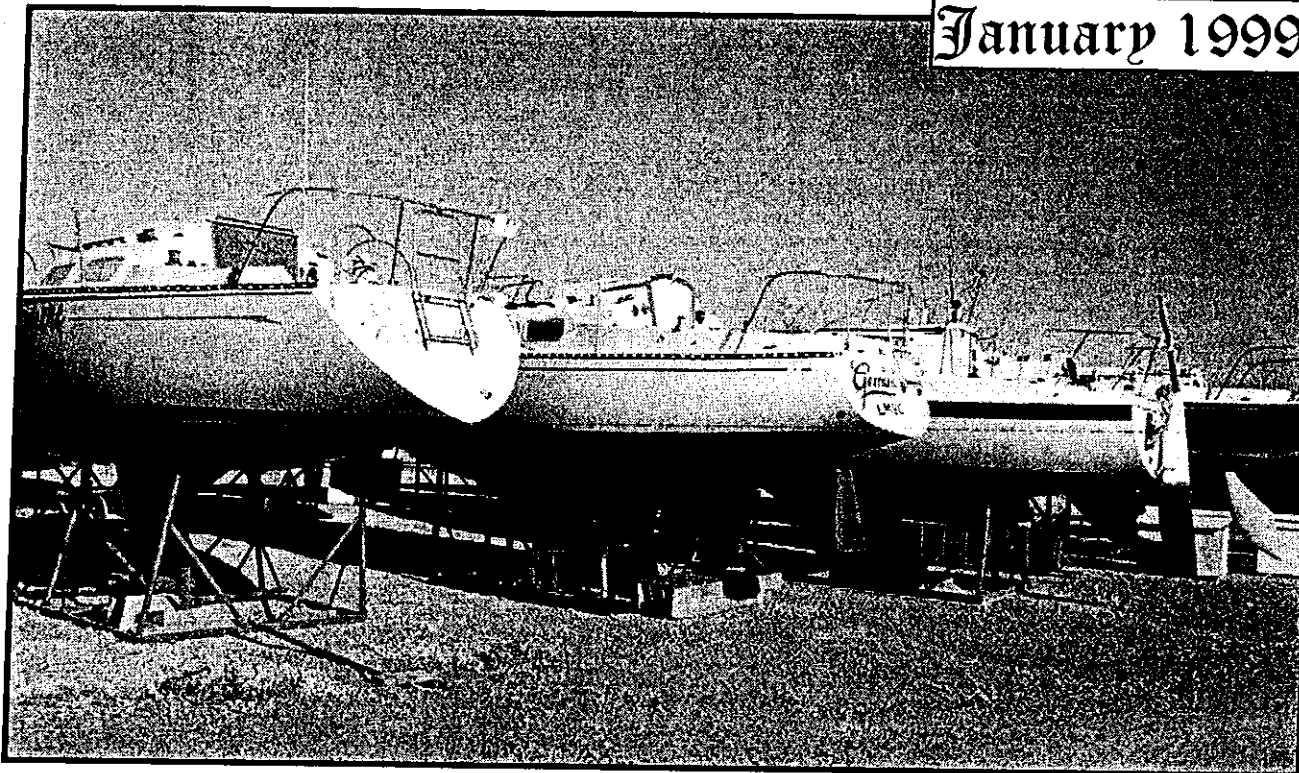


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From the Commodore



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May 1999 bring all of us good tidings, and favourable winds. And let's not worry too much about that "Millennium Bug", better we spend our energies moving our club into the new millennium. Its time to start planning for 2000 and beyond. We need your input. Some questions to start asking ourselves are: do we need/want to expand our clubhouse facilities, should we look at expanding our dockage facilities, are there new programs we should look at that would better meet you and your family's needs etc. etc.

But back to the present. One of your executive's major goals for 1999 will be to resolve the "boat lift" question and build the new shed approved by you last year. (The shed's size will somewhat be determined by the size and type of lift-should the Club decide to move ahead with it). In addition we will be looking at building the wood walk ways for the south harbor, continue the landscaping of the

grounds, and dealing with the weed problem in the south harbor.

As you can see we have some ambitious plans. They can only be accomplished with your help through our work parties. So please be prepared to pitch-in.

On behalf of both the executives and myself, we would like to convey to you our best wishes for a safe and holy Christmas. Be mindful of and say a prayer for those who find Christmas an emotionally trying time. Be thankful for all we have, particularly our sense of community.

Looking forward to a successful 1999. Have a safe and happy new year.

Commodore: John Amyot Senior

From the Vice-Commodore



A little known, perhaps even obscure Advent custom is that of the golden rose. The golden rose symbolizes celebration and particularly appreciation for someone who has been generous with their time and or talent. In this context, it is the wish of both the executives and me to offer a figurative golden rose to all of you. The support and involvement of our LaSalle Mariner's family is a source of inspiration to us all. Your care and concern for our LaSalle Mariner's family is certainly a big part of what makes this club special. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. Thanks to everyone who helped move gravel around the driveway. Please remember to turn off the barbecues (at the barbecue and the main shutoff). Someone recently used the barbeque and the siding on the clubhouse was damaged due to excessive heat from the barbeque. It does not take much imagination to think what would have happened if someone had not noticed that the barbeque was left on

unattended for an undetermined period of time. Thanks to those who did the repair job.

Thanks Ralph Kepran for the new deck at the patio door. If anyone has ideas on minor improvements to the clubhouse etc., please let me know and we'll review them and try to get the job done.

Thanks. **Vice-Commodore: Elaine Prettyman**

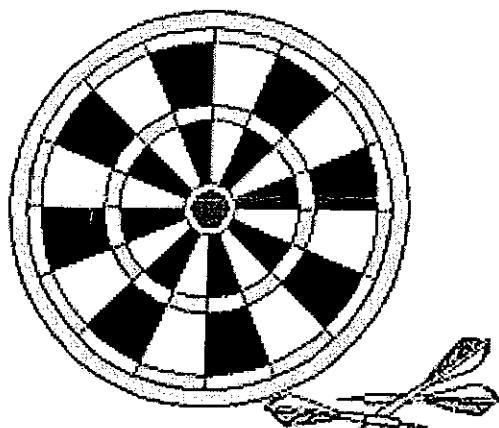
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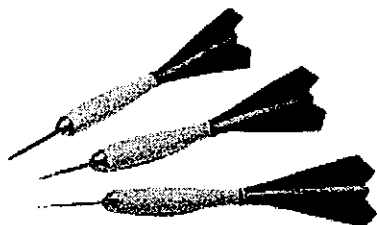
We Say Goodbye

On November 29, 1998 Windsor Yacht Club said goodbye to Richard Hunt. Over 100 members and friends attended the memorial which was held Sunday afternoon. Richard is now gone but for the few of us who were privileged to have known him, the memory of Richard Hunt will live on.



LaSalle Mariner's Dart League

Come and have a wonderful experience at LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club Dart League. Club members and friends meet every Wednesday evening around 8:00 pm to join in the excitement. Darts is a fun game and playing on Wednesday nights with other club members is one sure way to get a great deal of enjoyment out of the game. If you have any questions call Phil Smith or Ralph Kepran for more details.



From the Treasure



Yvonne McRobbie



A yacht club's burgee is a stirring sight as it flies in the wind. Its bright colours and striking design is a symbol which stands for the clubs members, its executives and its ideals. Ours is a beautiful club with great potential. LaSalle Mariner's can, and should, be proud of what they have accomplished and of what they can look forward to. Our burgee reflects this and shows the world how we feel about this magnificent club of ours.

Yvonne McRobbie will be making LMYC burgees available for the low cost of \$20.00. Be proud. Make sure your boat flies a LMYC burgee.



Star Photo: Scott Webster

Guess Who?

Staff Nurse Linda Schreiber tries one of the gurneys in the new trauma unit at Windsor Regional Hospital. Emergency room manager Bruce Adkins jokes with her

From The Social Director

Perry Basden

The L.M.Y.C Christmas Parties were held on the weekend of December 12/13, 1998 and both were very well attended.

On Saturday evening, December 12, the adult members of the Club got together for the Annual Tree Trimming Event. There was plenty of food and drink, with most members bringing hors d'oeuvres to share. A wide variety and excellent selection of tasty tidbits were available to please any palate. Christmas music and song added to the atmosphere with CD's provided by the members. The Club was decorated simply, with cedar roping and bright red Christmas bows around the fireplace. The tree had been put up earlier in the day with the lights installed before the gathering to make the final decorating much easier, and to allow more time for socializing. The final decorations were hung as tunes from Christmas carols were sung.

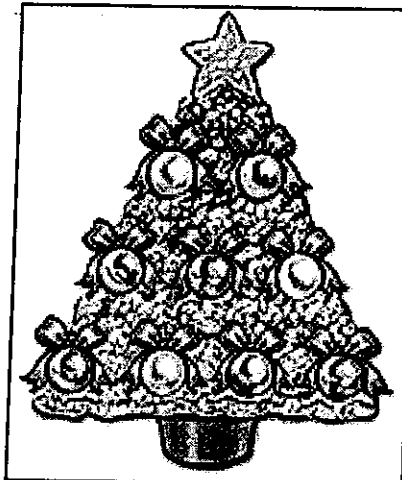
Again this year, donations of unwrapped toys were made to Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank. The Club has generously supported Frank in his efforts for many years and this year was no exception. Thanks goes out to all the members who gave so generously.

The evening festivities continued long into the wee hours, but some of us had to leave early to prepare for the next day's event, the Children Christmas Party.

The Children's party, held on Sunday afternoon was attended by about 15 or so children from all age groups, about the same as last year. They were kept busy and entertained by Stacey Manzerolle who planned the Christmas Crafts and assisted the children in making Tree Decorations. Traditional gingerbread cookies and other treats were available for all.

What Christmas Party would be complete without a visit from Santa! It is a special moment when you see the faces of these children light up as he walks in! He arrived with a big red bag overflowing with gifts for all the good children. After distributing his gifts and allowing time for the many photo opportunities, Santa had one more task to perform. Each child had previously been given a ticket for a draw with the luck winner to be awarded the Gingerbread House which had been made special for this occasion. Santa was to draw the winning ticket. The lucky winner was Jimmy Vandereerden who got to take the Gingerbread House with him as he left. Others were given colourful Christmas bags filled with oranges, gingerbread cookies, candy canes and other Christmas treats.

Special thanks goes to Stacey



Manzerolle for all her help in organizing the crafts and for her assistance, suggestions and ideas. This is the second year she has done this for the Children's Christmas Party and her efforts are appreciated. Thanks also goes out to her husband, Kenn, and Effem Foods, who donated the M & M products. You helped make this a special for many children. Merry Christmas to All.

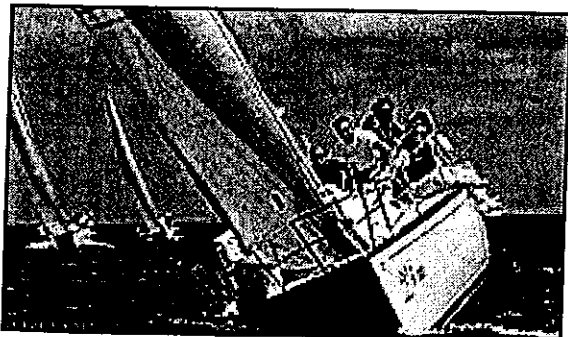
Please don't forget the New Year's Eve Party coming up soon! This will be a pot luck hors d'oeuvre's and BYOB event. All are welcome to attend... 8:00PM at the Club. I'm sure you all know the date but to be sure... Dec. 31, 1998. See you there!

Another note: Bob Reaume is planning a trip to the Chicago Boat Show for the last week in January for Club members and guests. It is in the planning stages now but it looks like a bus trip for Friday evening with return on Sunday (late afternoon or early evening). Cost approximately \$CAN \$200.00 per person. If you're interested contact Bob ASAP and be prepared to make a FIRM COMMITMENT! Rooms have to be booked early and bus seating is limited. If Bob doesn't get enough response from our club member, other clubs in the area will be contacted to fill the seats. This is shaping up to be a fun event for all...don't miss it!



Racing Seminar

There will be a racing seminar held February 18, 1998 at Hospice located 6038 Empress Street in Windsor. Times at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. This is a fund raiser for Hospice and there will be a \$5.00 donation at the door. One of the guest speakers will be Josh Kerst sailing coach from the University of Michigan. To make sure you will not be disappointed reserve your spot now by contacting Yvonne McRobbie. After the seminar there will be a party at South Port Sailing Club. More details to follow.



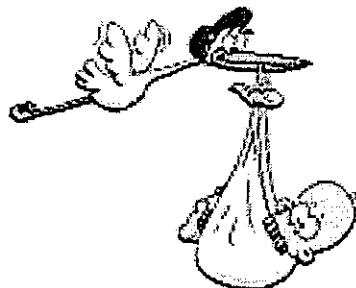
Guess Whose A Grandpa & Grandma?

Bob and Andrea are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new grandchildren.

Grandfather, Bob Bingham has the best Christmas present ever! It is the arrival of his grandson Jaedon Bingham born December 13, 1998, weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs. Proud parents are Michael and Raelyn Bingham.

Grandmother, Andrea is exuberant over the arrival of her granddaughter Jaedyn born in November in Toronto. Proud parents are James and Brandie Appleby.

Both grandparents are truly blessed with the best Christmas present ever.



Barbara and Manfred Update

Date: Fri, 18 Dec 1998

Hello to all of you from the Virgin Islands ! It has been a while since I send out a message this way. Many of you know that we had decided to go off shore via Bermuda to the Virgins instead of going down what is known as the Thorny Path. We had enough of the ditch and wanted to do some sailing, after all St. Pauli is a sailing vessel! In Oriental, NC we had called our friend Ron Stuebing from Amherstburg and asked him if he was interested to come down and come with us. It did not take long for him to come aboard. Many times we have been together back home and talked about this trip in the winter months and looked at all the charts and dreamed about this adventure. Now it was for real and we were happy to have Ron aboard.



On November 8th., "St. Pauli" and "La Boatique" left Oriental and went to Beaufort, North Carolina from where we left the very next morning to go offshore. We had to motor again! Not enough wind to fill the sails! As it turned out we had to do so a lot and could not believe it! Even crossing the Gulf Stream was not hard. Pete and Sue were in sight of us at most of the times. We had seen dolphins playing around the boat and Manfred even caught a fish while we were sailing. But we could not identify the catch and decided to let him go! Every afternoon at 15:00 hours Ron made contact with Herb Hilgenberg in Canada and we listened to his weather forecast for the region we were in at the time. Herb is a great help to every sailor who seeks his guidance. All you have to do is to give him your position in latitude and long and he reads you the weather charts and tells you to beware of storms and squalls in your area. Luckily we did not have any to avoid any. It was decided that we head for Bermuda since we had to do a lot of motoring and our 50 gal of fuel would not be sufficient to go straight to the Virgins. The day we arrived in Beaufort we went ashore and had bought a chart from Bermuda just in case. Boy, were we happy to have done so now! As it turned out we had bought the very last one and Pete who came to the store later could not get the detailed one of Bermuda.

By Thursday Nov. 12, we were 120 nautical miles away from our destination and we just played with the wind and proceeded slowly because we did not want to arrive in St. George in the dark. The north end of Bermuda has an extensive reef. Pete and Sue decided to go ahead of us but as it turned out we got into Customs at the same time the next morning! They had anchored out for a few hours during the night and were rested as they came in. We had made it, and our very first offshore voyage with 506 miles was under our keel !! It took us 5 1/2 days to do so and we were proud and happy to have solid ground under our feet again.



Mangrove Bay Bermuda

The Island is very small but pretty. But very

expensive to buy anything. Pete and Sue went to the Yacht Club and we decided to lay along the wall without any charge. The next day Manfred changed the oil and then we walked around the town to go sightseeing. People are very friendly! Ron even took a bus trip around the Island on Sunday. Sue and I walked around the northern edge and visited some beaches and saw all the colourful fish swimming in the crystal clear water.

Then we walked into the Yacht Club and I looked around to find our burgee. There it was! Pinned up underneath the ceiling by Dave Evans, a member of LMYC, our Club.

He had done a race many years ago and was very successful in doing so! I guess that we were the second members from LMYC to set foot on their premises.

Not long after I had gotten back to our boat another surprise was in store for me. We had some local visitors! Our son in law John has relatives living on the Island in Pembroke and his mother had called them from Canada and told them where we were located and they came out to greet us. It was like meeting our relatives and I felt sorry for Manfred not being there as he and Pete went to have some fun on their own at "White Horse", a local Pub. But we were invited to come to their place another day and we had a good time together and met the whole family.



Historic ruins Virgin Islands

Then on Nov. 18 we were ready to go out to sea again to head for the Virgins. By 12:30 we had checked out at customs and were on our way! This time we had more than 900 miles in front of us. The sea was very choppy and the ride not too comfortable. "La Boatique" was among 4 other boats which had left the harbour and within 3 hours after, we did not see anybody else and the only contact was by VHF.

We sailed and motor sailed for the next 8 days. At times we had the mainsail reefed and then we had almost 2 full days of nothing and we just had the motor running in low rpm (to conserve fuel) and keep us on course. Our daily entertainment was calling in to the Water Net in Mississauga and in the afternoon to Herb with our respective positions. But then at one night we were hit suddenly by a squall and all hell broke loose! We had winds of more than 40 knots and it blew off our Windex from the masthead. Our Canadian flag got chewed up by the propellers of the wind generator too. The rain came horizontally at us and we were busy getting the sails secured. It was only for a brief moment but I was scarred! I guess this is OFFSHORE and not only a quiet sail on Lake Erie! I was glad to have Ron aboard then I was not of much help at that time. It hit us again a few days later but then I coped with it much better!

Manfred was able to catch Dinner for us again one day. This time it was a Black Fin Tuna. It tasted very good!

The days went by and we were longing to set foot on shores. Sleeping and cooking at sea was uncomfortable at times and fatigue was coming on. We had not seen another sail boat and even contact on VHF with other boats was impossible. Ron made contact with different merchant ships which had crossed our bow but that was it! At one time La Boatique was 90 miles away from us, as we found out through Herb.

We sailed as far East as Longitude 60 and they went down on "Highway 65". The other boats heading the same way were either farther to the east or in between. We had to watch out for a Low hanging over the Caribbean and to avoid it we headed more easterly.

But then finally during the early morning hours on Friday Nov. 27, we saw the Islands and were heading for Tortola in the British Virgins. We anchored in the bay. Manfred and Ron pumped up the dinghy and by 12:30 we had cleared Customs and had our first local meal at a restaurant. After 9 days and 946 miles we deserved a reward!!

We stayed in Tortola for a few days and on Sunday we were going over to Norman Island to look around and maybe find Pete and Sue. We tried calling on VHF but to no avail. We had lost contact with each other and we were eager to find each other again.

We did! As we returned to Tortola we were called by Virgin Radio and as I answered I talked to Pete. They were waiting for us in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands about 25 miles away.

It was nice to hear them and to know from each other that we had arrived safely.

We stayed in Tortola for 2 more days and then motor sailed over to St. Thomas. We made fast to the wall and reported to Customs which is very easy. Not long after we tied up, the Harbour Patrol showed up and collected. We stayed at the wall for 2 nights and after Ron had left we anchored in the bay near La Boatique and are still here at this time.

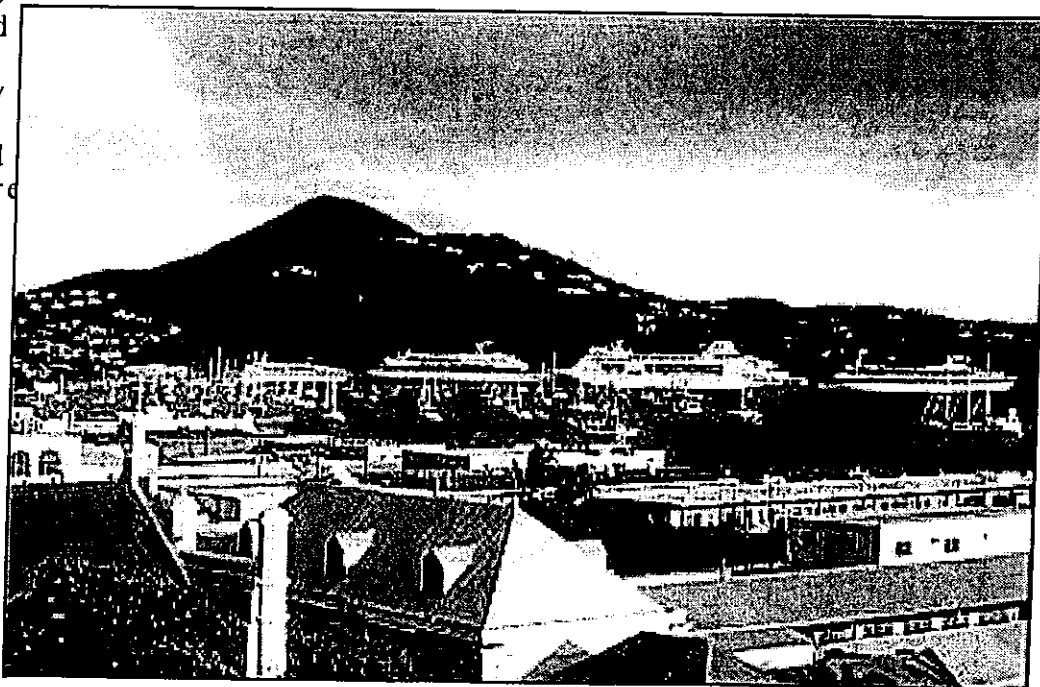
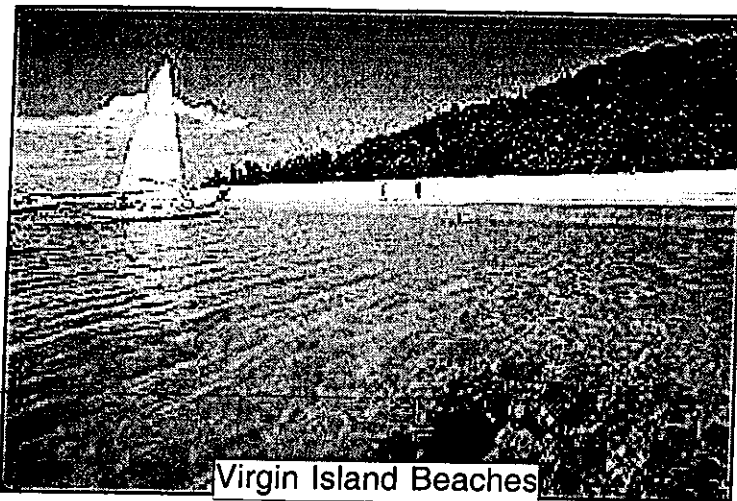
Every day there are different cruise ships nearby and this is a shopping mecca for everyone with enough money. Everything is duty free here and no tax! The city is interesting and we took many different buses to drive around the Island. We also have seen friends of ours which we had met in Charleston, South Carolina 2 years ago and who live here now. Lee spotted us, as we were laying on the wall downtown and picked us up one night to go to his place and have dinner together. Now we have ample time to relax and take it easy and get used to this "Lifestyle"

We went by dinghy to the beach and did some snorkeling. The water is warm and so clear. During the first 10 days of our stay we had lots and lots of rain and winds howling through the anchorage mostly at night around 30 miles per hour. But this is a good holding ground for the anchor and we are secure. This Friday evening there is a Festival at Main street which will be closed off to traffic. We will be listening to steel bands and see all the activity. Maybe by Sunday we will leave here to head over to Christmas Cove nearby and then to John's Island. The Seven Seas Association, which we belong too, have a Christmas Gathering on Maho Bay on Christmas Day and every boat will bring a dish for potluck dinner. It should be interesting to meet other sailors.

From there we will spend some more time in the BVI namely Virgin Gorda, Jost van Dyke and others before heading south into the Leeward and Windward Islands after the holidays.

Well dear friends, this will bring me to the end of my letter. Manfred and I wish that you will have a Merry Christmas and also a very good new year! All the best to your respected families.

Best Wishes to all from Manfred and Barb.



St. Thomas Virgin Islands



Windsor Model Yacht Club

The Third Annual Windsor Model Yacht club Awards Night was held November 28, 1998 at LMYC. This year, 1998, was again a successful season of sailing for the Windsor Model Yacht Club. This club competed in many events both at home and in foreign waters. For the second year in a row one of our members was the runner up in a Canadian Championship. Dennis Hendel repeated Frank Rings feat at the US One Meter Class Canadian Championship in Toronto.

Club Cup Regattas

Windsor Cup I - May 12. 1998 - Malden Park

1. Frank Ring.
2. Jurgen Hendel
3. John Helmer

Windsor Cup 2 - May 26. 1998 - Malden Park

1. Brian Hendel
2. Al Buliga.
3. Frank Ring

Windsor Cup 3 - June 9. 1998 - Malden Park

1. Jurgen Hendel
2. Dennis Hendel.
3. Brian Hendel

Windsor Cup 4 - June 23. 1998 - Malden Park

1. Jurgen Hendel
2. Dennis Hendel
3. Brian Hendel

Windsor Cup 5 - July 14, 1998 - Malden Park

1. Dennis Hendel
2. Brian Hendel
3. Brad Blackton

Windsor Cup 6 - July 28. 1998 - Malden Park

1. Jurgen Hendel
2. Dennis Hendel
3. Brian Hendel

Windsor Cup 7 - August II. 1998 — Malden Park

1. Brian Hendel
2. Jurgen Hendel.
3. Al Buliga

Windsor Cup 8 - August 25. 1998 - Maiden Park

- Winner - Dennis Hendel
2nd — John Helmer
3rd — Jurgen Hendel



Trophy Table



Jurgen Hendel, Brian Hendel, and Dennis Hendel

Windsor Cup 9 - September 15, 1998 - Mill Cove Marina

- Winner — Dennis Hendel
2nd — Jurgen Hendel
3rd — Brian Hendel

Windsor Cup 10 - September 29, 1998 - Mill Cove Marina

1. Brian Hendel.
2. Dennis Hendel
3. Dick Reder



L.M.D.C Photo Gallery



Frances & Brian Lawson (Model Boats Party)



John Murphy at Awards Banquet



Yvonne McRobbie, Bob Reaume and bundle of joy at Christmas Party



The Reaume and Maheux Family at Christmas Party



Santa meets the Hendsels



The Barron Family