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La Salle Mariners Yacht Club

LMYC Clubhouse with first snowfall of the new year (January 6, 2002)

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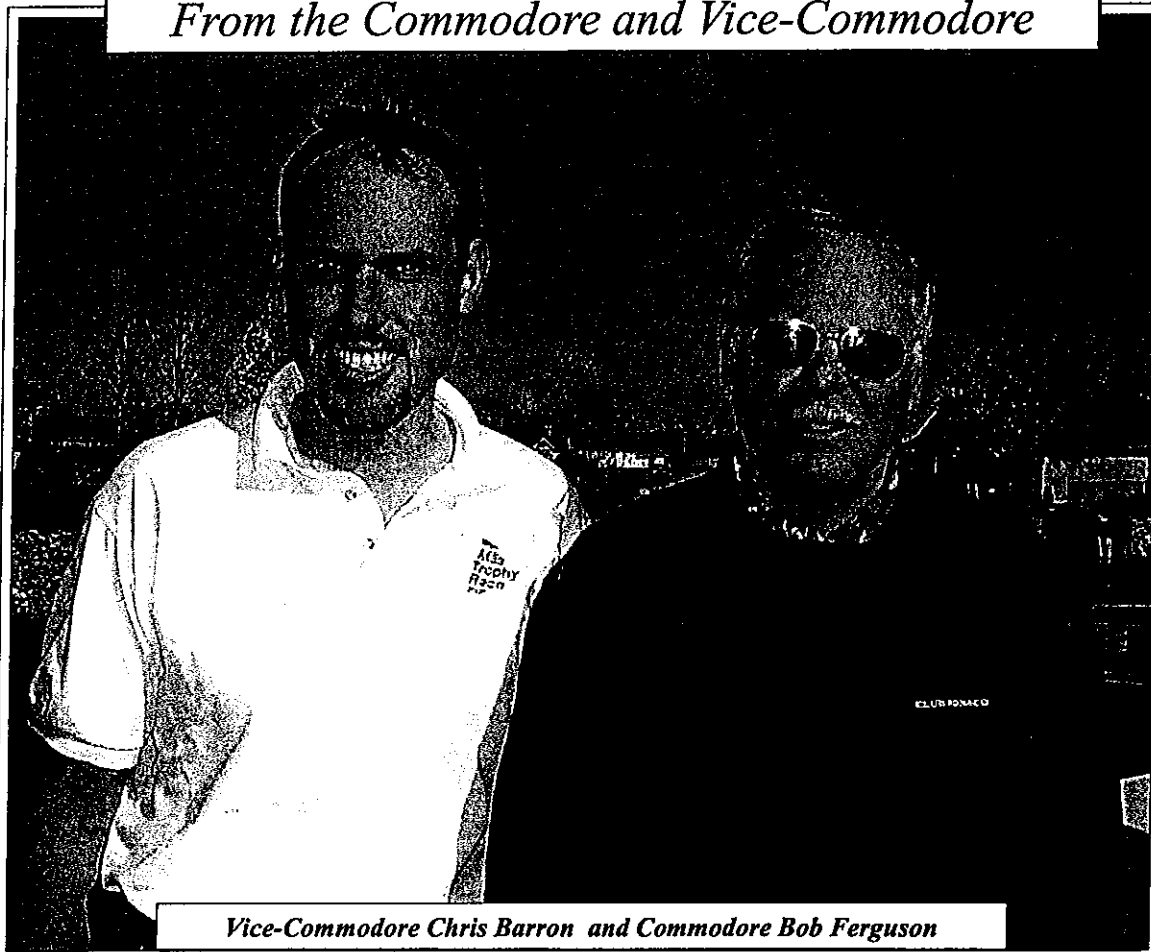


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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Vice-Commodore Chris Barron and Commodore Bob Ferguson

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We are starting our new year with great hopes for the coming year. As you know the dredging pile has been plowed and leveled and we are presently discussing with the executives and planning committee on what to do with this area. Suggestions from members are greatly appreciated.

In reflecting on the activities of the past year, we have seen some real growth within the club, especially the involvement from the membership. But we could use more help. We need input regarding what we can do to make this a better sailing facility. Take a chance and get involved in your club. Commit yourself to take part in the club functions and events, volunteer for jobs around the club, join committees etc. Show some real interest in your club and your sport. Make 2002 a great year for LMYC.

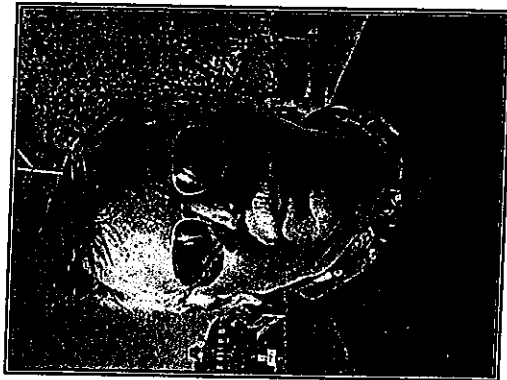
Commodore Bob Ferguson and Vice-Commodore Chris Barron

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LMYC Executives 2002



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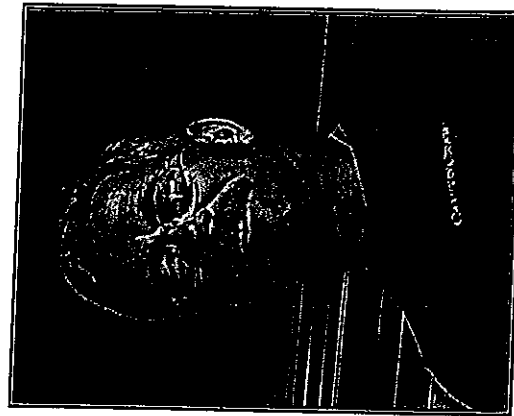
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Secretary—Alan Prettyman



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News and Information

P.H.R.F. Meeting

The first meeting of the new year will be held on **Sunday February 10, 2002 at 1:00 pm** in the clubhouse at South Port. This meeting is primarily concerned with the election of officers.

This is the beginning of a new year and a very good time to get **INVOLVED**. Make an effort to attend.



From the Editor

Christmas is a time when we remember the special people in our lives -- our families, friends and co-workers with whom we share our experiences.

It is a time for me to thank all the members who help this year with the newsletter by contributing articles and for allowing me to photograph them in the sport they love.

Now is the time to reflect on our blessings and to renew our spirits to face the challenges and opportunities that come to us in the new year.

May the Joy and Peace of Christ be with you and your families during this Christmas Season.

LMYC Editor Richard Parchoma



From the Treasurer

A reminder to members who wish to be on the payment plan should have spoken to treasurer before January 1, 2002.

Dues for Associate Members \$117.70

Dues for Full Members \$235.40

Dues to be paid by January 1, 2002

Treasurer
Yvonne McRobbie



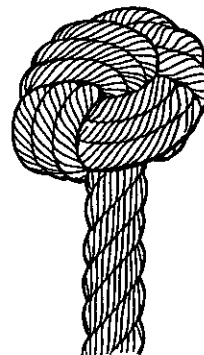
Sunday Breakfast

LMYC famed Sunday Breakfast will soon be returning to LMYC. These culinary treats were held Sunday morning during the winter months. Steve Kepran and associates are currently planning the resumption of these gastronomic feasts sometimes in January. Check the clubhouse for details early in January



Name This Knot

An ornamental knot to provide a stopper on the end of a rope. It is a continuation of a simple manrope knot by tucking the strands of the rope a second time. A running (Name of knot) is formed by making the knot around the other part of the rope.



TURK'S HEAD

Bon Voyage



Adam Prettyman and Rob Ferguson

Two members of LMYC will be leaving us for awhile. Adam Prettyman who leaving December 31, 2001 for Maine to work on the sailing ship Bounty. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Good luck, and keep us informed.

Rob Ferguson will also be leaving on December 31, for Australia. Rob will be attending Teachers' College for approximately one year before he returns to Canada. We wish you well in your endeavors. Keep in touch.

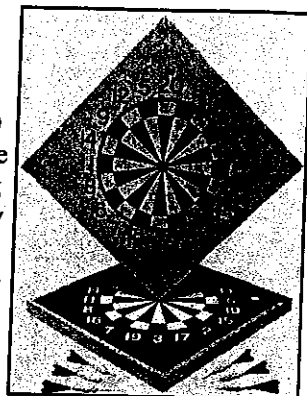
Happy Retirement



Congratulation to Ralph Kepran who will be retiring from Xerox after many years of service. Ralph's retirement officially begins December 31, 2001.

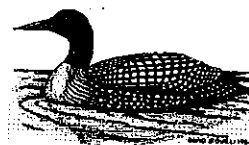
Dart League

The dart league officially began the first Wednesday in November. Presently there is an attendance of 20 members and guests. Come down and enjoy an exciting evening of darts. Meet new people. It is not too late to start. All members are welcome to attend. Darts begin at 8:00 PM. For more information contact Phil Smith or Ralph Kepran



Grey Duck

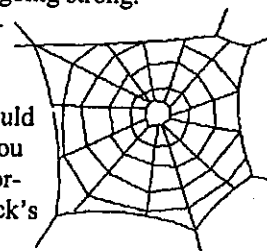
To the members of the Grey Duck Society. The Duck provides a vital service to all club members. In order for this service to continue members must fulfill their obligation and feed the duck on TIME. Some members have not been feeding the duck on time and it is extremely hungry. AGAIN THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Note: When buying feed for the duck please address as Grey Duck.



LMYC Web Page

Our LMYC Web Page is still going strong. The Web Master Nick Maroukis is still waiting for club members to give him stories, pictures or information that could be of interest to this club. If you have any information please forward to his Email address. Nick's address is as follows:

maroukis@earthlink.net



Adam Prettyman Update



This is an email from Adam Prettyman, club member who is on an adventure of a lifetime.

Hello down there,

I made it! The people here are really cool and I am the youngest one up here.

It is very cold and at the moment it is snowing. The hours are pretty long. We start work at about 7 depending on what we did the night before and work until 5 or so (It's pretty open as long as you put in a good days work. With this group it's just like party central)

We spent all day bringing 10"x6"x24' planks (that are at least 1000-1500 lbs each) into the belly of the ship through a hole we cut in the side of the hull with a chain saw.

The shipwrights are planking the bottom and what a job. I can't see us meeting the deadline because right now the ship is completely striped.

We are hoping to have the sealings replaced in the next three weeks and that's what I'm working on. The sealings are the inside layer of the hull that the ballast sits on.

That's right, even the thousands of lbs. of ballast are out. There are only seven of us working on the ship now and that's the whole crew.

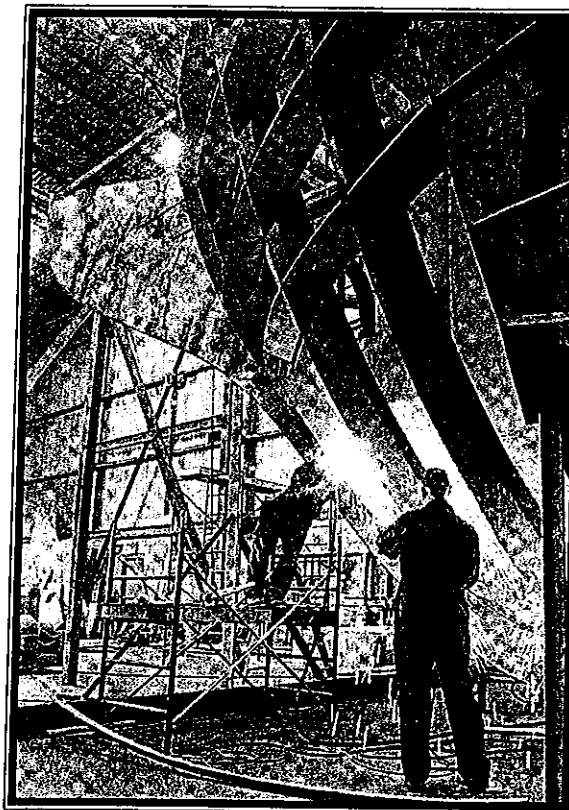
A lot of these people don't even know the basic knots and have only been on board the project for 4 months or less. Beer only costs 1.00 if you are a local. I became a local my first night here.

There are only 4 stores that are open and two gas stations. I think we have one of the only pool tables in the whole town and the people that live down the road have a pin-ball machine.

The only place I can send e-mail from is from the bar across the street from the house we are staying in.

See you later,
Adam

HMS Detroit Update



The HMS Detroit is being built at Hike Metal Products in Wheatley. The ship is 132 feet from bow to stern and 207 feet from bow-sprit.

The 1.2 million dollar hull, the first phase of a 4.4 million three-phase project to create a replica of the Amherstburg built 1813 warship, which is expected to be completed around June 2002.

The ship will weigh 160 tons and will be lifted by two cranes for a launch into the harbour at Wheatley. It will then be loaded with 145 tons of scrap steel and 75 tons of concrete to serve as ballast while it is being towed to Amherstburg.

In Amherstburg phases 2 and 3, involving interior work and fitting the ship with its three masts, 12 sails and associated rigging. It is estimated it will take 20,000 man hours to complete the project. The ship is steel hulled and will be wood clad above the waterline and painted black and yellow to reflect the original colours of the Detroit, the largest ship built at the Amherstburg's Navy Yard and the flagship of the British Fleet during the War of 1812.

The Detroit will be a unique ship because it is going to be a passenger vessel with 37 berths, a crew of 16 and capable of carrying around 110 people.

Summarized article & photo by Brian Cross
(Windsor Star—December 29, 2001)

Summary of Budget Meeting January 20, 2002

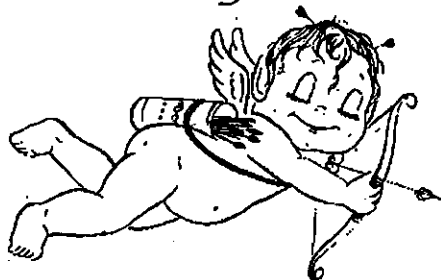
- The Budget Meeting and Payment of dues began at 1:06 pm January 20, 2002 with approximately 30 in attendance.
- Bodo Schaefer in charge of Win Your Dues for the current year.
- Committee formed for membership review. A few changes in the bylaws may be necessary.
- Planning committee to review projects for the upcoming year.
- \$1500 owed in members who did not complete work hours. Suggested that members who are behind to start their work hours early.
- Valentine Party planned by Denise Melanson on February 9, 2002 (See write up in newsletter).
- Rob Dorion to replace John Vandereerden as Race Director.
- Replace slings on lift.
- Brian Casey will be going up to Sarnia to pick up sails from Boston in February. If they are paid for and you contact Brian he will pick them up.
- Lively discussion during Treasurer's report concerning line of credit and the lift. Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Upcoming Events at LMYC for February

Hearts on Fire



8:00 p.m.



Saturday

February 9th

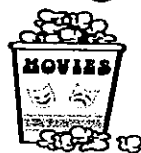
Bring your sweetheart and
celebrate Valentine's Day
at LMYC



Potluck & B.Y.O.B

R.S.V.P. Denise Melanson 969-2350

Movie Night at LMYC



Saturday February 16th



8:00 pm

Where were you in 1987?
Who were members in 1987?
What did the club look like?

Come and spend a nostalgic evening at LMYC
viewing a 1987 video, not seen for 15 years, complete with sound and narration.

Video illustrates an entire year at LMYC beginning in January and ending in December. Included are scenes from darts, launch shakedown, regatta etc.

Bring back memories of yesteryear. Relive the past with friends and members.

If you were not a member in 1987, see the club in an earlier era and reflect the change. If you have any questions call Richard Parchoma (735-6533)

Bring popcorn, refreshments and snacks. Very informal event.



Trim The Tree Extravaganza



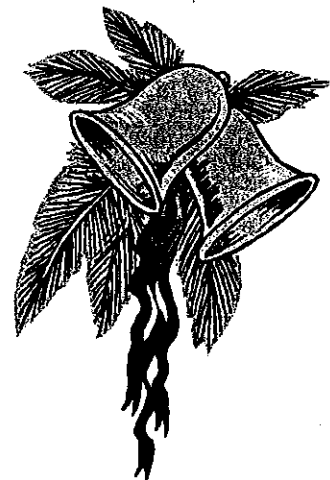
Carl and Denise Melanson

The annual tradition of trimming and decorating the Christmas at LMYC was held on Saturday December 15, 2001. This year the event was coordinated by Social Director Denise Melanson and her husband Carl.

The weather was very warm this year, with a snowfall still to occur. There was no snow but the Christmas spirit was certainly present.

The tradition consists of bringing out the Christmas Tree (artificial), assembling it, and decorating with lights, bulbs, and colorful beads. Two to three members assembled the tree with encouragements for all to take part. LMYC members are a shy group. Members brought unwrapped gifts, which will be donated to a needy child (Frank Chauvin's Holy Name of Mary Food Bank). The gifts will be delivered by Phil Smith, who has taken on this challenge for many years.

Approximately 20 members attended this event. The food was provided by the members, which was organized in a huge smorgasbord on a centrally located table. Throughout the evening members ate conversed and generally had a great time. The event broke up about 3:00 am.

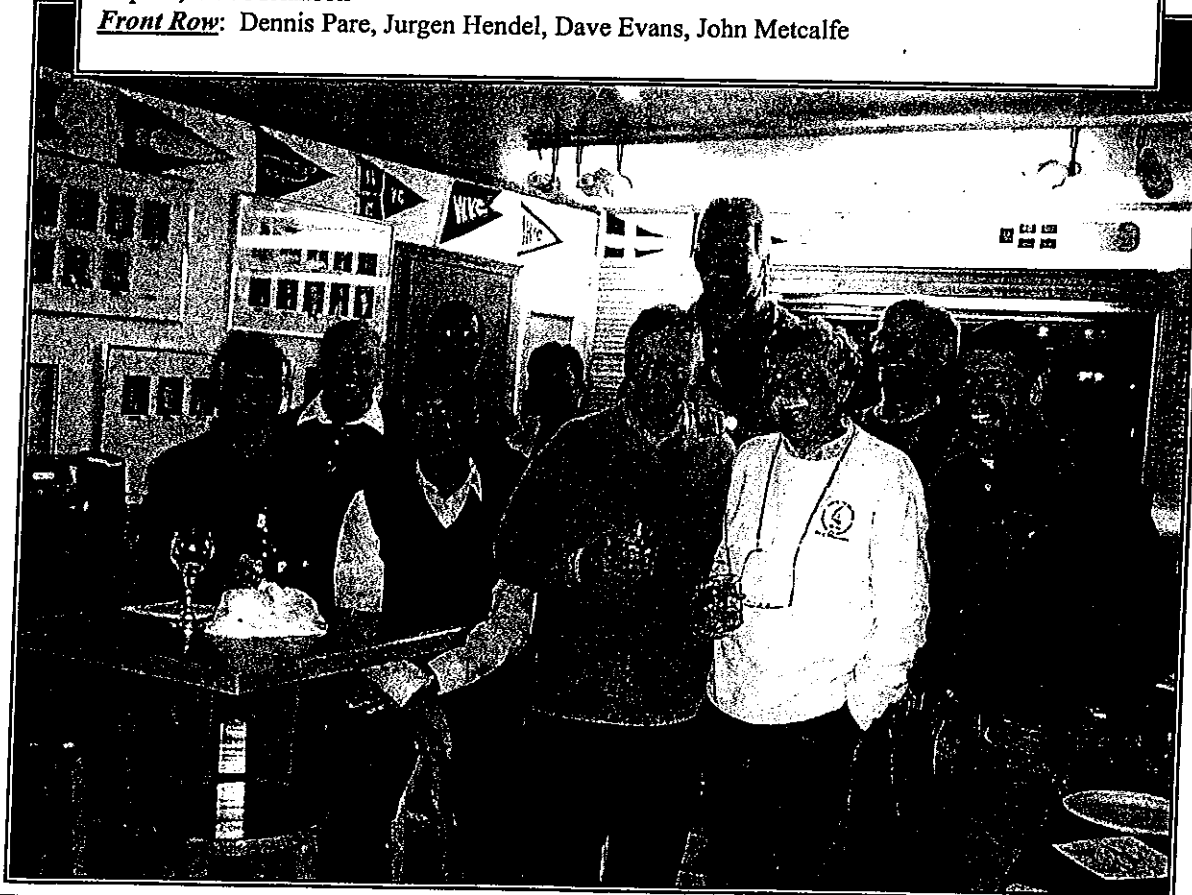




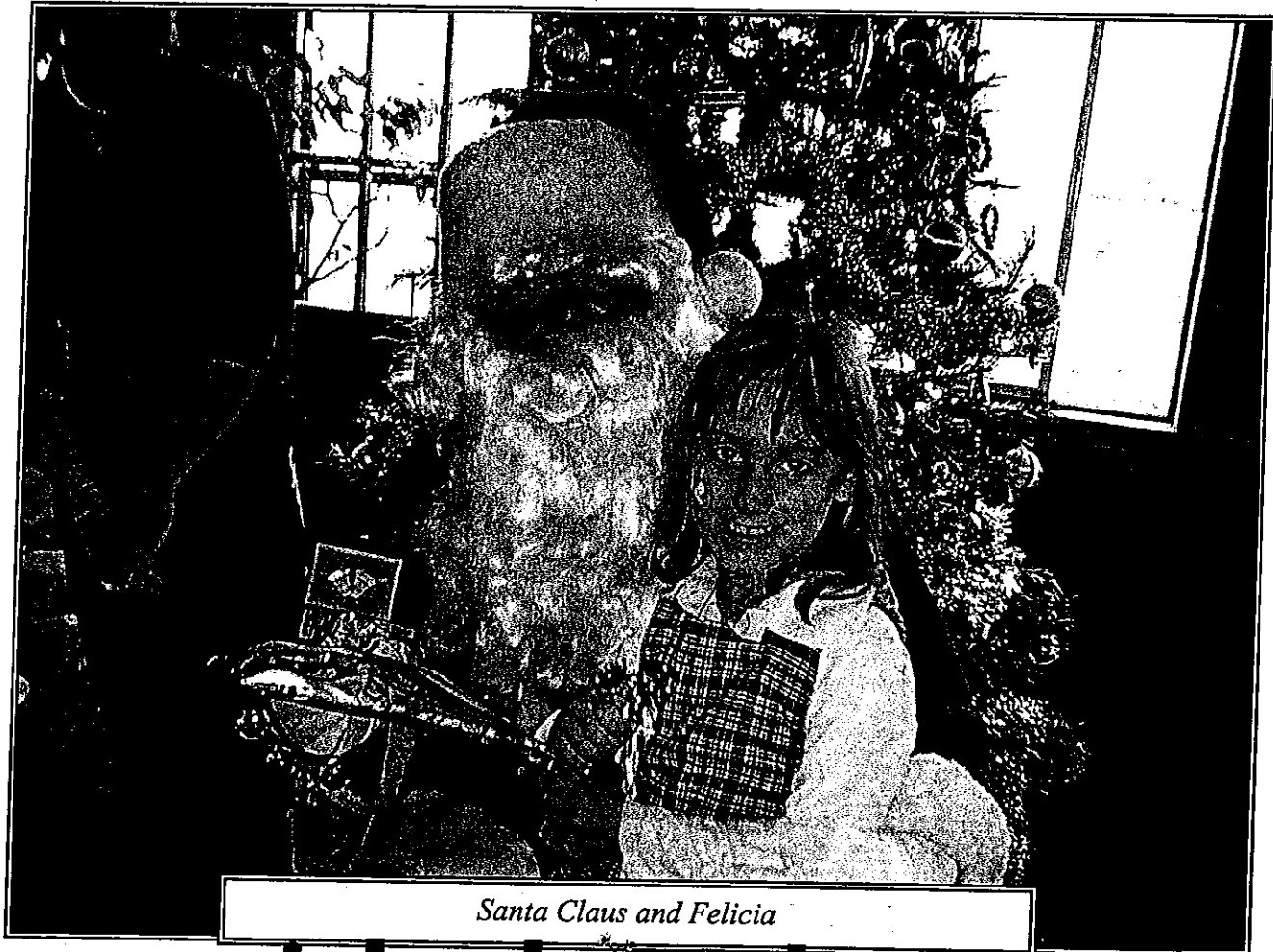
Top-Women of LMYC: Linda Schreiber, Gloria Basden, Barbara Pare, June Smith, Denise Melanson, Liz Metcalfe, Doris Kepran, Linda Parchoma, Natalie Guiang

Bottom-Men of LMYC: Celso Guiang, Perry Basden, Richard Parchoma, David Nantais, Ralph Kepran, Carl Melanson

Front Row: Dennis Pare, Jurgen Hendel, Dave Evans, John Metcalfe



Children's Christmas Party



Santa Claus and Felicia



The Children's Christmas Party was held Sunday December 16, 2001 at the LaSalle Mariners Clubhouse and organized by Denise and Carl Melanson. This year was a great turnout and there were over 17 youngsters awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. The party began around 1:00 pm and the youngsters were entertained by two elves Jenna Beaten and Tyne Melanson. Again this year the children were treated to face painting by Joanne Blackton.

There was no snow to date and the temperature outside was around 50 degrees and that is certainly not Santa's reindeer's type of weather. Santa arrived by car this year with his lead reindeer Dave Nantais at the wheel.

When the children saw Santa there were squeals of joy and anticipation. Santa took his customary chair in front of the Christmas tree and slowly and carefully handed out the gifts to the children.

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



Jenna Beaten & Tyne Melanson



Kids Christmas Party



Tyne, Denise & Carl Melanson



Gillian, Victoria, Dave, Felicia & Mary



Grandma Wigle, Jack, Kelly, Grace & John Amyot



JoAnne & Dexter Blackton



Autumn, Dexter, Amber, JoAnne, Jim, Brad, Nate, Molly



Fred, Darlene & Alannah Brill



Kids Christmas Party



Linda Schreiber, Natsumi & James Souilliere & Family



Jordan Lucas, Jillian Jazz, & Jack Penney



The Maheux, Reaume & Allen Family



Jennifer, Jeff & Zoe Kepran



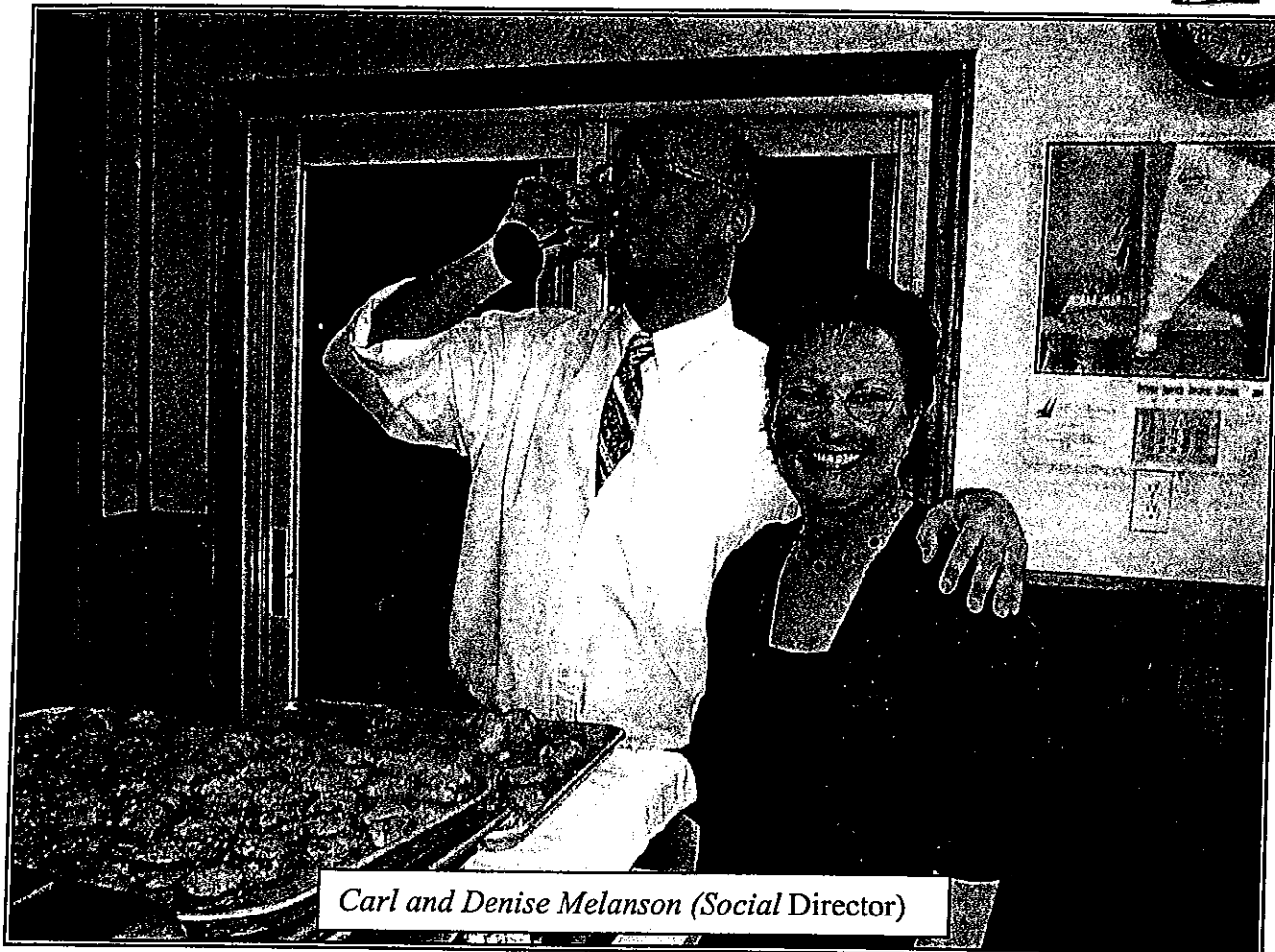
Victoria & Dave Nantais



Sarah, Dennis & Erika Hendel



New Year's Eve at LMYC



Carl and Denise Melanson (Social Director)

Once again New Year's Eve was a great success at LMYC. This year the event was hosted by Denise & Carl Melanson (Social Director) and attended by approximately 30 members and guests.

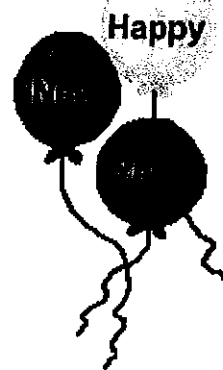
This year's culinary celebration of the New Year at LMYC began at 7:00 pm in a extremely well decorated clubhouse. Tables were positioned throughout the clubhouse to utilize space and provide an extremely cozy atmosphere. The celebratory menu consisted of many delicious courses, each meticulously planned by our skilled hosts Denise and Carl Melanson.

Our dining experience was rounded out with an exquisite dessert consisting of sherbert over ladyfingers.

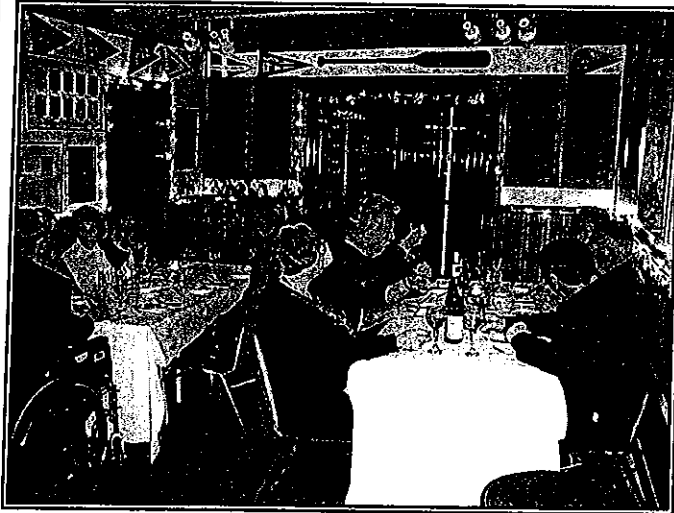
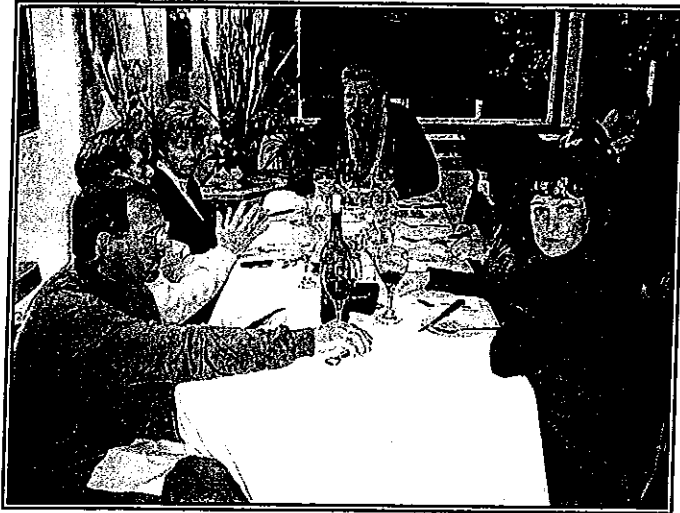
As the magical hour of midnight approached members and guests change into the appropriate gear to bring in the New Year which was brought in with the singing of auld lang syne and a toast of champagne.

Some members went outside to continue in the tradition of firing off flares to bring in the new year.

This year's event was superbly done and this is the place to be for New Year's Eve 2002.



New Year's Eve at LMYC



Club Members and Guests enjoying New Year's Dinner



Club Members and Guests enjoying New Year's Dinner



Dave Nantais



Jurgen Hendel & Sune Smith

New Year's Eve at LMYC



Charles Schindler, Jean Dupuis, Linda Schreiber, Jurgan Hendel, June Smith,
Denise Melanson, Doris Kepran, Mary Nantais, Gail Oliver



Maurice Dupuis, Roy Oliver, Mary Nantais, Rick Beresford, Amy Irving, Robert Dorion,
June Smith, Ralph Kepran, Richard Parchoma, Jim Blackton

New Year's Eve at LMYC



Members bringing in the New Year



Ralph and Doris Kepran



Ralph Kepran bringing in the New Year



A report from the desk of the Social Director (Denise Melanson)

Well the flurry of holiday activities has come to a close. It was a wonderful month for meeting new friends and cherishing the old. Many LaSalle Mariners members came together in the Yuletide spirit to attend the Adult Trim the Tree Potluck evening, the Children's Christmas Party and the final event of 2001, the New Years Eve Dinner.

Santa's helpers were out in droves supporting the parties with their donations of children's gifts to Frank's annual cause. Special thanks goes out to Gloria Basden for her delicious platters, as well as all the members who contributed. I would like to also thank Joanne Blackton for her artistic abilities in face painting. My daughter Tyne and her friend Jenna were Santa's helpers and assisted the special spirit that Ralph Allen brings to the annual Children's Christmas party.

I would also like to thank Phil, Ralph, Doris, Jurgen and Linda for their help through out the December activities and thanks to Richard for putting his photographic talent to good use by documenting all of these events.

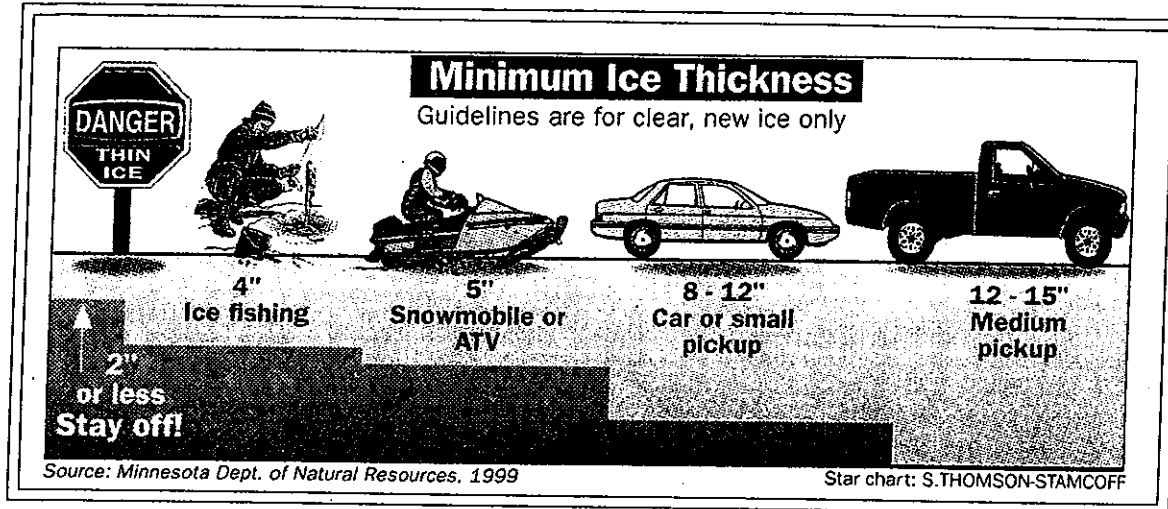
Last but not least thanks to my devoted husband Carl, for his help and support.



Winter Safety



After a very warm fall, winter is now upon us. Here are some facts which some members may find useful concerning outdoor activity.



How to determine the Wind Chill Factor

If you are good at math, here is your answer:

$$T(wc) = .081 \times (3.71 \times \sqrt{V} + 5.81 - 0.25 \times V) \times (T - 91.4) + 91.4$$

Where $T(wc)$ is the Wind Chill in degrees F, V is the Wind Speed in MPH, and T is the temperature in degrees F.

All you have to know is that wind chill is a measure of how much heat your body loses when you factor in the temperature and wind speed.

The wind chill factor was invented by two Antarctic explorers in the late 1940s. They experimented with how fast water freezes in certain wind speeds and temperatures, and then compared that to the rate that the body loses heat.

Here is a table that will help you determine what the wind chill is. All you need to know is the temperature (in F) and the wind speed.

Wind speed (mph)	Thermometer reading (°F)																
	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	33	27	21	19	12	7	0	-5	-10	-15	-21	-26	-31	-36	-42	-47	-52
10	22	16	10	3	-3	-9	-15	-22	-27	-34	-40	-46	-52	-58	-64	-71	-77
15	16	9	2	-5	-11	-18	-25	-31	-38	-45	-51	-58	-65	-72	-78	-85	-92
20	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	-103
25	8	1	-7	-15	-22	-29	-36	-44	-51	-59	-66	-74	-81	-88	-96	-103	-110
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40	3	-5	-13	-21	-29	-37	-45	-53	-60	-69	-76	-84	-92	-100	-107	-115	-123
45	2	-6	-14	-22	-30	-38	-46	-54	-62	-70	-78	-85	-93	-102	-109	-117	-125



Special Interests



Many members and their families have interests outside of sailing. Former Commodore Bob Bingham and his wife Andrea are such a family. In response to a request from the editor Bob has submitted a brief summary of Andrea and Kristen's winter months spent with their horses. As most members know Andrea and Kristen are involved in the training and teaching of both students and horses in the discipline of Dressage and Jumping. Most evenings are spent at the stable riding their horses, other owned horses and coaching riders of various ages.

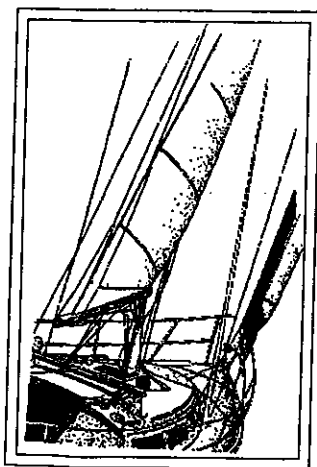
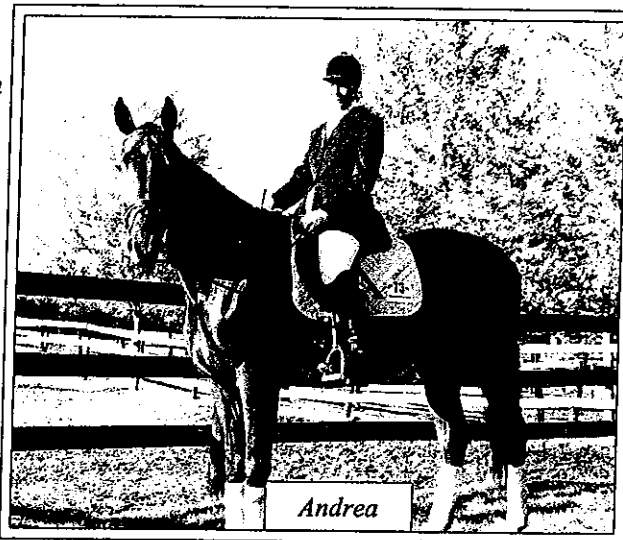
Kristen at present is training to hopefully join the Canadian Young Riders group which will allow her to advance to other groups representing Canada.

Andrea has recently purchased a new horse which to quote her is, 'eloquent and athletic'. She would like to advance this horse and rider to clinics to assist in their advancement.

Kristen will be traveling to Michigan with her horse in February to partake in four days of training. Andrea currently has 22 students in the evenings and on Saturdays, needless to say a full schedule.

And they think we take sailing and racing seriously.

Skipper Special Delivery Bob Bingham



Bob and Andrea Bingham





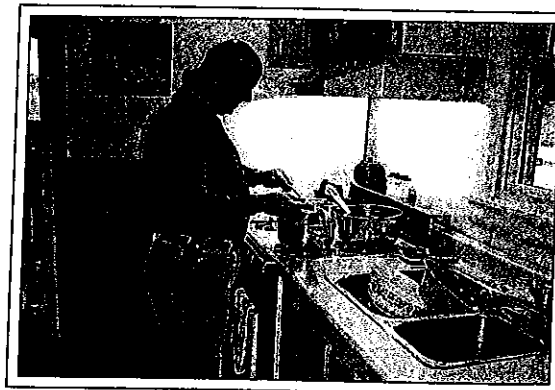
Monday Luncheons

About twenty minutes from Windsor, located on the Detroit River is LMYC, which has inherited one of the best views for dining in the greater Essex County Area. LMYC is a well-designed clubhouse dressed with old club photos, trophies and memorabilia some from its inception some 30 years ago. This is the setting for the Monday Luncheons, which will continue until April.

I arrived about five minutes before opening, which is at 12:00 noon and was a little surprised to see many people already there. When 12:00 came it was a rush to the host (the member preparing the meal for this event) to get your serving and the service was brisk and cordial.

The food varies from week to week depending on what the particular member fancies. Today was soup and ham sandwiches which was superbly prepared. The price for lunch on that particular day was \$3.00 for all you could eat. This is obviously the best deal in town.

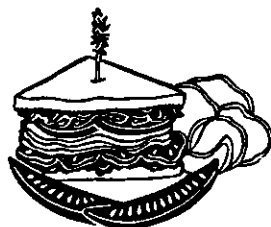
If you wish to attend these luncheons or bring a guest please call ahead so that members who are preparing for the particular Monday will be advised. Also members who are interested in preparing a luncheon or who have culinary skills are encouraged to attend.



Ralf Fiedler



Bob MacKenzie & Jerry Angus



Jurgen Hendel



Meet The Commodore



Commodore Bob Ferguson and First Lady Carol Ferguson

As a kid growing up in Amherstburg along the Detroit River, Bob got his love of boating fooling around with old rowboats and other discarded wrecks. Often the bottoms were made leak proof by melting tar from the local tar bed near present day Brunner Mond boat basin. One of Bob's favorite boats during that period was a make shift punt with a bow attached with gleeing shark teeth painted on it. Power was supplied by oars, or from an old 1928 3horse power OMC outboard. Strangely enough this early affliction to shark like craft continues today. Bob has had his Shark Gringo for over 30 years! This has enabled him to lay claim to ownership of the same boat for the longest period of time within his club. Catching the sailing bug from Carl Durham back in the early 60's on board Carl's 20' Mariner and later on his father- in -law Frank Barron's schooner Valhalla led to him to join the La Salle Mariners Yacht Club back when its members met in Ralph Allen's breezeway and Curly Ellis's Metro Motors.

Bob and his wife Carol along with their daughter Jennifer and son Rob continue this sailing tradition. At their Amherstburg home on the Detroit River, it is not uncommon to see one of the family members going out in some means of water transportation.