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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope all the members had a happy and safe holiday and that Santa brought you that new boat, sail, or just sunscreen. Don't forget the budget meeting coming up in January. I have also received comments from many members about private winter parties and how they feel restricted from the clubhouse. Some suggestions that they should be held after 6:00 pm. Comments. Give me a call.

Commodore: Ralf Fiedler

Happy New Year !! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

I would like to thank Social Director Mary Nantais and her husband Dave for the excellent job they did with the Christmas and New Years parties. The dinner and décor at the New Year was second to none and I am sure all those who were in attendance had a most enjoyable evening welcoming in 2004. Thank You Mary, Dave and all those who once again proved that Mariners do it right.

Again I will remind you that there will scheduled Tuesday night work parties (come spring) and I encourage everyone to take advantage of getting together and putting a little sweat equity into the club.

Be sure and attend the January meeting to get a glimpse of what lies ahead for the upcoming year at LMYC. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Vice-Commodore: Ralph Kepran

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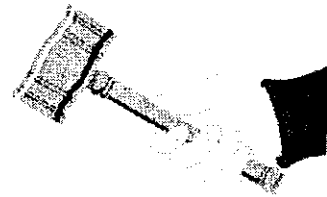
News and Information

LMYC General Meeting

Sunday, January 18, 2003

1:00 pm

Agenda: Budget Meeting
Membership dues
General Business



Message From The Treasurer

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Now that the new year has begun, fresh with yet unbroken resolutions, there are a few important items that we must take care of as Club Members. One of the first items will be the January Membership Meeting where the budget will be presented for approval. This will afford everyone the opportunity to see where your membership dollars have been spent during the past and previous years and will be your chance to give guidance to the executive members concerning this years expenditures.

This is also the time of year when your membership dues are payable. Please be sure to pay your dues promptly. Full Membership is \$235.40 and Associate Membership is \$117.70 both inclusive of GST. A few years ago the Club spent quite a few dollars on dredging and the travel lift. Since that time we have been covering operating expenses through the use of our line of credit. Those who fail to pay their dues or other accounts promptly only increase our operating costs through interest paid on the line of credit. Remember dollars spent on interest and other unnecessary bank charges are dollars that are not spent on improvements to the Club.

If anyone has questions or comments please call me at (519) 972-5949 or via e-mail to basden@sympatico.ca.

Regards

Perry Basden

Treasurer

Message From The Secretary

I have enclosed in this issue of the Currents a 2004 list of your fellow boaters please keep this as a valuable tool to help us get to know one another and the boats we sail. A like list will be posted above the Club phone in the new year. This latter list is intended to remain there and be available to members when in the Club.

Jerry Angus (Secretary)

Ladies Night #2

The second Ladies Night under the direction of Social Director Mary Nantais will be held Tuesday January 13, 2004 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Bring a dish to pass and bring in your knitting projects because Lesson #2 on knitting will be presented.

Mary has a surprise guest which she assures will amaze everyone.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Nantais Social Director.



The Adventure Continues

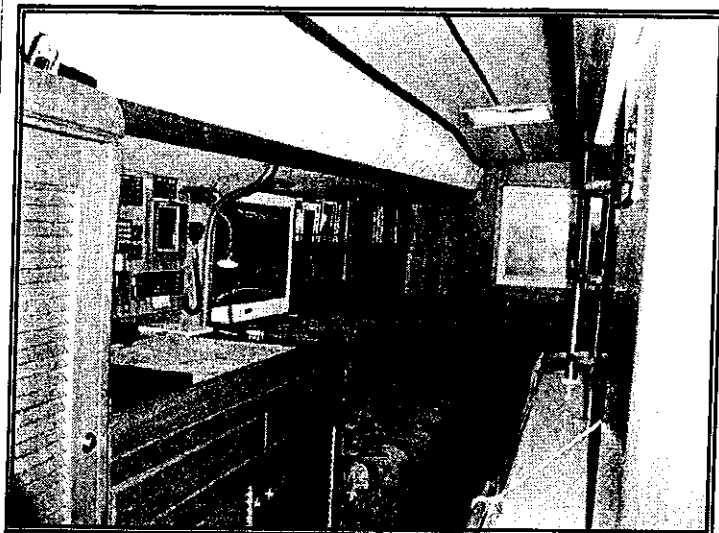


Bob Reaume and Dave Evans



As we all know, Bob's goal is to cross the pond with Dave Evans in the 2005 OSTAR race. To that end, Bob had no choice but to accept an invitation to deliver the 65 ft. Micjay, from Norfolk Virginia to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. The boat left the dock on Friday A.M., November 21, 2003 and arrived safely in Tortola, on Friday November 28, 2003. Wayne Gould, Bob and Dave took turns sailing 4-hour watches during this 1500 mile trip. Moderate winds prevailed for most of the trip with sunny and warm days. The boat averaged approximately 10 knots. Both Bob and Dave enjoyed some time touring the B.V.I.'s before flying home. Boy enjoyed the ocean experience and I am enjoying the Ocean Sailing mustache....

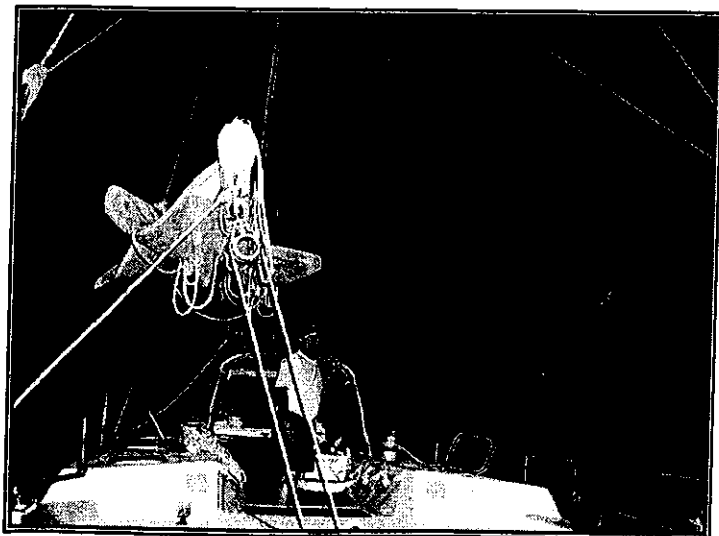
Written by Sue Ouellette



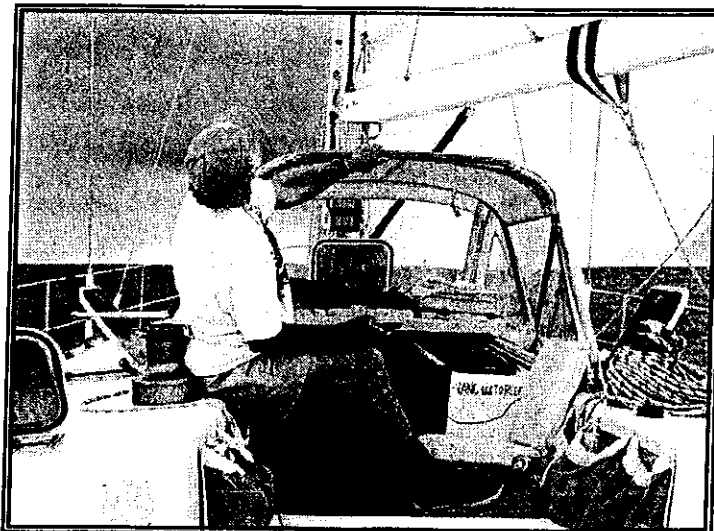
Interior of Micjay



On the deck with Joy and Dave Evans



Bob Reaume sailing at night



Dave Evans under sail



LMYC Tree Trimming



Jerry Angus and Juergen Hendel

Every year, the holiday season seems to get busier and busier. Your 'to do' list is long, with so many commitments and chores to finish, and let's not even mention the hassle of shopping. In the end, all you really want to do is sit around a glowing tree with family and friends, enjoying the coziness and peace at LMYC.

The opportunity came this year with the annual LMYC Tree Trimming Party, which was held Saturday evening December 13th, 2003 with over 30 in attendance. A tree trimming party is a great time to celebrate the season and entertain with fellow club members. There's something festive yet casual about a Christmas Tree Decorating Party. It's an occasion that celebrates the fun of the holiday season, built upon one of the more enduring holiday symbols.

To make holiday memories even better, each member brought an unwrapped toy, which would be given to needy children (Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank). Phil Smith club member, who has taken on this responsibility for many years, will deliver the gifts.

Mary and Dave Nantais (Social Directors) made it easy for everyone participating in the Tree Decoration. The tree which was assembled by members earlier was sitting straight in its container reasonably positioned so that LMYC Tree Trimmers could easily surround it to decorate. To make things even easier all the ornaments, tree lights, tinsel, garland, and tree topper were ready in one spot for members to pick from. Members took turns adding holly, mistletoe and greenery in just the right places. Others added bows and holly over the fireplace and jingling bells around the doors.

Food was buffet style provided by club members. We were treated with everything from punch and hors d'oeuvres to chips and dips, cut up cheese, assorted crackers, meatballs all served on beautiful colorful holiday paper.

When the party concluded in the early morning hours our tree was fully dressed and ready to welcome Christmas. We know our party was successful because many members celebrated into the early morning hours, remembering the fun of the holiday season.



Linda Schreiber, Lu McKim, Gloria Basden, Bev Angus
Linda Parchoma, Barbara Pare and Carrie Calomeni



Dave Evans and Bob Reaume



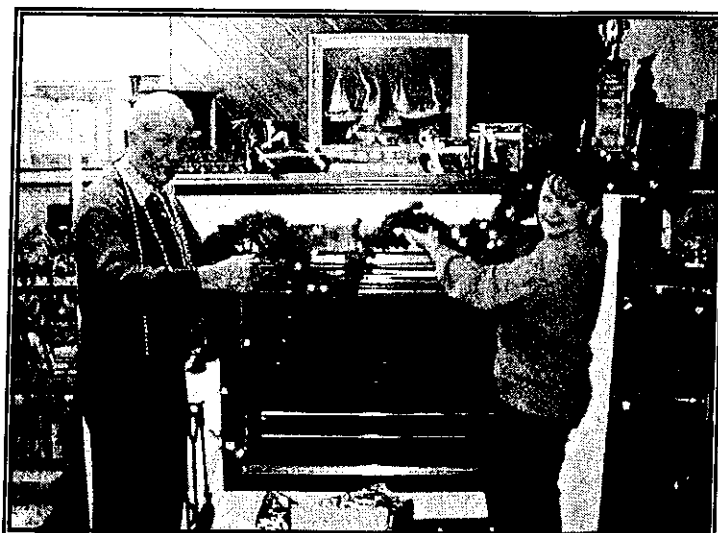
Mary Nantais (Social Director)



Bev. Angus, Doris Kepran, Barbara Pare and Gloria Basden



Ralph, Doris, Sarah, Ardra and Steve Kepran



Perry Basden (Treasurer) and Mary Nantais (Social Director)



Santa Visits LMYC



Santa's Kids

You can call him Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, or even Father Frost. But most people, young and old, just call him Santa. Santa again this year made his grand appearance at LMYC on December 14, 2003. Arriving just after 2.00 pm in a van, (no snow for his sled) entered the LMYC clubhouse to joyful glees and to the singing of Jingle Bells.

Before the arrival of Santa Claus, club member Doug Warford performed magical tricks for the 20 plus children in attendance. Face painting and games to keep the children entertained until the arrival of Santa was provided by Jo-Anne Blackton and Gillian Giroux.

What would a Christmas Party be without a visit from Santa. It was a special moment when all the children singing Jingle Bells and their faces all lit up in anticipation of his entrance. He arrived with a big red bag overflowing with gifts for the good children present. Santa took his customary spot in front of the Christmas Tree and slowly and carefully handed out the gifts to the children present. After distributing his gifts and allowing time for the many photo opportunities Santa had to leave to visit other children in other communities.



Doug Warford Magician

Those remaining at LMYC enjoyed a Christmas treat prepared by Social Director Mary and Dave Nantais.



LMYC Artist



Holly, wife of Bernard Wolter is a fine artist (painter) since graduating from the Ontario College of Art and Design, and the University of Windsor. She does one of a kind original works only, and is represented in Windsor through sales and rental at the Art Gallery of Windsor. Over the years she has shown work in group and solo shows with the most recent being works on paper in "Art After All" at the Riverside United Church. The art is in collections in Canada and the U.S.A.. She says, "hopefully the work is 'unclassifiable'" so that she can continue to experiment and create with paint, new ideas and techniques to stimulate and uplift the viewer.



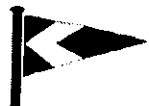
Holly Wolter



Left: George Minovski and Jennifer Ferguson at the Art Show

Below: Samples of Holly's Collection





Christmas Luncheon



Dave Evans and Bob MacKenzie

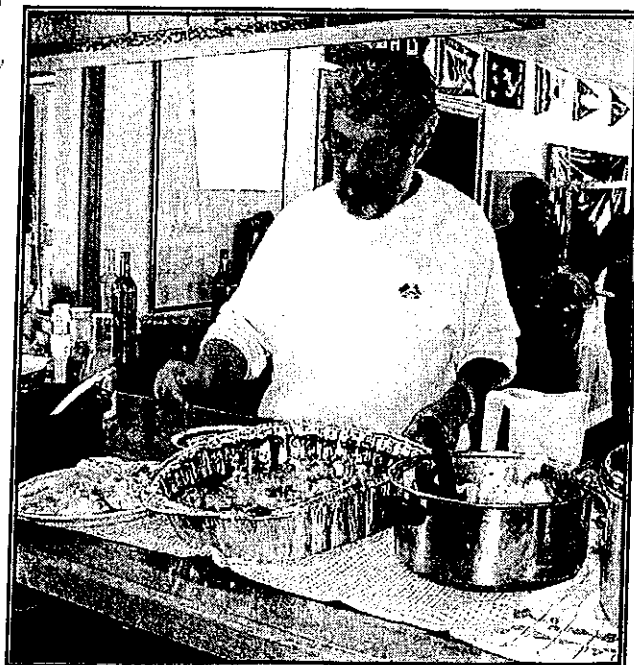
It's December and with no snow on the ground all eyes turn to presents and to food. With food, all eyes turn to turkey. This year on December 23, 2003 LMYC held its traditional Turkey dinner luncheon this year prepared by Past Commodore Bob Bingham.

Food was excellent and prepared from scratch. A fresh turkey was stuffed, and put into the oven early enough so it could be served at noon which is the traditional arrival of the LMYC celebrants. To go along with the Turkey Dinner was turkey stuffing, salad, carrots, and mash potatoes and to cover it all was homemade turkey gravy.

If you didn't feel stuffed from the main meal, there was always dessert. For this Christmas celebration there was apple and pumpkin pie, and lots of Christmas cookies and candies.

This get together bring our LMYC family together to share and laugh. It is a time to catch up and remember seemingly minor events that really are treasures: running aground during a race, remembering our regatta, Shakedown etc.

If you missed this event make sure to put it on your To Do List for next year.



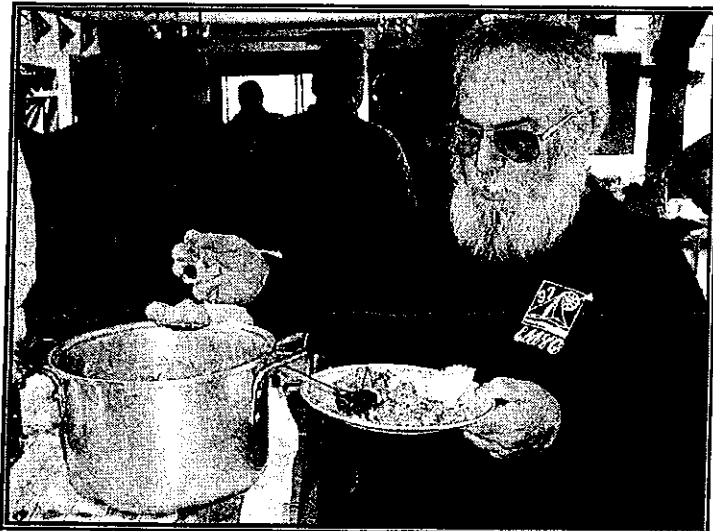
Chef Bob Bingham



Judge Mangile and George Mooney



Ralph Kepran, Ian Henderson, John Metcalfe & Ralf Fiedler



Jim Blackton



Mary Nantais and Linda Parchoma



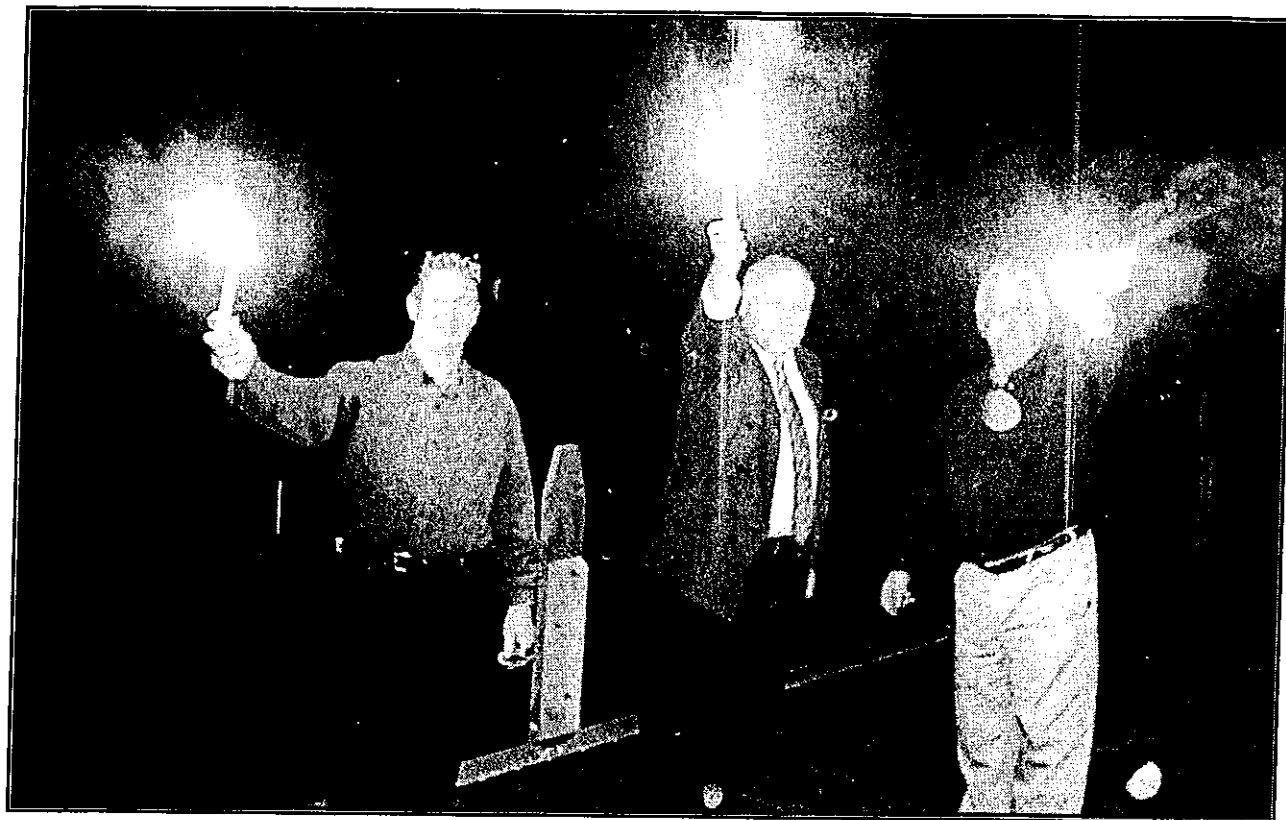
Doug Warford, Bob MacKenzie, Juergen Hendel
Sam Irwin and Alex Buliga



Vicki and Tom Boyce



New Years At LMYC



Meeting The New Year — Dave Nantais, Jerry Angus and Ralph Kepran

New Year's Eve 2003 at LMYC was a delight for the 32 plus members who attended this year's event. All it takes to have a great New Year's Eve Party is close friends, the right attitude and of course, a place to party and LMYC was the place to be.

The evening began around 7:00 pm when members began to arrive at the brightly light and decorated clubhouse. From the moment we walked in we were graciously greeted by other members with laughter, hugs and friendly conversation, we knew that this evening was going to be enjoyable.

The table setting for this evening was outstanding. Napkins and a tablecloth and placemats, in one solid color made for a very elegant look and little candles in glass cups led to a festive, celebratory feeling.

The clubhouse was dimly lit with just enough light so people could see each other and see their food and everyone was bathed in that flattering warm glow from the candles on the tables and strategically placed throughout the clubhouse.



**Social Directors
Dave and Mary Nantais**

Our sit down dinner began at 8:00 pm and as an appetizer we enjoyed a delicious seafood ensemble with numerous appetizing entrees which were seasoned to perfection. The delightful combination was a treat to the taste buds. Superb white and red wine graced our table.

The New Year's Eve Dinner was designed to excite your palate. The main course consisted of Cornish hens, stuffed with exquisite wild rice, with a vegetable medley. Dessert was cream puffs with chocolate sauce. During dinner the white and red wine was poured out into generously sized wine glasses which made a fine accompaniment to the dinner.

After dinner members chatted and awaited the midnight hour. Some members arrived later in the evening, but not that late to enjoy the fleeting minutes of 2003 and the oncoming of 2004.

The time has come and we were down to the last few minutes of 2003. Party horns are in place as we await the count-down on Dick Clarks New Year's Eve Party on the television. 3-2-1 HAPPY NEW YEAR. We made it.

Some members with outdated flares went outside to give an added touch to the New Year.

But here we are again January 1st 2004 with loosen belts to make room for more champagne and later to prepare for yet another New Year's resolution. New Years Eve 2003 at LMYC will be an affair to remember.

Special Thanks are in order. This year our social director Mary Nantais has done an outstanding job. She puts her heart into her job and her love of cooking flows through her creations. Special Thanks to Perry and Gloria Basden for their excellent desserts. Special Thanks to Tom Boyce who was at the club at 10:00 am to help in the cleanup.



Bob and Andrea Bingham



Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume



Maggie and Dave Evans



Jerry and Bev Angus



Craig Morrison and Linda Schreiber



Juergen Hendel and Linda Schreiber



Linda and Richard Parchoma



Lu McKim and Bodo Schaefer



Tom and Vicki Boyce



Doris and Ralph Kepran



Andy Kozieradzki and Alan Prettyman



Roy and Gail Oliver



Gloria and Perry Basden



Jim Blackton

Breakfast at LMYC

Breakfast at LMYC Sunday mornings will begin on Sunday January 11th. This is a great opportunity for members to get together Sunday mornings.

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am and continues until 10:00 am. It is necessary to be on time to be accommodated. Cost is \$3:00 per person. In order for this breakfast to continue a minimum of 15 people are required. Let's make this work.

John Murphy Chef



Kathy Harris and John Murphy