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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

Blessing of the Fleet -Commodore Elaine Prettyman, Vice Commodore Bob Reaume,
Reverend Stan Fraser, Chairman Bob Henson, RCAF Branch 364 LaSalle.

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From the Commodore & Vice-Commodore

Now that the dredging is past and clean up is well underway, we are once again looking like the boaters paradise that we are. We thought we might just mention some of the things that will be happening in the next month that you may wish to get involved in (thereby meeting your work hour needs).

Beginning July 4th, there will be a regular Tuesday night work party with a 7pm start time. Special thanks to those that turned out for the first one. Great job!!! The birdhouses will once again be in use. They will be placed somewhere between the flagpole and the Widows Walk close to the water - and away from the boats.

The work hours sheet will have been updated by the time you receive this newsletter. Members listed still have work hours to do. The walkway on the south harbour will soon be completed. If the walkway has not been finished in front of your well, it may be a good idea to help finish the job.

The life ring boxes have been completed, and someone is needed to install them on the property. If you can take on this project and complete it in the next couple of weeks, please let Bob know. Blocks and debris are still laying around the parking lot from winter storage of boats. If any of this material belongs to you please help out by cleaning it up.

The property fence along the driveway will be going up in the next week.

Special thanks to Annette Brown (new associate member) for our new lighthouse roadway block. Not only does it look good (and light up), but is easy to move when needed (using the yellow pull ropes). It seems to be a good solution to the problem we had with roadway congestion and is also keeping the boats cleaner.

****Special Note **** The Sea Cadets have done a great job cleaning up around the pump out area. Please be aware that some of the rocks are very close to the end of the pump out walkway. No problems have been reported by those that have used the pump out, but please use caution (just in case).

The dinghy dock project is waiting for work volunteers. Much of the heavy labour has been done, and the planning of the new ramp is in progress. It would be great to see some of the dinghy owners help with this project. The more helpers, the faster the new docks can be put into place, and dinghy sailing can begin.

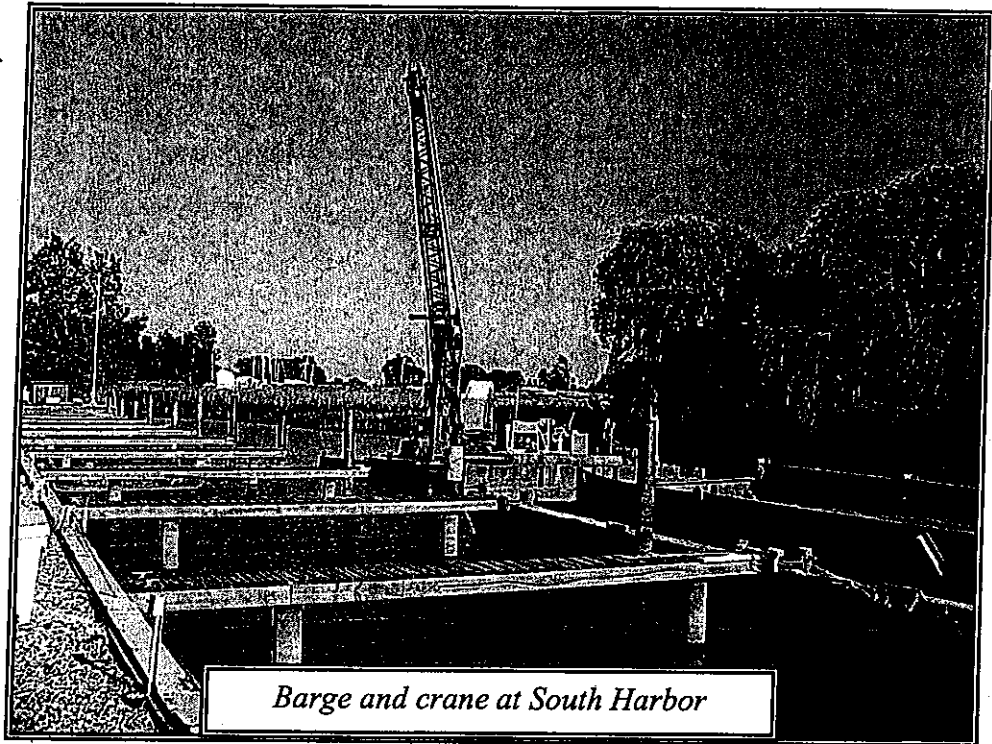
Welcome to Terri Mangile our newest associate member. That's all the tidbits for now. Enjoy the summer and the (shortened) but great sailing season.

Commodore Elaine Prettyman & Vice Commodore Bob Reaume



News and Information

The month of May has been dredging month at LMYC. Dredging officially ended on Friday June 2, 2000. The only item that needs to be addressed is the replacement of pilings that were damaged in the dredging. It has been a long wait, but finally it is complete. The North and South Harbour have a depth of approximately 9 feet. As soon as the North Harbour was finished boats were

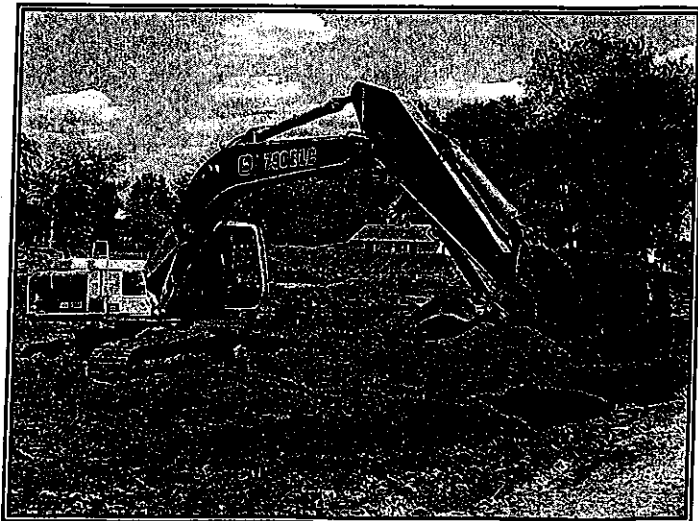


Barge and crane at South Harbor

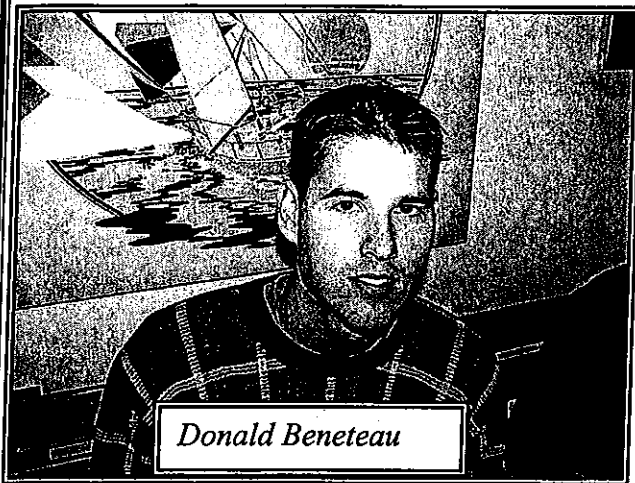
launched. The first boats launched at LMYC were on Friday May 27, 2000 and the very first boat launched was that of Past Commodore Bob Bingham. Some members had wells at other facilities and were launched first to make room for others. On Saturday June 3rd members who had berths in the South Harbor began to move their boats to their proper wells.

On June 6th the road was graded and restoration to the property begun. All that needs to be done is to repair the cement dividers and LMYC will be as good as ever.

All the dredging material taken from the North and South Harbor is now resting north of the roadway to the entrance of our property. The dredging will be allowed to dry and then leveled. Topsoil will be added and then the area will be allowed to revert to its natural state. Future decisions on the dredging site will remain with the executives.



Couples Race



Donald Beneteau

This year the couple's race was resurrected after a hiatus of several years. This year the Race Director Donald Beneteau organized the race.

Eight boats were entered for this race. The course for the race was Course #3 (Wednesday Night Race) which is approximately 7.4 NM. There were light winds, but lots of sunshine, which made the race exciting as well as fun.

Winners are as follows:

- 1) Mad Max
- 2) Rakaia
- 3) Zephyr Hawk
- 4) Indigo Lady

After the race there was a barbeque, which was prepared by Andy Kozieradski and Steve Kepran.

Sea Cadets

LMYC once again this year greeted the sea cadets (June 9-10-11) (Agamemnon – Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Core). This was their mandatory sail-training weekend. Due to dredging the training boats were docked at St. Clair Marine.

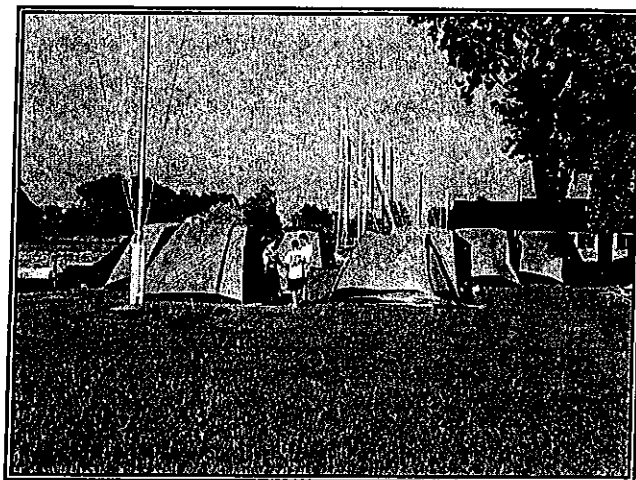
In total there were 60 students with officers & staff who were in charge of administering the Canadian Yachting Association Sailing Levels. (White Sail 1-2-3).

This core was sending a sail team to the provincials at Kingston (June 17-18).

There were 16 tents pitched at LMYC and all involved enjoyed campfire, sing-a-long, sports and lots and lots of food.

The core will be building a launch well just East of the pump out.

Lt(N) Robert Desnoyers (Executive Officer)



Sea Cadets enjoying LMYC hospitality. 16 tents with 60 cadets were camped West of the clubhouse near the Widow's Walk



Adam Prettyman

LMYC welcomes Adam Prettyman as an associate member. He became a member on his nineteenth birthday. Welcome aboard.

Bjorn & Tove Update

In July of 1998 LMYC had visitors from Denmark. They stayed at our club for about 2 weeks and made a great deal of friends. This is the current update of their progress.

Date: Fri, 30 June 2000 04:33:41 -0700
Hello dear friends

A few words to tell a little about what's happened to LAURA and crew in the last few month.

LAURA has since early June been on land in Trinidad, IMS Marina in Chaguaramas, and the crew are home in Denmark, where we are planned to stay until about 01-05-01.

All our family is very fine, even Tove's mother on 81, who just returned from the hospital after a operation in her stomach. Bjoern's mother will be 80 on the 5. of Aug. and have invited to a big party on that day and our son Martin is 30 in Sept. with another big party, so you will understand that we are having great days.

We have not got any jobs yet,- and that I think is fine, because we are to busy to visit family and friends, and pick up some of the weight we lost

in the Caribbean!!

As many of you know, we left The Bahamas on the 10 of Marts, heading for Cuba. We was a little nervous about doing it, because there was so much talk in between sailors about chicane etc. from the Cuban authorities.

Thanks god we didn't listened to much to all that, because we have in our 4 years of cruising never met so friendly and helpful people,- and the receivers of this message will know that means a lot!! The authorities of course were very bureaucratic but also friendly,- to all nationalities. The country is beautiful and the rum is cheap, so you will understand we enjoyed our 6 weeks there- even we never has been so close to loose our boat as there.

One morning we failed to pick up our anchor in time (when you left Pam and Nina) and we was headed by a heavy thunderstorm. The wind changed 180 degrees and tried to put us on the big cliffs behind us, but after fighting in more than one hour, running the engine, the wind turned down a little, and we could leave.

After Cuba we went to The Dominican Republic for a week and then down to Trinidad a little quick. Those eleven months of cruising maybe has been a little to busy, more than 7000 nm.- but with many many good days, meeting old and new friends, who we by this, like to thanks so much for all the help and good memories you all have given to us. We hope and believe we will meet most of you again, because our planes have changed " a little"

Next year from Jan. until Jun. we take an easy cruise up and down the islands,- go home again for maybe 3 months, and then go west along the coast of Venezuela, up to Guatemala, Belize, maybe Cuba, Bahamas and then back to the US and Canada,- we think!!

Some of you guis will like to know our phone nr: + 45 2147 5980

Best regard from
TOVE & BJOERN

Low Water Warning issued by Stone Laboratory

With the 4th of July and the rest of the busy summer ahead, boaters visiting Put-in-Bay on Lake Erie are urged to approach all of the public docks and private marinas from around east side of

Gibraltar Island this year due to lower lake water levels.

In a 2-month period (Mid April - Mid June), Stone Laboratory personnel on Gibraltar Island have witnessed 73 boats strike the Oak Point Shoal which extends underwater from the ODNR

While the "Alligator Bar" that extends from Gibraltar toward Oak Point is much more visible this year, the Oak Point Shoal is still a couple of feet below the lake surface. It will get shallower as the current seasonal peak water levels recede throughout the rest of the year.

Information provided by Yvonne McRobbie

Notice of Motion

A NOTICE OF MOTION WAS POSTED BY RICHARD RENWICK AND WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING OF LMYC

To the members of LMYC I would like to make a notice of motion; that I move or cause to be moved a motion that the clubhouse be a "SMOKE FREE" BUILDING AT ALL TIMES.



RICHARD RENWICK



MARY ELLEN MANGILE

An update on our Social Director who is on leave and on an adventure of a lifetime. Mary Ellen a member of LMYC is presently in the Madeleine Islands in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence off Newfoundland. She is on a 44 foot sailboat with a crew of three. Mary Ellen reports that whales and seals are plentiful in the St. Lawrence River. The next port of call is Port Aux Basques in Newfoundland.

Their goal presently is to be in Halifax on July 19th for the Tall Ships.

UpComing Events

*LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club
6th Annual*

Pelee Island Winery Regatta & Cruise

Saturday July 15, 2000

- Festivities sponsored by Pelee Island Winery
- For more information and ticket prices call Pelee Island Winery 519-724-2469.
- For Regatta entry information, contact John Vandereerden 519-978-2898

- ◇ July 1-2 Thames River
- ◇ July 9 WSSC & FYC Couple-Handed Medium Distance Race
- ◇ July 22 GIYC Race
- ◇ July 29 CIYC Down River Race
- ◇ July 30 Deep Water Race to Put-In-Bay
- ◇ July 1-Aug 2 Bay Week

Blessing of the Fleet

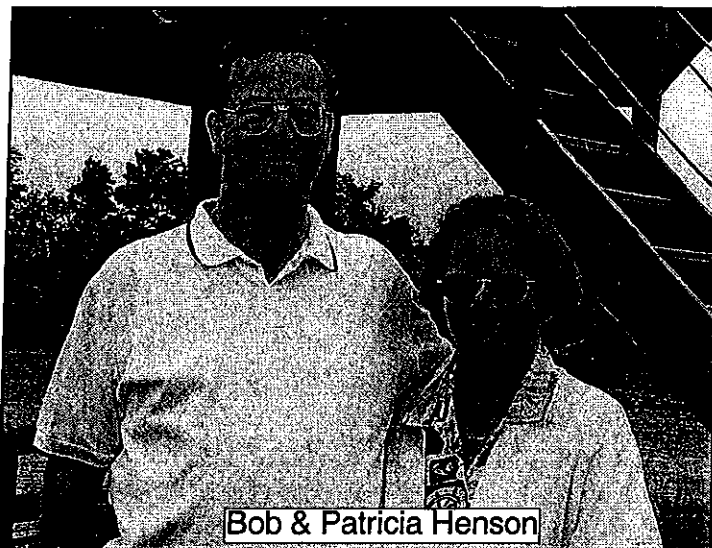
This year the blessing of the fleet took place on Sunday June 4, 2000 at LMYC. The ceremony surrounding the blessing of the fleet has its origins and is reminiscent of the ceremony designed to ask the Lord's indulgence in providing good weather and safe boating conditions during the approaching navigation season. This annual ritual has been adopted by LMYC and carried out by Bob Henson, the chairperson of this years event.

This year the club celebrated what is called a dry blessing since many boats were not in the water due to dredging occurring at LMYC.

At approximately 1:00 pm Commodore Elaine Prettyman, Vice Commodore Robert Reaume and the Reverend Stan Fraser preceded to the Widow's Walk with members from RCAF Branch 364 LaSalle.

With pipes blaring a wreath was placed into the river honoring those sailors buried at sea. Members from Branch 364 stood at attention while the bagpipe played. Reverend Stan Fraser with Commodore Elaine Prettyman and Vice Commodore Robert Reaume proceeded to the boats at the docks to bestow the traditional blessing.

After the blessing the festivities continued in the clubhouse where Commodore Elaine Prettyman welcomed the guests and thanked members who participated in the LMYC Annual Blessing of the Fleet. After grace there was an



Bob & Patricia Henson



assortment of food which graced the entire clubhouse.

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.

Top Photo

Commodore Elaine Prettyman, Vice Commodore Robert Reaume, Reverend Stan Fraser

Left Photo

RCAF Branch 364 LaSalle Colour Guard



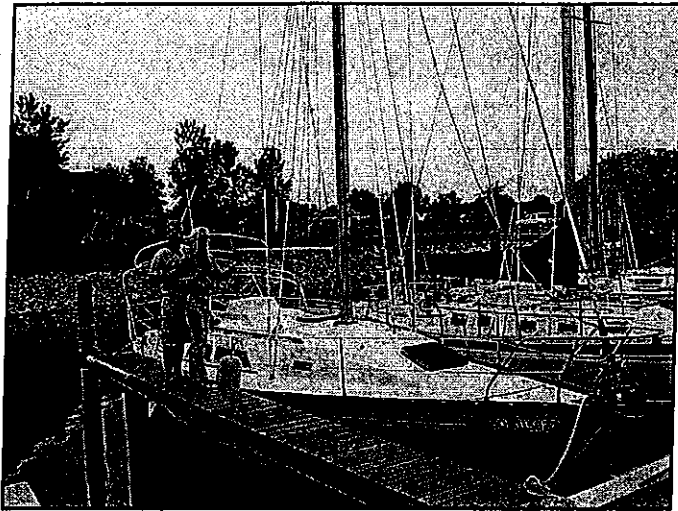
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Perry and Gloria Basden



Liz and John Metcalfe



Richard and Linda Parchoma



Connie and Alex Buliga



Sandy & Jack with Jillian Jazz & Jordan Lucas



Doris and Ralph Kepran



Hollie & Bernie Wolter



Donald Beneteau & Nicole Gadoury



Denis & Barb Pare's Family



John Murphy & Cathy



Gord & Diane Freeman



Steve Kepran's Family

Advice For Sailors



G & B

Two of our club members have volunteered to give advice to sailors concerning first mates. G & B, not their real names for obvious reasons, insist they have the proper credentials to give sound advice. During our interview the following recommendations were extracted. Only rule 1 will be discussed in this newsletter.

Rule #1

Proper use of words will go along way in making your relationship sound and secure.



Make your first mate as comfortable as possible. Address her as dear, precious, sweetheart, sugar, honey etc. Use of these words just before going out sailing and returning from sailing will insure less hostility of your first mate if you are late from sailing or just returning in general. Tone and enunciation of words are also important.

Stretch the syllables. Say Deeaarest, not Dearest. G & B insist that practicing in front of a mirror to obtain the proper

facial expressions is very important. No smirking, or smiling allowed.



This will take a lot of self-control, but the end results will amaze you.

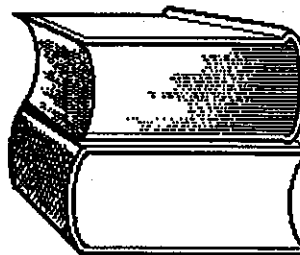
G & B have a lot of advice for sailors. If you have any particular concerns you would like addressed G & B will certainly have an answer for you.

To get in touch with G & B, who wish to remain anonymous, just Email your requests to the Editor.

From The Treasurer

All members are paid up for the current sailing year. Members who wish presently to pay for Haul Out and Winter Storage their checks will be greatly appreciated and would relieve some stress on the club books. If you wish to pay early, please get in touch with the Treasurer.

LMYC current By-Laws and Rules & Regulations are enclosed with this newsletter.



Check LMYC Web Page.
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