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LMYC Blessing of the Fleet

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From the Commodore

I reported last month we should be able to begin construction work in June. Well, it seems the progress at the bank and their legal department compares poorly to molasses in January. They assure us we are approved but the "paper work" has yet to appear. We cant proceed without written approval. Hopefully this will be finalized ASAP.

Other projects are moving forward nicely. The entrance to the Club has been completed and looks terrific. A great job by Faye and her team. Jeff Williams and his team are redesigning the handicap entrance into the Club to make it more user friendly. Work should begin shortly. We are working with Paul and Faye re moving and locating the garage they donated. The contractor doing their remodeling work is the same who will do our work. And lastly, the contract for purchase and install of a dry fire hydrant (per Town of LaSalle Bylaws) has been signed. Total cost to be approximately \$2,500.

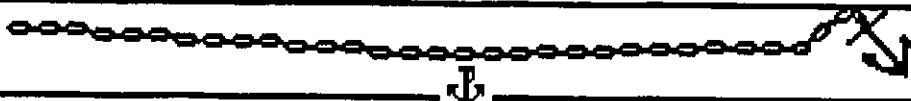
Blessing of the Fleet was a success. Twenty nine boats participated. Many thanks to the Henson's , Fr. Stan, the Honour Guard with their Piper and those who provided food. Also a thank you to Adam who provided a very "classy" splash.

A long time friend of the Club and Honoree Member Sherman Reuther, passed away after a lengthy illness. Sherman's relationship with the Mariners began very early in the Club's history. Sherman had decided to do some cruising taking his boat to the Caribbean via Florida. They liked Florida so well they decided to move there. The lamp with the sailboats hanging from it in the clubhouse ... originally built as a wind toy by Sherman and converted to a lamp by Juergen. Our condolences to Sherman's family. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Please check your calendar of events. Lots of happenings-regattas, Pelee Island fun cruise, retirement party for Bob Ferguson, possibly a wine tasting, possibly some fun Friday evening races followed with a cook out/bon fire/sing-along and much more. See you there.

Commodore: John Amyot Senior

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News and Information

Father's Day

Did everyone have a great Father's Day? Father's Day, June 20th has become a day to not only honour fathers, but all

**Happy
Father's
Day**



men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers and adult male friends are all honoured on Father's Day.

It was in 1909 that Mrs. John B. Dodd of Washington first suggested the idea of a "Father's Day". She wanted a special day set aside to honour her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran.

the first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

Use of Club Telephone

The Club Phone presently is being abused by certain club members. The club has been receiving **long distance phone bills** which seem to have anonymous owners. If you make long distance calls, please have the common courtesy to take responsibility for these calls. Just make the treasurer aware that you have made a long distance call and will gladly pay the bill when it arrives. Put yourself in the club's shoes. Would you want someone to come into your home and make long distance calls and then leave? I THINK NOT!



Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie

Congratulations

*Graduate
Class of '99*



Michael Basden

Gloria and Perry Basden members of LMYC are very proud to announce the graduation of their son, Michael from the University of Waterloo where he will receive his Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in electrical engineering. Michael has accepted a position with Proctor & Gamble Co. in Belleville

Wine and Cheese Appreciation Night

Hold on to your hats. The annual wine and cheese appreciation night is coming sometimes in August. Check in the August newsletter for more information.



Sailor's Health

Cancer risk lowered

BOSTON

Drink more water — or coffee, milk, soda, fruit juice and beer — and you can lower your risk of bladder cancer, a study found. American men who drank at least 11 eight-ounce glasses a day of all liquids cut their risk of two common types of bladder cancer in half, compared with men who drank five glasses or less, the study found.

Water had an independent protective effect. Men who drank at least six glasses of water a day cut their risk of bladder cancer in half compared with men who had less than one glass, regardless of how much they drank in total liquids.

Bladder cancer strikes an estimated 310,000 people worldwide each year and is the fourth most common cancer among American men. Smokers are more susceptible than non-smokers, and it afflicts four times as many men as women — possibly because few women smoked until recently, and the lag time from when a person starts to smoke to when the cancer shows up can be 40 years or more.



Marine Garage Sale

There are plans in the works for LMYC First Annual Marine Garage Sale. The idea is that club members would have an opportunity to show and sell/trade their old marine equipment.

The date is not set and will be in late July or August. If you have any suggestion contact Carol Ferguson..



HAVE YOUR SAY...

Dear Club Members,

Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "HAVE YOUR SAY"

Letters to the LaSalle Currents must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

The following is a letter submitted by Richard Renwick.

May 30, 1999

To all LMYC members,

Now that the boats are in the water I would like to remind my fellow members of **TWO RULES**, that should be adhered to:

1. No parking in front of the boats from Friday to Sunday.

2. **CHILDREN** must wear a life jacket on LMYC property.



Members should respect the few rules we do have. Remember Rules are only for those that need them. Too bad it's always the same boat owners and their crew.

Yours truly,

Richard Renwick



Blessing of the Fleet

Chairperson
Bob Henson



You can always tell when the Blessing of the Fleet is just around the corner. It is when strawberries are in season and The LaSalle Strawberry Festival is in progress, a party which last for 3 days. From June 4 to the 6th, LaSalle is bombarded by all sorts of events, parades, fire works, fishing derbies, carnivals, crafts and of course the LASALLE MARINERS ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET.

This year the Blessing of the Fleet occurred on Sunday June 6 th. Bob Henson, the chairman has invested many hours preparing for this event.

The boats to be blessed left the harbor at approximately 12:30 pm and sailed southward to line up for the blessing. At 1:00 pm at LMYC Widow's Walk Commodore John Amyot Senior, Vice Commodore Elaine Prettyman and Reverend Stan Fraser presiding, placed a wreath into the river honoring those sailors burled at sea. Members from RCAF Branch 364 (LaSalle) stood at attention while the bagpipe played. The boats paraded past the Widow's Walk where Reverend Fraser bestow blessing on each vessel. Many of the vessels were boarded by the owners, crews, and families.



Bob Henson - Blessing Sail Past

After the Blessing the festivities continued in the clubhouse where Commodore Amyot Senior welcomed the guests and thanked members who participated in the LMYC Annual Blessing of the Fleet. After grace there was an assortment of food which graced the entire clubhouse. After eating members and friends chatted and some members engaged in Horse Shoes.

The blessing remains an important part of LMYC culture. It creates an atmosphere that reaches into the heart of every club member and finds the spirit and pride that is the Blessing of the Fleet.



Jurgen Hendel, Ralph & Molly Allen, Linda Schreiber, Renee Laird, Darlene Frasher



Shakedown To Put-In-Bay

by
Maggie Evans



A new course record was set this year as Paddy Wagon crossed the finish line in 3 hours, 7 minutes, 2 seconds. That's an average speed of 8.61 nautical miles/hr in the 26 nautical mile race from Bar Point to Put-In-Bay. Many of the other 53 other boats completed the course in personal record breaking time.

The wind was moderately heavy out of the north-east, so the majority of boats went with mains and genoas only. Some boats put up their spinnakers, but the reach was a bit tight for most. The only tacking required was right near the finish line between Middle and South Bass Islands.

The wind was steady. There was an absence of lightning, fog, and bone-chilling cold. What we had was rain. From the minute Ralph Allen and crew on started us off until we crossed the finish line in front of Paul Laing and crew on Gandalf it rained. It never fun to sail in the rain, it's even worse to face the prospect of sleeping on a wet boat.

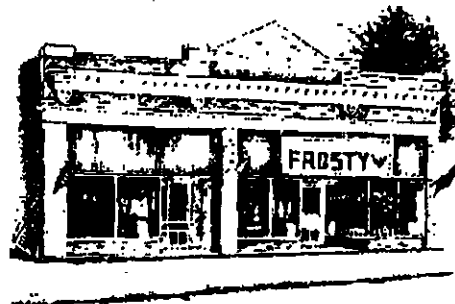
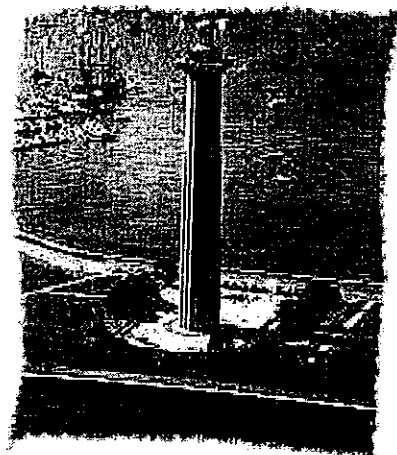
When we arrived at "The Bay" finding a dock was not as great a problem as on sunny Shakedowns. Many of the powerboats stayed home.

Most crews were interested in heading for warm dry places -- The Round House, Beer Barrel, or Frosties. The Shakedown crowd seemed to congregate mostly in (no cover charge) Frosties. The winners celebrated and the losses commiserated.

What was different this year was bead collecting. For some reason the necklaces which were being sold at a souvenir store become very valuable. People wanted lots of the brightly colored jewelry to wear home.

The best souvenirs was brought home by John Amyot on Morpheus. He is the winner of the Avco cup for the best corrected time.

Congratulations to John and Crew.



REGIONAL CADET SAILING SCHOOL (CENTRAL)

SAILING CENTRE #6



Shirley Beresford
Lieutenant (N)
Officer Commanding



SEA CADET SAILING

On 11-13 June, the Sea Cadets from RCSCC AGAMEMNON participated in their Mandatory Sail Training Weekend. This is required to complete and confirm the sail training for the past Training Year. The staff from #6 Sailing Centre, with assistance from various other people, hosted the cadets and staff from the corps.

In total, there were 59 cadets and 15 adults. There was training in WS 1 and 2, with testing for all 3 White Sail Levels. 25 WS 1, 2 WS 3 Levels were completed and these cadets will receive certificates at a later date. Another 8 WS 2 and 6 WS 3's were able to gain more experience and complete some of the practical testing. By summer's end, the attempted levels will likely all have achieved.



Shirley Beresford

The practical testing for the 2's and 3's was hindered by the lack of wind. Except of course for 2 occasions when storms blew through. If we could have averaged the winds for the weekend, it would have been perfect. As it was, the boats came in, tents blew down, and things got pretty exciting for a short time.

SLT. Nick Kouvalis has been appointed the Officer Commanding #6 Sailing Centre. Nick has a CYA Red Sailing Instructor Level. He brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the job.

Due to some cutbacks of DND support in regards to #6, the cadets will not be training as frequently. The intent is to train the corps staff to run the sailing program starting in 2000 at which point the staff at #6 will be working out of another sailing centre, possibly in Sarnia.



Information For LMYC Boaters Returning From The USA

During our Annual Shakedown Race to Put-in-Bay several of our club members were negligent in reporting to Canada Customs on their return to Canada. As a result Canada Customs had a great many LMYC boats in violation. It is my understanding that if persistent violations occur **LMYC could lose their status as a designated landing site**, and that would be unfortunate for all club members.

Perhaps it is time to remind all members what the regulations state;

As a Canadian boater, you have to report your return to Canada after having visited the United States.



Your boat is considered to have entered the United States if you have:

- docked, moored, or tied off in foreign waters;
- anchored in foreign waters; or
- come into physical contact with another vessel (whether in foreign or Canadian waters), and either vessel requires customs clearance.

When you return to Canada, you have to report to a **designated marina** and in our case (LMYC) and call Revenue Canada Customs at 1-888-CANPASS (1-888-226-7277). All passengers must remain on the vessel until they have cleared it. When you call in **and it should be as soon as your boat is docked**, you will be asked for:

- the vessel licence number;
- a declaration for each person on board (including alcohol, tobacco firearms, and weapons); and
- the name, date of birth, country of residence, and citizenship of each person on board.

Once you give customs all the information they need, you will either be cleared and given a customs report number, or asked to remain with your vessel until a customs verification team has released it. Keep a log of these report numbers in case we ask you to verify that you have reported in. **FINES FOR NON REPORTING RANGE FROM \$100 TO \$400.** If you do not report, or falsely report, you could be fined and/or have your vessel seized. Everyone on board (including children) should carry proper identification (e.g., birth certificate, voter registration card, passport, or resident alien card).



Under the Canadian Shipping Act, any small vessel equipped with a motor of 10 horsepower or more needs a small vessel licence, and any vessel 20 tons and over must be registered federally.

As the vessel operator, you should have a copy of the licence on board at all times. Law enforcement agencies may ask you to show the vessel licence when the boat is underway. If you cannot produce a copy of the licence, you could face a \$500 fine.





Around The World On A Catamaran



LaSalle Mariners was very fortunate to host on Thursday June 17, 1999, Alec and Alayne Main who told the real story of a couple at sea. With standing room only Alec and Alayne told their story of a just married couple starting out with no experience and after four years, they came home as circumnavigators - and still married.



Alec and Alayne Main

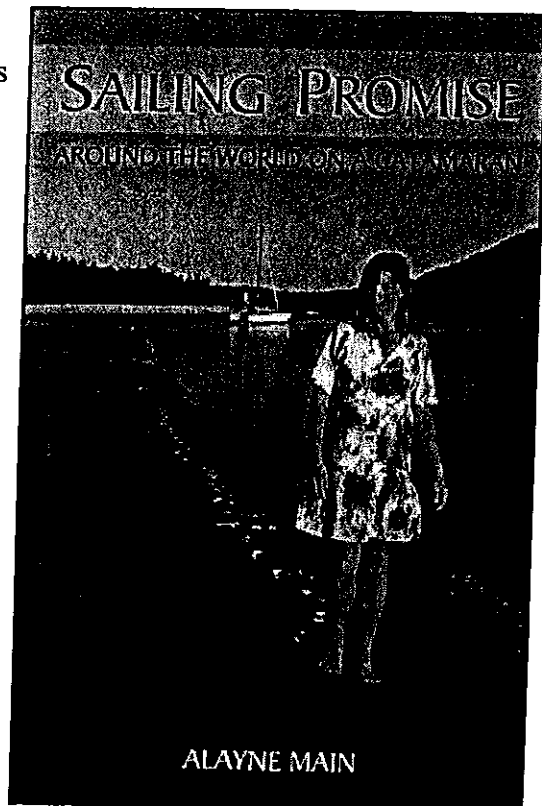
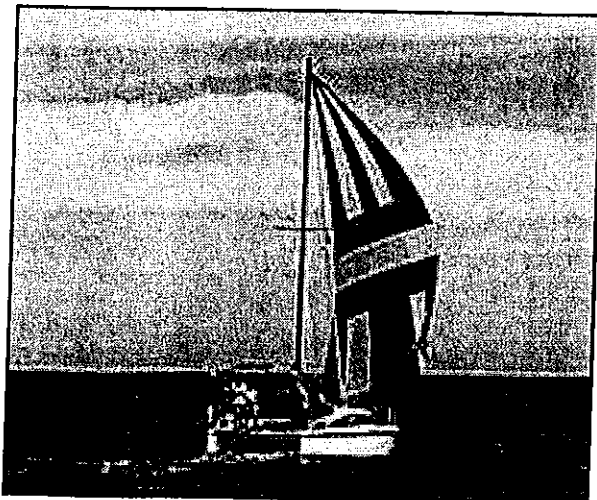
The slide show and presentation lasted about an hour and a half and was both fascinating and entertaining. During the slide show we experience many exotic and hardly visited locales. It became very apparent that during their 4 year adventure the challenges they experienced were immense and sometimes overwhelming. There were storms at sea, a collision with a whale and the threat of being attacked by pirates.

After the presentation the Mains answered questions from the audience. The evening ended with a mini social and many members and friends purchasing *Sailing Promise; Around the World on a Catamaran* and having it personally autographed.

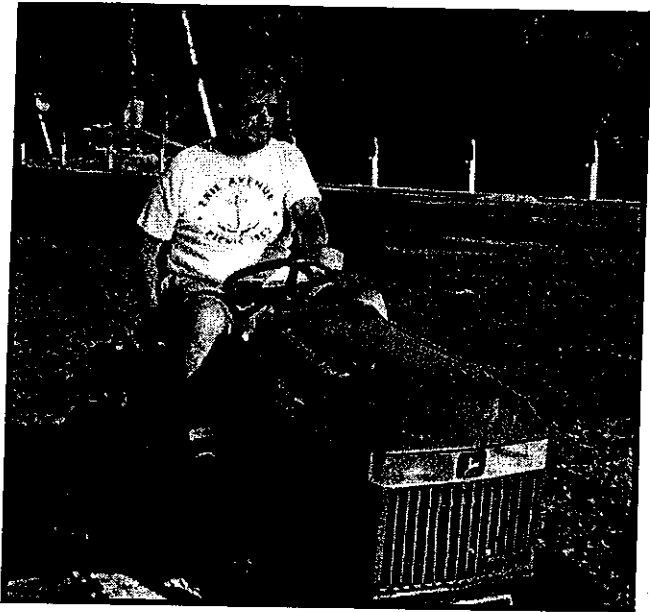
If you missed the slide presentation, the Mains have a Web site at (www.mnsi.net/~main) where you can read several chapters of their book. The site also provides information where the book can be purchased.

Sailing Promise; Around the World on a Catamaran
by Alayne Main

This book is a sailors delight, a true winner.



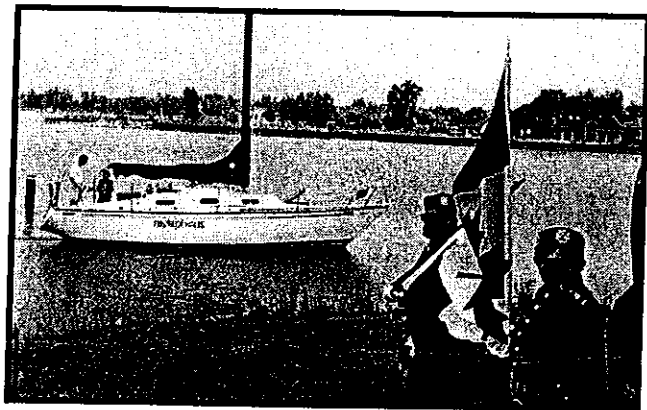
L.H.C.
Photo Gallery



Bob Bingham cutting the grass



June Smith at Blessing of the Fleet



Commodore John Amyot on sail past



Blessing of the Fleet
Jaida, April Williams, Bob Williams, Doris Kepran

