer	Ralf Fiedler
3	Alchemy	Y. McRobbie

1997-Overall Results P.H.R.F. "A"

1	Boxer	Ralf Fiedler
2	Alchemy	Y. McRobbie
3	3 Ring Circus	Bob Bingham



Ralf Fiedler and Chris Barron

1997-Spring Series P.H.R.F. "B"

1	Altered State	J. Geary Jr.
2	Morpheus	John Amyot
3	Bottoms Up	J. Vandereerden

1997-Fall Series P.H.R.F. "B"

1	Altered State	J. Geary Jr.
2	Bottoms Up	J. Vandereerden
3	Bad Manners	Brad Blackton

1997-Overall Results P.H.R.F. "B"

1	Altered State	J. Geary Jr.
2	Bottoms Up	J. Vandereerden
3	Morpheus	John Amyot



John Trepanier and Brian Lawson

1997-Spring Series P.H.R.F. "C"

1	Sunkist	Chris Barron
2	Elsewhere	Bob McKenzie
3	High Anxiety	Bernie Wolter

1997-Fall Series P.H.R.F. "C"

1	Sunkist	Chris Barron
2	Sisu	T. Lintunen
3	Sea Legs	Larry Laing

1997-Overall Results P.H.R.F. "C"

1	Sunkist	Chris Barron
2	Sisu	T. Lintunen
3	Elsewhere	Bob McKenzie



1997-Spring Series J.O.G. "A"

1	3 Ring Circus	Bob Bingham
2	Rezoom	Ian Henderson
3	Mad Max	Al Buliga

1997-Fall Series J.O.G. "A"

1	Mad Max	Al Buliga
2	Flirt	A. Kozieradski
3	Rezoom	Ian Henderson

1997-Overall Results J.O.G. "A"

1	Mad Max	Al Buliga
2	3 Ring Circus	Bob Bingham
3	Flirt	A. Kozieradski

1997-Spring Series J.O.G. "B"

1	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
2	Nivek	Kevin Conrad
3	Summer Delight	Steve Bingham

1997-Fall Series J.O.G. "B"

1	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
2	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
3	Elsewhere	Bob McKenzie

1997-Overall Results J.O.G. "B"

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Wanted

The Club is looking for VCR as a compliment to its TV. A VCR donation or a unit at a reasonable price is desired. Please contact Ralf Fiedler as soon as possible.

A Little Word Of Thanks...

For A Whole Lot of Thoughtfulness to the following companies who supported LaSalle Marineer's Yacht Club in their Annual Sailing Awards Banquet. There's no way to repay you for the kindness that you showed. I thank you, and all our members thank you.

**St. Clair Marine
Sea and Ski
Multimatics**

**Van Rob Stamping
Barron Poultry
Dover Elevators**

Toronto Boat Show

This year The Toronto Boat Show has expanded into the new National Trade Centre to celebrate the show's 40th year. The Directors feel that the National Trade Center will be a welcome addition to the existing exhibition space on the Exhibition Place Grounds. They feel that the new facility will allow the Boat Show to grow and expand product lines, introduce innovative special events and attractions and show-off the boats and products in a state of the art, first class facility.



Show Dates & Hours

**Saturday, January
17 through Sunday January 25,
1998**

**Saturdays: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sundays: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Weekdays: 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm**

Annapolis Boat Show

1997

Three of our club members Manfred Albrecht, Dave Evans and Ron Stuebings were at the 25th annual Annapolis Boat Show. The following is just sample of what went on during this year's boat show.

The 25th annual show began on October 9th for VIPs, the news media, trade representatives and those willing to pay double the admission price. The gates opened to the general public at 10 a.m. Friday.

The show was an extravaganza of extravagance, offering the serious and curious an opportunity to thoroughly examine everything from million-dollar yachts to humble dinghies.

All of dockside downtown Annapolis were consumed by the show -- billed as the largest in-the-water display of fiberglass in the nation.

Surrounding the boats were tented vendors offering the latest electronic gadgets, sails, creature comforts and personal gear -- often at reduced prices. If you need something nautical, this is the place to find it. If you are planning an offshore venture, or going down south in your boat and need a specialty item, then this is the place to go.

Sailing schools and charter companies signed up sailors, and experts who were willing to share their knowledge in seminars and also sign up individuals for future charters.

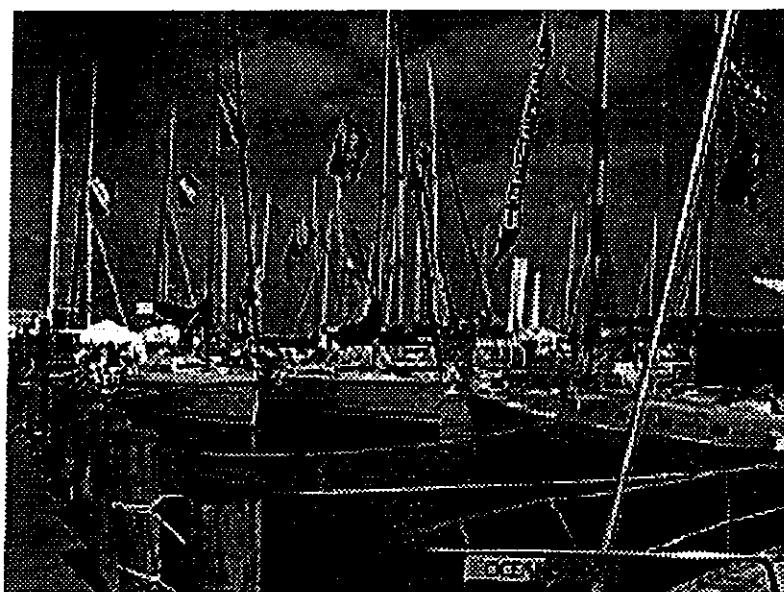
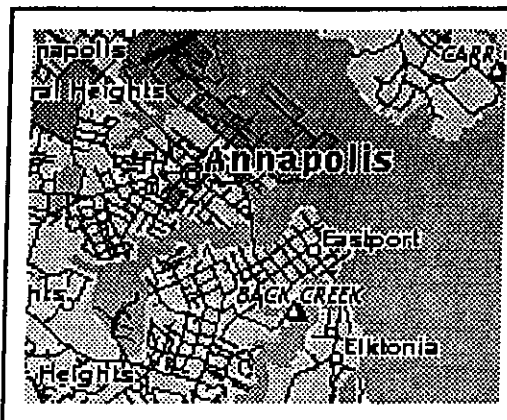
Sailmakers from around the area showed off their ability to build competition sails from chemical fibers by racing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. right off the floating docks.

Ron Stuebings and Manfred Albrecht stated that rooms were scarce and expensive. If you plan to go next year Plan early, and book early.

Gates were opened all four days of the show at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Monday, gates closed at 6 p.m. Tickets were available at the gate for \$11 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. On the Thursday VIP day, a limited number of general public tickets were offered for \$25 per person.

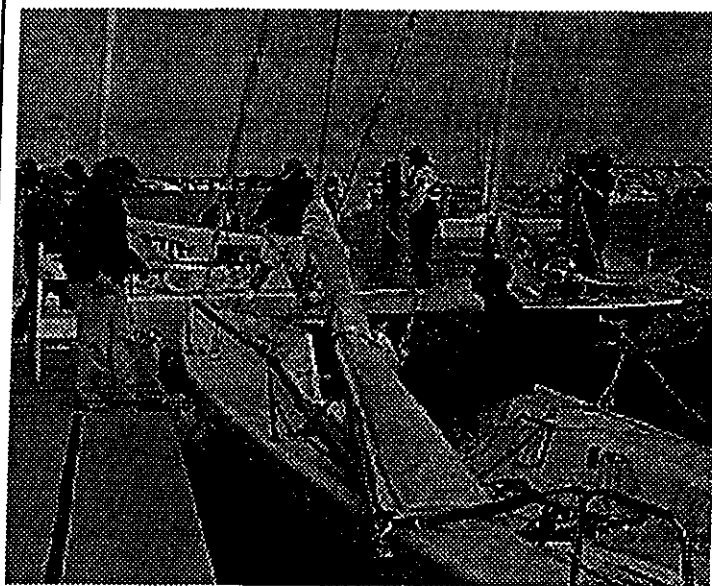
Beware. Many boat dealers required people to leave their shoes on the dock before boarding. An unofficial social event this year and every year is the gathering to watch the breakup of the show immediately after closing on Monday. Crews worked with blazing speed to make openings in the floating docks for the large sailboats to slip out and make way for the U.S. Powerboat Show, which began the following week.

As always, the shows had frequent and free shuttle bus service to the gates from Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on Rowe



Boulevard, where parking was plentiful and ranged from \$4. and up. Shuttles began at 9 a.m. and end one hour after the gates close.

In closing, if you wish to attend this event next year you should be prepared to make reservation early. Ron Stuebings and Manfred Albrecht stated that rooms were scarce and expensive. If you plan to go next year Plan early, and book early. I thank Ron Stuebings and Manfred Albrecht for the above information concerning the Annapolis Boat Show.



"Obsession"

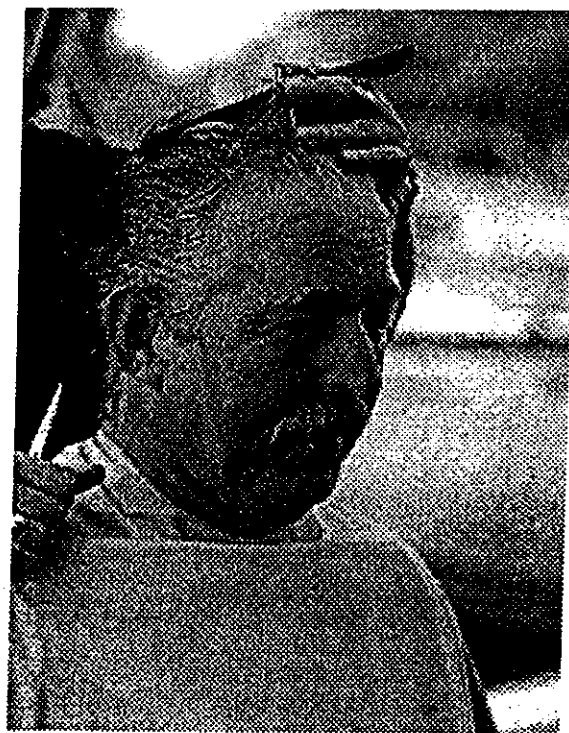
Is 1997's Most Popular Boat Name

June 6 - "Obsession" is the most popular name for a boat, according to the annual survey conducted by BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of The United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

The BOAT/U.S. Boat Graphics Department, which produces boat lettering for the Association's 500,000 members, keeps a record of the most-requested names each year.

The ten most popular boat names for 1997 are:

1. Obsession
2. Osprey
3. Wind Dancer
4. Odyssey
5. Therapy
6. Serenity
7. Fantasea
8. Escape
9. Wet Dream
10. Liquid Asset



Haircut
of the Month
Ralph Kepran

