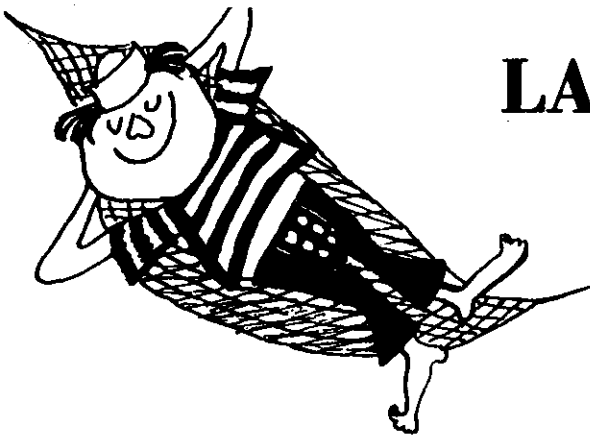


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A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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July 25th, 1980

- From the Loudhailer -

There is all but one Wednesday evening race left and that one is a make-up race for the only incomplete race we have had. The date is July 30th, as proposed by Curly during the meeting of Feb. 11th, 1980. Times and courses will be the same. And in both A and B class, this last race is necessary to decide first and second places as the competition in this series is very keen! In the A class, we have the addition of Ralph and Molly Allen's very handsome Niagra 26 "Amigo". With a rating of 186 she should provide some spirited boat for boat competition for the Vikings.

It was really no surprise that quite a few racers could just not tolerate a layday on July 24th, and raced once around Grassy Island, just like in the old days!

The weekly Race Committees have our thanks for well executed jobs and during the next meeting the names of the nine candidates for the fall series will be picked. The first race will be on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, same place, same time!

On a day in June, when the weather was most unsettled, seven singlehanders answered the starting signal in front of the club for the medium distance race. The organizers and sailors elected to sail a river course rather than the course in Lake Erie because of the weather conditions. At the head end of Fighting Island the Race Committee, riding shotgun, signaled the competitors to abandon the race. And so, with the visibility almost zero, with thunder and lightning overhead and buckets of rain coming down the racers returned to their moorings.

At the very end of the windy month of June, we had a windy Freedom Festival Regatta. Rick has been able to turn off the rain for the first time, but has not found out how to regulate the wind! Airborne steak and flyaway salad is truly a gauge of "fresh winds"! And whereas I agree with what is written about the event elsewhere on these pages, I feel that L.M.Y.C. has conducted a fine show, but we should leave our beer selling co-sponsors out of it in the future! Their unengraved ceramic mugs are not worthy being called awards for a yachting event! Where were the announced canonading cadets and Freedom Mates to make the awards? And since Alan Henderson is no longer doing sailing news reporting we really do not get any accurate or even inaccurate coverage from our "Star". There was really very little visible support from those sources, so lets do it our way! And last if not least, anyone that ever helped cleaning the clubhouse and surroundings after these indoor picnics knows of the beatings that our facilities have taken!

And it is fact that only one of forty kites bought will ever make it into the air.....

For a month now we will have most of the area clubs regattas. G.I.Y.C.'s Premier downriver on Aug. 2, a feeder race to the Thames, Aug. 8th and the Thames River Yacht Club Annual Regatta on the 9th, then on Aug. 15-16, still on Lake St. Clair the Southport Regatta followed by our own annual regatta on Aug. 24th, and capped by a feeder race to Cedar Island on Aug. 30th for the Labor Day Regatta. Quite a busy month for those that like to travel a bit but a fine opportunity to visit these clubs and make new friends....



Congratulations to the crew of "Whiplash" for their fine performance and third in class in the recent 190 mile Lake Huron Multihull regatta!

I will soon be in touch with the skippers of the remaining unmeasured boats to measure their sails. It is advantageous for those that race to have these measurements on file, for an automatic penalty of 6 sec. per mile will be attached for boats not so covered.

And now for some cruising and half moon silver.....

Good Sailing

## Racing School

### Chorus:

Barging, how I love to break the rules.  
I would like to bend and mangle you.  
Barging, on the port and starboard tack,  
I would like to catch them all aback.

1) At the white flag we tumbled out of bed.  
We should rig up soon the skipper said.  
At the blue flag the crew did give the sign,  
"If we start right now we'll make the line."

2) At the red flag our boat was going strong.  
But the Skipper said "Our tack is wrong."  
"Starboard" yelled one crew, we yelled "Port" as loud  
Oh, our sailing teacher would be proud.

3) On the first leg, the cry "Up, up!" was heard  
"By the way that means luff up, you nurd."  
Then the wind shifted, we had come about  
And we hit our foe a resounding clout.

4) At the first mark we hollered out for room  
And the boat beside said "Very soon."  
Hollered again as we approached our goal  
Then the other hull displayed a hole.

5) Round the first mark we hoisted up our chute  
As it hourglassed the crew was mute.  
Run to the bow and straighten out the mess  
Well it's back to spinnaker drill I guess.

6) See that boat a' sailing on my lee  
He is flying a protest flag I see.  
I will get you on a 44-1-8  
But I only hit him gent-l-y.

7) At the third mark we rounded with a jibe  
When we touched the mark I shan't describe  
Round it again, the fleet was bearing down  
"Hey you have no rights you silly clown.

8) Just at the finish, we were neck and neck  
And the Skipper's nerves were just a wreck  
Can't we sail faster, the crew was heard to whine  
If we had a motor we'd be fine.

9) There's the committee lying in the sun  
They are trying to puzzle out who won  
See the committee shaking fists at me  
Once again I've cut their mooring free.

10) How I love racing, such a lively sport  
You must be a gentlemanly sort.  
Win by fair sailing and you'll earn respect  
And good fellowship you can expect.

**TUNE - Barges**  
**LYRICS - Judy and Dave Weir**

## Freedom Festival Regatta 1980

Fair weather and strong winds provided a very successful regatta this year. The extended course proved to be challenging to the forty six participants who took part. The protected end of Belle Isle seemed to be an excellent staging area for the Race Committee boat and the starting line.

Several people from the Windsor area helped to add their talents into making this regatta run smooth.

Lynn Plant, a member of the Freedom Festival River Activities Committee helped in providing the four picket boats from the various marina's in the LaSalle area. Ron Timothy from CBE provided the lead boat, up to the anchorage area and then recorded the boats as they made the zig zag around the white buoy. Doug Pickhall and his friend George from Central Chrysler, Plymouth, followed the fleet. The 'Crossbow', from the H.M.C.S. Hunter provided the needed mark of the course at Dieppe Park. Many thanks are needed from myself and the Regatta Committee to the above.

The Marlin II was provided to the Race Committee by Rae and Robert Craig, who are the Clarks neighbors. The luxury of their 36' yacht was a welcome and provided the touch of class needed to a well deserved race committee. The Marlin II also completed the needed communications to the picket boats, Crossbow, Windsor Police Boat and U.S. Coast Guard. It was these communications which alerted the Race Committee of the collision between Highlife and Selmar I. Had any one been seriously hurt, assistance could have been instantaneous with either one of the picket boats or Windsor Police Boat.

A Big Thanks to Rae and Robert for the Marlin II.

Several people helped to make this year's regatta successful and I would like to thank them again, Craig Bennett, Curley Ellis, Bob Munden and Minute Man Press for the art work on the invitations and entry forms,, John and Pat Yankovich for arranging the food. To the ladies for making the salads: Molly, Red, Kathy, Louise and Connie. John Geary and his team for setting up and Art Letts and Carl Durham for cleaning up and especially those who worked on the Race Committee - Jim, Sue, Eric, Bob, Doris, Dennis and Edie.

Molson's once again came through with mugs as trophies and LaSalle mariners had very good coverage on TV9 news and the Windsor Star provided a good picture of Obsession and the fleet going by the Renaissance Centre.

Still a few things have to be accomplished for next year namely recognition of the race by River Isles Yachting Association and D.R.Y.A. Results of the race given to the media directly instead of through the Freedom Festival office, this could be done by forming a 'PR' committee. A larger Bar-B-Que built, - John Yankovich has the plans and I feel this should be given priority by the club especially prior to our annual regatta in August.

In closing I feel this regatta is growing in interest and several members of the club have approached me in offering their help next year. Any suggestions in helping to make this event better next year are welcome.

Rick Renwick.

Notice to all: If you haven't already been contacted about our pig roast which is to be held on August 3rd, 1980 any time in the p.m. please contact Joe McIntosh or John Geary. The cost for this is \$5.00 per person all you can eat, all are welcome.

ALL YOU "SINGLE HANDERS" TAKE NOTICE:

THE NEXT SINGLE HANDER'S RACE WILL BE ON AUGUST 20 (A WEDNESDAY) AND ANOTHER WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 27. SO FOR ALL YOU SAILORS WHO DO IT BEST WHEN YOU'RE ALONE HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE TO THE CREW THAT THEY ARE THE REASON YOU'RE NOT FIRST ALL THE TIME, BUT WATCH OUT, YOU MAY PROVE THE REVERSE. EITHER WAY IT'S NOT HARD SO GIVE IT A TRY.

