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Blessing of the Fleet

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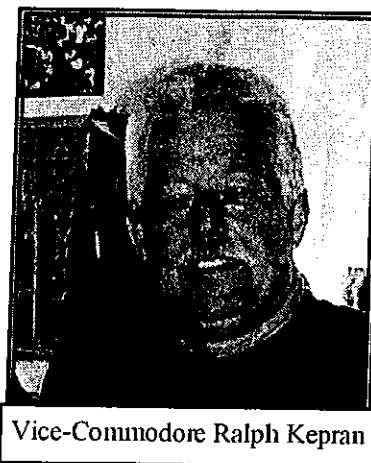
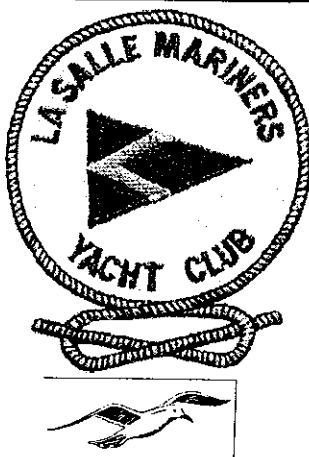
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran

Vacation time is fast approaching and many members will be gone on holidays sailing up to the North Channel. Fair winds to all. By the time our members are back preparations will have begun for our regatta in August. This will start with a general membership meeting scheduled for the 29th of August. Mary Nantais, Social Director may be contacting you for work hours. If you are unable to come for a scheduled work party please come for the general cleanup before the regatta. The lawn always seems to need cutting and volunteers are desperately required. The grass crew under Patrick Holland have been working hard and the grounds are looking great, but they are overworked and need help.

Commodore: Ralf Fiedler

After a month of Tuesday Night Work Parties it is very disappointing to report that participation has been very poor. To those few members that have been out I thank you helping to keep the club property neat and trim. To those of you that do not have your hours in I again encourage you to come out and lend a hand. These are the months that allow us to perform the work required to keep the club in good running order. We cannot paint the gin pole; fix the roof on the shed etc. when the weather turns cold. In short your assistance is needed now. If you cannot make it to the scheduled work parties then take up your responsibility as a member of the club and contact me so we can work out a way to ensure that you get your hours in. **GET INVOLVED!**

One way that we can all help to keep the club property in good order is to individually clean up the area in front of our wells. If you and your guests have enjoyed a beverage or two don't leave the empties lying around. Dispose of the containers. No one should have to pick up after you. It is Your Responsibility to clean up after yourself and your guests. The dumpster has been moved closer to the boat area in an attempt to get everyone to get rid of their own garbage. See some litter lying around? **Pick It Up. It's Your Club.**

This past week I checked on the condition of the trees that were planted in the spring. Of the 25 hard woods, it appears that only 1 has not survived the transplant. All the others are doing well.

Thanks to Lothar Bauer for completing the reorganization of inside of shed. Looks Good.

Vice-Commodore: Ralph Kepran

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News and Information

Award Presentation



Director of Education Michael Moher, Linda Parchoma, School Board Chairperson John Macri

Linda Parchoma receiving the 2004 Catholic School System Achievement Award on June 8, 2004. This award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the school system, excellence in performance of duties and exemplary professionalism, attitude and co-operation with others.

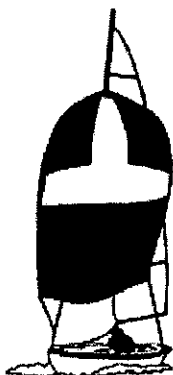
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Harbour Master

Bob MacKenzie



REPORTING IN:

Just a reminder to all LMYC members. Earlier in the year I reminded members that LMYC has been warned by customs that we are one step away from losing our REPORTING STATION.

It is very important that you call in and report when returning from the US. Very important to have US visitors call in as soon as they land. If we lose our status we will have to report in at Duffy's which would be a big inconvenience.

If you will be away cruising for an extended period please make Harbour Master aware.



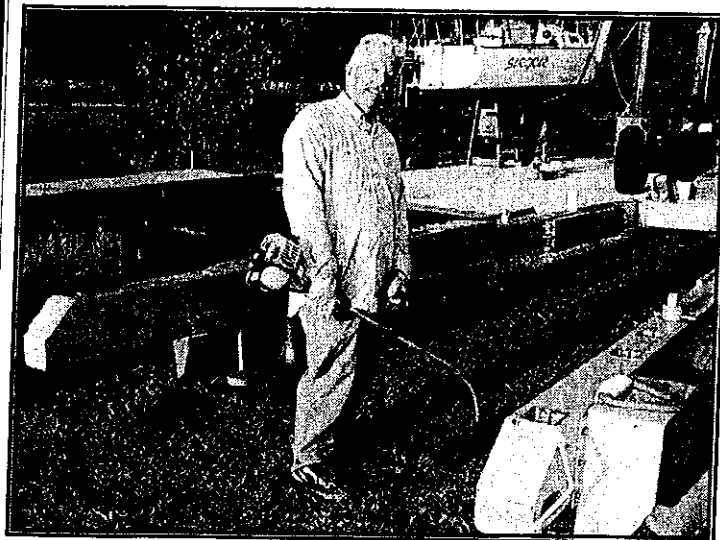
Work Parties



Work Parties began Tuesday June 1st at 6:00 PM or 1800 hours. We will be holding these work parties every Tuesday. Make an effort to attend. This is your club.



Charlie Schindler



Ralph Kepran

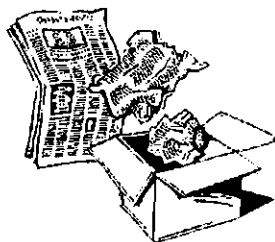


Lothar Bauer

Be Aware Of Unlawful Dumping

Shortly after The Blessing of the Fleet someone dumped plaster-board in the club dumpster. This donation cost the club \$117.00

Please inform the executive if you see unlawful dumping.



PLEASE FEED THE DUCK

Roads and Grounds



Patrick Holland



If you have been at the club lately you have noticed water collecting in gullies and potholes. This is now in the process of being corrected.

94 tons of gravel has been deposited around the cradles area and 50 tons in the parking lot. I am checking out the conditions of the yard to see if more is warranted.

Grass cutting and weed whacking is still required. This can be work hours either on Tuesday Nights or anytime you find the time.



Patrick Holland

House Director



Guy Meseck



The carpet at the clubhouse has been professionally cleaned on Friday June 18, 2004.

Let us make a good effort to keep the carpet up. Remember this is our club.

Test For Boating Card

Windsor Power Squadron under the direction of club member Craig Morrison will be offering members an opportunity to take the test for the boating card. The cost for this test will be \$20.00

Those who need this card are any person operating a vessel of 4 meters (approximately 13.2 feet or less that have power and any person born in 1983 or earlier. Craig will be posting a list in the club for members to sign if they are interested in taking the challenge.

If there are any questions please contact Craig at LMYC or at home @ 253-0123 or Email tyne@lmysi.net.

Port to Port Race



Port to Port Race
Participants enjoying the Friday evening barbeque at LMYC



Tom Boyce and Mary Nantais



The crew of Racer X arriving at LMYC

The annual Port to Port Race between LMYC and Grosse Isle began Friday evening June 25, 2004 with the traditional Barbeque of hamburgers and sausages. Racers enjoyed and partied while waiting for the Grosse Isle boats to arrive.

The following is a sailing review by Race Director Bob Reaume

LMYC has always been a racing club. We must keep this up by attending at least club sponsored events as well as around the county. If not what is happening to the other clubs will happen to us. We will become not much more than a trailer park on the water. Untie your boats and sail them, that's what the boat wants to do. The Port to Port was a fun race. Pelee Island is a fun

race, Cruising is another way. We must support them or they will be gone.

The fireworks display on the river was very nice by boat. All the horror stories that I have heard did not take place this year. I found a spot east of the bridge. The power boats came in slow and left slow thanks to the police. It was orderly and fun.

The weather for the port to port was beautiful. The wind was west to north west between 5, to 15 knots in the Abbott finish ZEPHR HAWK was first, Feisty second and SPECIAL DELIVERY third. The next finish WHATEVER was first, RACEER X was second and BREAKAWAY was third.

The race only had nine boats. It was a very poorly attended race. Sad since it was a LMYC event. A good time was had by all. Even a table levitating demonstration was performed. Also new uses for your microwave were discussed.

The single handed Mackinac and our own Dave Evans got a first. He said it was one of the worst weather rides he has had to Mac. Quite a few of the other boats had to drop out due to breakage caused by the bad weather.

The WYC Canadian Club Race was interesting. With light air then heavy air then real heavier air reported 30 to 40 knots. It was also noted that most of the competitors didn't even round the marks and forgot to tell the race committee. Not a sporting thing to do. Perhaps using existing lighted buoys would be a suggestion for next year.



CANDLE PARTY FUND RAISER

Mary Nantais, Lu McKim, Gloria Basden, Sue Ouellette, Linda Schreiber, Vicki Boyce, Heidi Ziebart, Maggie Evans, Tammi Pouget

Dave, Maggie, Bob and I would like to thank our friends and supporters for attending and/or ordering candles for the fund raiser. We enjoyed an afternoon of laughs and friendships. I hope everyone enjoys their purchases and think of Dave and Bob in the fast approaching Spring OSTAR race.

Bob and I are planning a summer yard sale at our home with the date to be announced in the near future. Anyone who is interested in joining us and setting up a table is welcome. We ask that you make a small contribution of your sales to the fund raiser. Donations are also welcome. Any items that are unwanted will be disposed of by Bob and I if not sold. If you are interested or have any other exciting ideas for this event, please give us a call. As always, your support to send the boys to sea is very much appreciated. This is a huge undertaking and we are proud to have a member of our club represent L.M.Y.C. in this event.

And the saga continues.....

Sue Ouellette



Enjoying LMYC

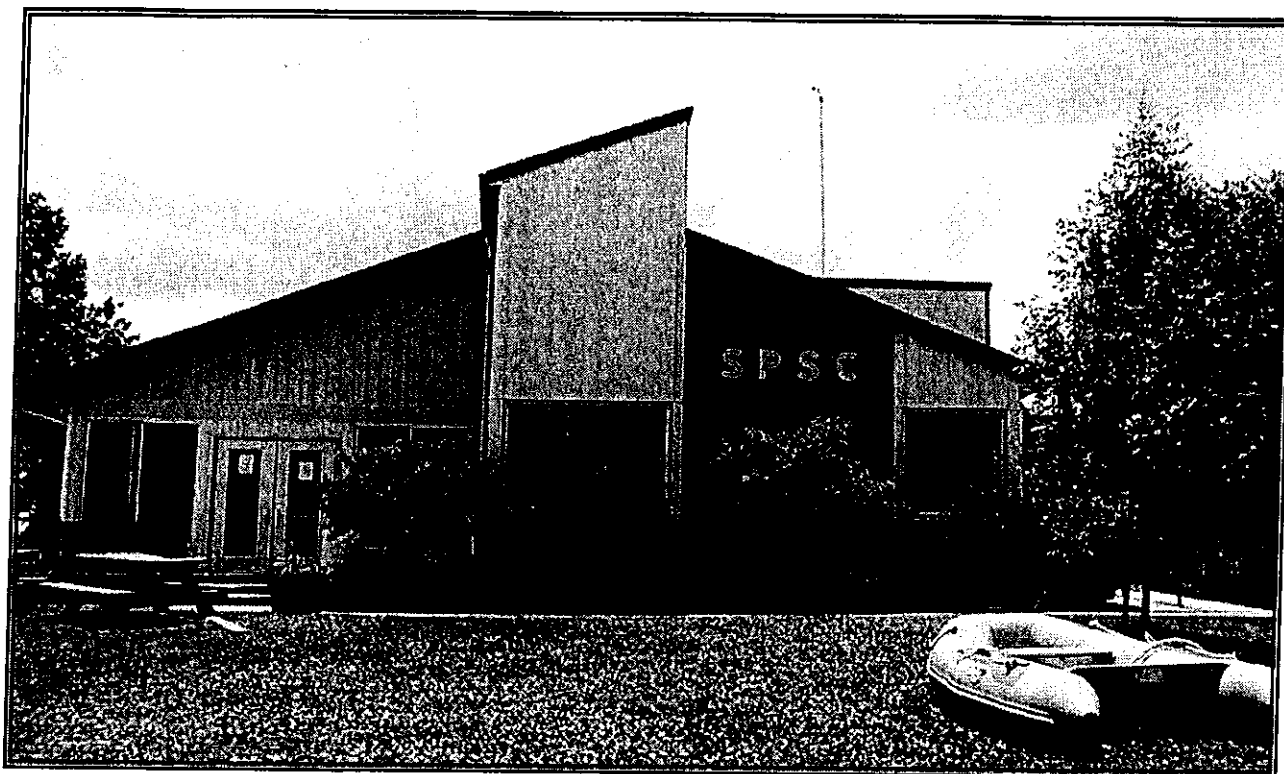


Barbara Pare and her staff from Victoria Public School



Bob and Susan MacKenzie and Friends

Southport Invitational Regatta



Saturday, June 26th was a beautiful day for the Southport Invitational Regatta.

Boats from the Thames River Yacht Club, Belle River Marina, Windsor Yacht Club, L.M.Y.C., Lakeview Park Marina and Bayview Yacht Club all participated in the second Essex County P.H.R.F. event of the year.

The northwest wind unfortunately didn't fill in for race #1, leaving "holes" all over the course. The race committee wisely shortened the course but some boats took forever to finish. (**Blitz** being one of them). Race #2 was much easier to manage - great steady winds - no problem.

The water was deep enough in Pike Creek to stop in to Southport for refreshments after the race.



PHRF "A" was won convincingly by Bill Gispin's X102 **Sorceress** with 2 firsts while Kevin Mogyorody worked the RC boat, his son raced **Panic**, his Kirby 25 to 2 firsts in PHRF "B".

Mo Regnier's **Spongeworthy** won the Shark class with 2 bullets.

Chris Eagan's **Tia Lisa** won both races in JOG "B" and **Chinook** with Southport's John Murphy won JOG "A" in a close race over **Wave Review** with John Degadt of Belle River Marina.

Check next page for full results:



SHARK DIVISION

PLACE	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	SPONGEWORTHY	Shark	Reginier, Mo	SPSC
2	SHIKASTA	Shark	Dawson, Ian	SPSC
3	CHEERS	Shark	Fuller, Darcy	SPSC
4	DENTUSO	Shark	Rindlisbacher, Tom	SPSC

JOG B

PLACE	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	TIA LISA	Tanzer 7.5	Eagan, Chris	SPSC
2	MAIDSTONE CROSS	Mirage 25	O'Brien, Mike	SPSC
3	NO RESISTANCE	HR-25	Robichaud, David	SPSC
4	SCHWANKY	Ericson	White, Derek	SPSC
5	ZEPHER	Grampian 26	Finn, Mike	BRSC

JOG A

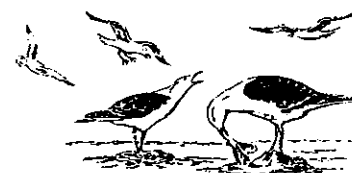
PLACE	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	CHINOOK	Mirage 32	Murphy, John	SPSC
2	WAVE REVIEW	Mirage 275	Degadt, John	BR Marina
3	WINDSWEPT	Ticon 30	Hurst, Brian	BRSC
4	ALLEGRO	C&C 30	McClinton, Bill	SPSC
5	VALHALLA	P29	Perry, Dave	BRSC

PHRF B

PLACE	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	PANIC	Kirby 25	Mogyorody, Kevin	SPSC
2	DYNAMO HUMMM	C&C 30	Davidson, Joe	SPSC
3	BLUE JAY	Viking 28	Brockman, Noel	BRSC
4	ADDENDUM	C&C 30	Fuller, Bob	SPSC

PHRF A

PLACE	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	SORCERESS	X-102	Gispen, Bill	Lakeview
2	ZAMBONI	Andrew 26	Johnson, Al	WYC
3	VAPOUR TRAIL	Melges 24	Steyn, Marc	TRYC
4	RISKY BUSINESS	S2 9.1	Stridiron, Bill	SPSC/BYC
5	BLITZ	J29	Buliga Al/ Amyot John	LMYC
6	RUFFIAN	C&C 35	Noakes, Bill	SPSC





Blessing of the Fleet



Blessing of the Fleet at the Widow's Walk

Father Stan Fraser, Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran and Blessing Coordinator Bodo Schaefer

The Blessing of the Fleet is a well-established tradition at LMYC. It is a time of celebration and reflection.

Anyone who has been involved in the planning for events will attest to the large amount of work that goes into it. This year Bodo Schaefer was the Chairperson for this Event and through his efforts this event was an overwhelming success.

On the day of the blessing crew members and boat owners come early to prepare their boats for the blessing. They are cleaned and some are decorated with flags and banners and are a colorful sight as they lay in the harbor.

Shortly after 12 noon The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 364 with their bagpipes blaring, the Vice-Commodore, Blessing Chairperson and Father Stan Fraser proceeded to the Widow's Walk to begin the ceremony. During the ceremony a symbolic load of bread was thrown into the river

From the Widow's Walk Father Stan proceeded to bless all the boats in the harbor. Each member who was present stood either on their boat or in front of their boat for the blessing.

After the ceremony everyone was invited back to the clubhouse to enjoy a small feast which all club members donated. The food was excellent and many went back for seconds.

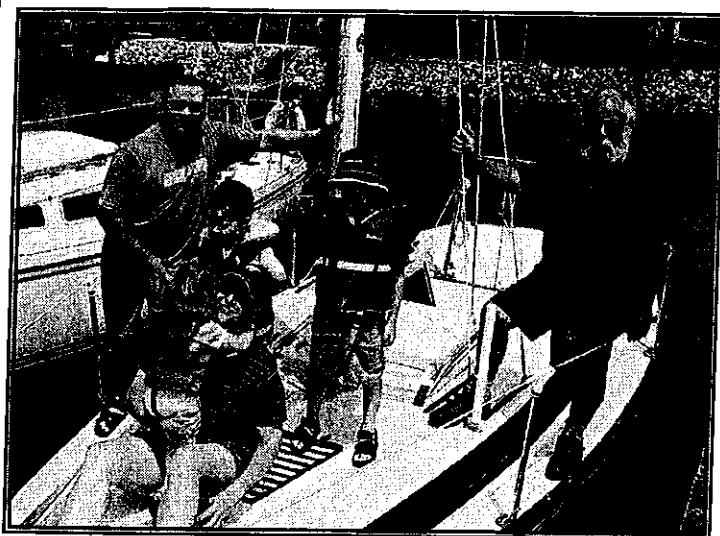




Chris and Jessica Barron and Family



Jerry and Bev Angus and Family



Brad, Jo-Anne, Jim Blackton and Family



Holly and Bernie Wolter

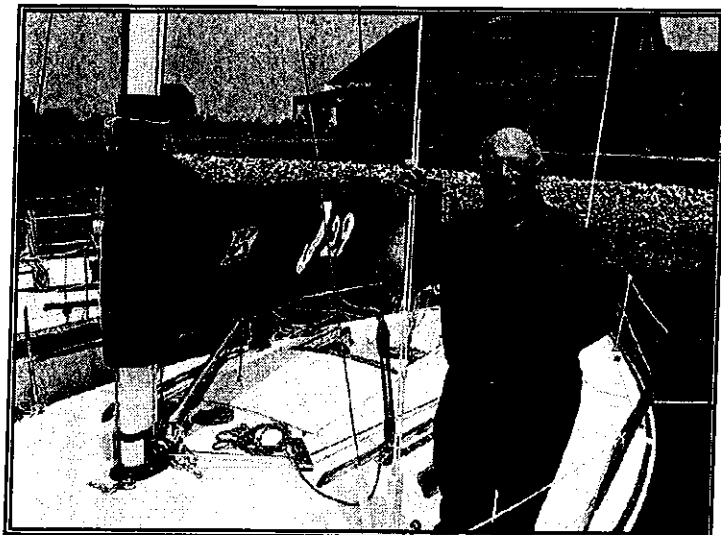


Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume



Carol and Bob Ferguson

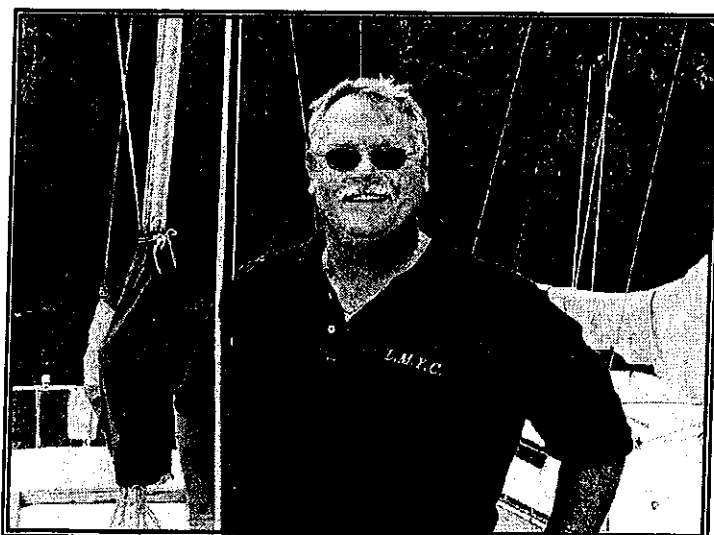




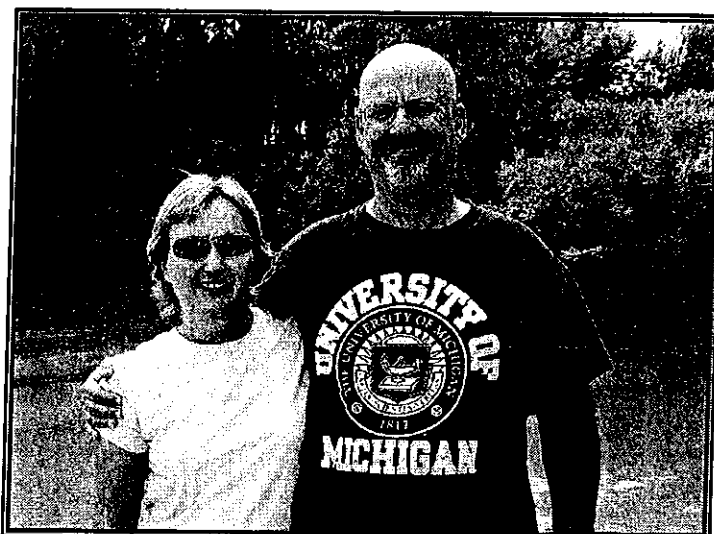
Al Buliga



Father Stan, Lu McKim & Bodo Schaefer



Craig Morrison



Denise and Carl Melanson



Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume



Dennis Douthart & Sandy Mailloux





Gord and Diane Freeman



Katrina and Doris Kepran



Rita and Patrick Holland



Gus Martin



Sherry Raeside & Mike Puuchantyj



The Mangiles & Jenners





Rob and Amy Doiron



The Nantais Family



The Byron Family



Rob Ferguson



Bodo Schaefer, Father Stan, Lorraine Hoffman, Ralph Kepran



Ardra and Steve Kepran





Susan & Bob MacKenzie & Vicki & Tom Boyce



Anne & Lothar Bauer



Peter and Terri Skope



Doug Warford



Richard Parchoma



Ted Popel





Aboard A Precision 28



Carl Melanson at the Wheel

This spring, I was enrolled in a ASA (American Sailing Association) course for Basic Keelboat Sailing and Basic Coastal Cruising. The courses given by accredited ASA instructors is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law administrators and recognized by the US Coast Guard. As a beginner sailor, I had the experience of a life time (so far). The particular course instructor Mr. Don White was hard, patient and open minded. The St. Petersburg Yacht Charters Mr. Page Obenshain matched up my friend Mark Cowen and myself with a true sailor, who drilled us and tested us and God knows has stories to tell about the Canadians who want to learn to sail.

We boarded a 28' Precision, three of us, one sailor and 2 want to be's to head out to the Gulf of Mexico. We were greeted with 12-15 knot winds and seas to 6', warm sunny conditions and a wonderful experience to unfold. We got long hours of studding parts of a sailboat, items on a sailboat, terms to use, identify points of sail and Inland Navigational Rules. Our days consisted of waking early in the morning to study for the day's exam, which we wrote at 9:00. Oh yea' knots and more knots. After exams, the day would consist of discussion, instruction and sailing figure 8's, Triangles and sailing & establishing a course line, learning and studying charts and of course the most important SAFTEY. Don would constantly quiz us on Safety, terms (I am sure "Ready About" has a hole burnt into my psyche), and if that didn't shake us, he would let us know what the duties of a skipper are and also the crew.

I think Mark and I excelled in the man over board training, as we were sure we would have to pick up one another eventually. Setting the anchor in different depths and the constant drills to dock and stop under sail made for along tough day. Sore and tired, we would take turns preparing meals, as the other would study and quiz back and forth the day's lessons learnt. One thing that Don exclaimed was that those Canadians sure know how to eat. Mark and I got with Just Jeff's Catering on Howard Ave between the mall and Cabana, who worked with us develop a day-to-day menu, and he then prepared ready to serve meals, which he froze and we brought with us. The foods were fantastic; all meals took 8 min. to prepare and only had very few dishes to clean. One night's meal consisted of Veal Medallions, garlic mashed potatoes, and vegetables, while a side of Seafood Pasta rounded out the meal. The food was so exceptional; I thought Don was going to invite his wife aboard for dinner on the last day. The meals used up very little fuel, and we would have never eaten any better in a good restaurant

This experience has thus far been the best time that I have been sailing, and now when Bob Bingham yells "Ready About", I'll know what he means. I will be preparing for the next course, which is Bareboat Chartering and Coastal Navigation, and look forward to getting with Done White and SPYC till I pass the Offshore Passage-making course.

This is a picture on me onboard; note the bruises on the forearm. I promised Don I will be more prepared for the next classes.



Sea Cadets at LMYC



Sea Cadets getting ready to sail

The cadets have been doing sail training at LMYC since the mid-80's, thanks to the unfailing support of the club and its members. Without this support, local sail training would be next to impossible as there are no sites available for this non-profit organization. Every cadet who has passed through has been grateful for the opportunity.

On Jun 05 we tested 17 cadets and on Jun 06 we tested 14 more for a total of 31 successful White Sail 1 candidates. We almost beat our record of 37 set a year ago. The weather was extremely cooperative.

On Jun 12,13, we had 14 White Sail 2 candidates. This level requires more on water time to achieve an understanding of basic sailing skills. Due to some iffy weather, keeping in mind these are beginners and not allowed to skipper in over 10 K winds, we managed to accomplish most of the on water testing. They still require more on water time to complete their level testing. We have made arrangements to run a sail clinic 26-30 Jul during the day to complete this.



Shirley Beresford with Sea Cadet

The weekend was a success as this group stayed over Sat night, setting up their 'tent city', having a bonfire, and getting to stand duty watches. The food was catered and was delicious. no complaints except for a couple who didn't care for the mushrooms liberally covering almost everything we ate.

Some of those cadets who helped with the tree planting on April 3 had the opportunity to see that their trees were doing well.

The only down side was that the bus did not show up as scheduled because the bus driver decided not to show up for work and didn't bother to tell anyone, and the replacement driver couldn't find the address and drove all the way home to get their cell phone to call. Guess they didn't have a quarter for the pay phone. Needless to say, parents were not impressed. Some people didn't get home till nearly 9:30 PM. However this has now become part of the corps legends ---remember the time????

I have been deluged with requests from cadets to come to our summer sailing. A new generation has been hooked. Well done.

Shirley Beresford



Rick Beresford with Sea Cadet

Around The Club



Ross and Megan Byron



George Mooney and Laurel Venney