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*Santa Claus visits children at LMYC*

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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Chris Barron



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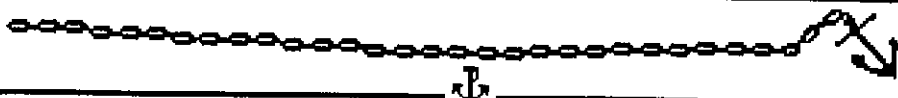
**F**rom the executives of LMYC we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is the beginning of a new year and a new start for the executives and members of LMYC. There have been two new appointees for this year. Bob MacKenzie as (Harbour Master) and Patrick Holland to be in charge of Roads and Grounds.

I wish at this time sincere congratulations to the 2003 Executives, and best wishes for a successful season. You have the challenge to make things work, to achieve your objectives and to make the most of the help available through willing Members. They can contribute immensely to your success and satisfaction, and to your sense of feeling good about the Club. While it is often said that Members do not offer, it is our experience that rarely do they refuse when asked. The sailing season will be upon us before we know it. Look in the future newsletters and posting in the clubhouse concerning Work Hours and new projects we will be undertaking. Once again please record your work hours. In closing I would like to remind everyone that our clubhouse is our home and some members have been leaving it in disarray. Cleaning is a basic human responsibility. Living as if no one were coming behind us to clean up our mess would revolutionize our homes, and our sail club. This however is not the real world. Who should clean? We all should and LMYC will be a better, cleaner place for all members.

Thanks to everyone and good luck in 2003.

Commodore Chris Barron & Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

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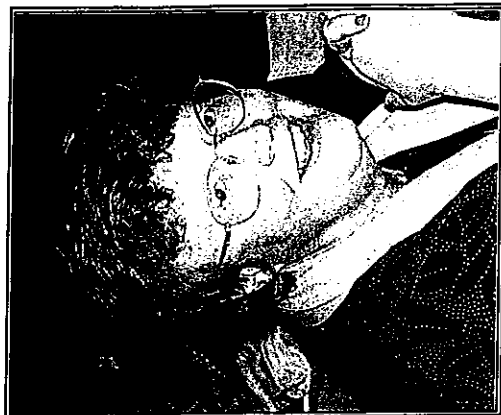
# LMYC Executives 2003



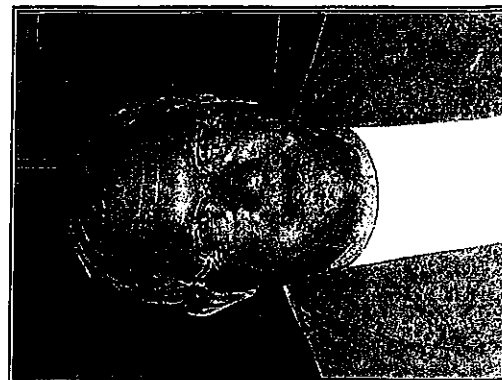
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# News and Information

## LMYC General Meeting

Sunday, January 19, 2002

1:00 pm

Agenda: Budget Meeting  
Membership dues  
General Business

## Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to John and Joanne Vandereerden on the passing of John's mother Mary Vandereerden on December 3, 2002 with her family at her side. Funeral was held at Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home in Windsor.

Your prayers are most appreciated.

The officers and members of

LMYC would also like to extend their deepest sympathies to Paul Laing and his wife Faye on the passing of Paul's mother Florence Laing on December 14, 2002 at Villa Maria Home for the Aged. Funeral was held at Anderson Funeral Home and interment was at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Your prayers are most appreciated.



## South Port Invades LMYC

It was another great Monday Luncheon at LMYC. On Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2002 we had the South Port In-

vasion. A great many South Port members invited by former Commodore Bob Ferguson made it to LMYC to enjoy one of our famous Monday Luncheons. It was a great reunion to see many of our old friends from South Port and even some of our own members who we haven't seen in a while make it to the luncheon. Again the food and dessert was excellent. The parking lot was overflowing and seats were at a premium in the clubhouse, but all prevailed to make this luncheon a particularly an enjoyable one. The South Port crew were impressed and vowed to return again in the future.



John Novak and Bill Davidson



*Ray East and Scott Turner*

## *LMYC Invades South Port*

On Monday December 16, 2002 LMYC invaded South Port Sailing Club. Members from LMYC were invited to the traditional LMYC Monday Luncheons which are usually held at our clubhouse were on this day held at Ray East's home in Tecumseh. Ray East a member of South Port is a frequent visitor and an active participant in the LMYC Monday Luncheons. Ray was preparing the luncheon or we should say Irene East was preparing the luncheon with Ray assisting. This luncheon was also a house warming for the Easts who just recently purchased their home. The food was great. Chicken, beans, potatoes, salads, desserts and the beverages provided by Bob MacKenzie made this one of our great luncheons so far this year. Members spent the afternoon playing pool and just gamming.



*Irene East preparing the Monday Luncheon*



*Juergen Hendel with host Ray East*

## *LMYC Annual Tree Trimming & Children's Christmas Party*



*Mary and Dave Nantais*

LMYC Tree Trimming Party was held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> with many members and friends in attendance. This was an evening set-aside for members to start the season by giving from your heart. This year the event was coordinated by Social Director Mary Nantais and her husband Dave. The weather this

year was very mild with no snow but with the Christmas Spirit present in all those in attendance. This tradition started at LMYC many years ago and consists of bringing out the Christmas Tree which in this case is artificial assembling it, and decorating it with lights, bulbs and colorful beads.

Members brought unwrapped gifts, which will be donated to a needy child (Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank). Phil Smith, who has taken on this responsibility for many years, will deliver the gifts.

The members provided the food for the evening, which was organized in a smorgasbord fashion. Throughout the evenings members ate conversed and generally had a great time. The event broke up in the early hours of the morning.

The Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at LaSalle Mariners Clubhouse and Social Director Mary Nantais and her husband Dave also organized this event. Many youngsters were present anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. The party began around 1:00 pm with the children being entertained by Gillian Giroux who provided games for the children and Joanne Blackton who treated the children to face painting.

This year was very mild and hardly any snow was present which would certainly give Santa's Reindeers a difficult time. To overcome this problem Santa arrived at LMYC by car with Dave Nantais at the wheel. When the children saw Santa there were squeals of joy and anticipation. Santa took his customary spot in front of the Christmas tree and slowly and carefully handed out the gifts to the children present.

A food table was set up and all members and guests enjoyed themselves with Christmas food and goodies.



Jeff Kepran, Commodore Chris Barron, and Social Director Mary Nantais



## New Years At LMYC



10-9-8-7 the countdown has begun at LMYC. 6-5-4 its almost time. 3-2-1 Everybody holds their breathe for the last few seconds. We are about to jump that seemingly large but invisible gap that separate the years. 1-0. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We've made it. The old year for better or worse is gone for good and the New Year has begun with fresh promise. Here is our chance to start again, to do it right, to have another shot at success at just accomplishing what we resolve to. It's time to shed that baggage from the year long gone and celebrate what can be done in the 365 untouched days to come. Happy New Year.

This year Andrea and Bob Bingham had the pleasure of preparing for the New Years Event at LMYC. New Years Eve began as a mild day with the temperatures slowly falling but with no bad weather in the foreseeable forecast.

Members and friends began to arrive around 7:00 pm and were treated to a wonderful dinner consisting of Beef, Pork, vegetables soup, salad, pasta and an abundance of desserts.

After dinner members gathered, chatted and for some reacquainted themselves with members they have not seen often during the year.

Some members arrived late, but not that late to enjoy the fleeting minutes of 2002 and the oncoming of 2003.

The time has come and we are down to the last few minutes of 2002. Party hats are in place and horns to the ready. Some members have old flares to give an added touch to the magical hour. The countdown has begun.



Bob and Andrea Bingham host and hostess for this years NEW YEARS EXTRAVAGANZA at LMYC



# LMYC Invades South Port



*Jerry Angus, Ray East, Gord Freeman, Ralph Kepran, George Mooney, Bob Ferguson, Alex Buliga, Juergen Hendel, Phil Smith, Tom Boyce*



*Bob MacKenzie, Dell Darling, George Mooney, Alex Buliga, Tom Boyce*



*Jerry Angus and Gord Freeman*







# *South Port Invades LMYC*



*Hank Souter and Lorne Mann*



*Jack Entwistle Alan Henderson, Gary Bauld*



*Ray East and Brian Lawson*



*Sam Irwin and Bill Noakes*



*Bruce Reid*



*Emanuele Dalla Bona*





# Children's Party At LMYC



*Santa listening to Erin Maheux's Christmas wishes*



*Terri Mangle, Peter Skope & Brendan Jenner*



*The Kepran Family*



*The Maheux Family*



*The Amyot Family*



*The Blackton Family*



# Tree Trimming At LMYC



*John Metcalfe, June Smith, Gail Oliver, Doris Kepran, Liz Metcalfe, Barbara Pare, Ralph Kepran, Dennis Pare, Linda Schreiber, Marj Irwin, Phil Smith*



*Ardra and Steve Kepran*



*Marj and Sam Irwin*



# Essex County PHRF And You

**E**.C. PHRF is Essex County's PERMORMANCE, HANDICAP RACING FLEET. It has handled handicap racing for the County's Lake Erie, Detroit River and Lake St. Clair sailors for well over two decades. Essex County PHRF is a recognized member fleet of US Sailing PHRF. As an affiliate, Essex County PHRF pays \$250.00 US annually for our local fleet of eighty to one hundred certified boats. This affiliation enables us to share in the wealth of performance data and related information that each of the many member fleets is required to submit to US Sailing PHRF on a yearly basis. It includes all Canadian Fleets, since the Canadian Yachting Association has no similar governing body. This voluminous information and the valuable input of your local handicappers form the basis of performance handicap racing. It allows you to race in organized club races, local regattas and major events such as the Mackinaw Races etc.

Well you say, "Big Deal!" Where do you fit into the picture?

Let's say that you are new to racing your boat at LMYC. You don't have a spinnaker or have one but no crew to fly it? No problem, "Sail Jog on Monday evenings" Sail "What?" Jog = Jib or Genoa or some times called JAM = Jib and Main. Since not all boats are created your boat (not you) will be given a handicap. You will be racing in a handicap class. LMYC, like all local sailing clubs has two handicappers/measurers, Chris Barron or Juergen Hendel who will have to "measure" your boat, sails, etc. issues and keeps on file a measurement certificate. Said certificate remains valid until modifications are made to hall, appendages, rig or other measured items. They will fill you in on other details. Their fee will be \$15.00. Your boat will now receive a handicap or "PHRF number". If your boat is of a type already handicapped by Essex County PHRF and shows no deviation from a standard or "base" boat, it receives it's handicap instantly. This "number" is expressed in sec/nautical mile. Boats racing in Jog or Jam classes may get additional credits for furling systems and solid propellers etc. "Unmeasured" boats will be assessed a 10 sec/nautical mile penalty, unilaterally anywhere!. Get measured. It is a requirement for LMYC Races. If your boat is not a "base" boat listed on Essex County PHRF's roster its panel of Handicappers will handle your case. Essex County PHRF's constitution/by laws govern their procedures and class rules and they will assign this handicap.



Juergen Hendel

All boats racing in the spinnaker classes must be registered with EC PHRF by paying dues of \$20.00 annually. This registration of their certified boat allows them to race anywhere under the PHRF system and locally to vie for BOAT OF THE YEAR and other annual awards.

Many rating systems have come and gone, some complex, some expensive and some both. Most rely on velocity prediction programs, expensive measurement procedures etc. and all a bit of a pain for the casual racer, even the gung-ho racers that may not opt for a one-design racing boat. PHRF has endured because of its simplicity and low cost and it offers great racing on many levels. Very little is ever perfect and most good things are created by hard work, in PHRF's case by volunteers.

So if you want to race your boat it is Essex County PHRF! Get involved; it's a big bang for your buck! It offers spirited racing on the water and interesting discussions around the bar before and after.

Juergen Hendel.



## Meet The Commodore



*Christopher, Noah, Jessica and Abbie Barron*

**2** 003 LMYC Commodore Christopher Barron was born on the outskirts of Amherstburg Ontario in 1968. Chris was raised in a family with one sister Paula, which accounts for his easygoing nature. While attending school Chris perused many hobbies such as Go Carts, Dirt Bikes, and ATY Racing utilizing many summer jobs to finance these ventures.

Chris graduated from St. Anne's High school in 1986 and immediately went into the family business BARRON POULTRY, which at the time raised chickens and sold the processed product.

In 1991 the business underwent a major expansion and the company began to process their own product. Currently Barron Poultry has a work force of over 40 employees and process approximately 18000 birds per week. These birds are sold primarily to local butcher shops and restaurants.

Chris's first love affair with boating occurred in the late 80's when Bob Bingham uncle of Chris invited him for a race/sail in Grandpa PHRF. The two of them raced and won and from that moment on Chris was hooked.

Over the years Chris has owned two sailboats, his first a very slow Edel 540. His current vessel is Sunkist a Mirage 26 which was purchased in 1993.

Chris married Jessica in 1996 and has two children Abbie 5 and Noah 3.

Chris became a member at LMYC in 1994 and during the years has held numerous positions. Chris became secretary in 2001, Vice-Commodore in 2002, and is presently the current Commodore.

