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LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Blessing of the Fleet—Vice Commodore Rick Beresford, Father Fraser, Blessing Chairperson Jonathan Smith, Commodore John Metcalfe

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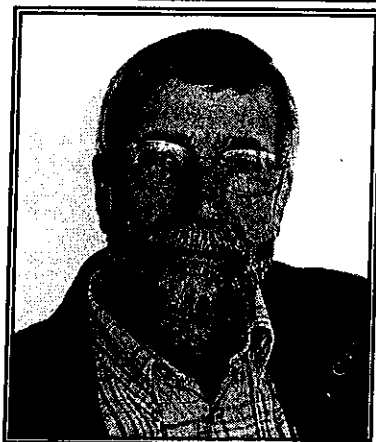


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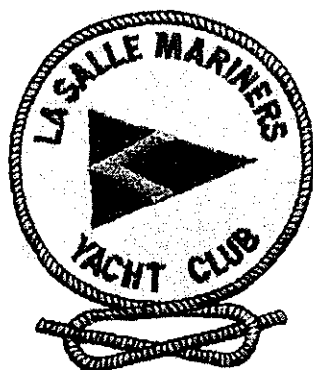
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore John Metcalfe



Vice-Commodore Rick Beresford

Well, summer is finally here, and most of the boats have their masts up. Let's get going; the good weather doesn't last forever. The Blessing of the Fleet was a great event thanks to Jonathan Smith who did a fine job of organizing. Thanks also to Father Stan, the colour guard and all who helped with the food and cleanup. It was an honour to be part of the dedication of the plaque in memory of Juergen.

Welcome to new member Tim McWilliams, whose Kirby 25 is docked at the end of the south harbour. The tiller was there to be blessed, and since then the rest of the boat has followed along.

I would like to welcome back Barb and Manfred Albrecht on St. Pauli II who have returned from their long voyage in the Caribbean. **WELCOME HOME.**

Finally, we need to get busy with our jobs list. If we all do nothing, then **NOTHING** will get done. We can all work together to keep LMYC a club to be proud of. (LIZ, I know ending with a preposition is a no-no)

Commodore John Metcalfe

It was an extremely hot day but many members turned out to enjoy our traditional Spring Blessing of the Fleet. Thanks to Jonathan Smith and all his assistants for a well organized event. It was great to see a new member volunteer for the job and get right into the swing of things at the Club - it certainly speaks well for the future when we can attract these kind of members who are willing to share the work load.

Now that we are into the summer members are out sailing their boats and enjoying the Club's facilities. It's also time to look at the list of jobs posted and to get started on your work hours. George Mooney our Roads and Grounds Director has several jobs lined up for which he needs volunteers - give him a call and do your share to keep our Club looking beautiful.

As you may not be aware, our Club does not have any record of member's or spouse's birth dates. If you are age 60 or older and have 25 or more years of Club membership please advise me so that I may know that you are not required to record or report work hours.

Vice- Commodore Rick Beresford

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News and Information

Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of John Sloan who passed away on June 5, 2005 at the age of 90 years. John and his wife Muriel joined LaSalle Mariners in 1973 and were active members for many years.



New Arrival



Paula Anderson-Souilliere,
James, Carl Anderson Souilliere
Dave Souilliere

Congratulations to **Dave and Paula Anderson-Souilliere** on the arrival of their son **James Carl Anderson-Souilliere** on April 28, 2005 weighting 8 lbs 3 oz. at Oakwood Hospital in Michigan. This is the 4th grandchild for Linda Schreiber.



Sea Cadets At LMYC



Shirley Beresford



Each spring the new cadets are required to pass a sailing test in order to advance in their cadet training.

This year the cadets were tested on 2 separate weekends in June at LMYC using the corps sail boats.

The 4-5 June weekend, the first year cadets were trained and tested for a basic sail level with 2 groups - 10 on Sat and 8 on Sun - all of whom passed their White Sail 1 level.

The 11-12 June weekend was a campover for the second year cadets and staff. At least 2 days of on the water training is required in order to achieve their White Sail 2 level. Of the 12 cadets who were tested, 6 passed and the other 6 needed to have more on the water time to demonstrate the skills and knowledge consistently. This will hopefully be completed during the course of the summer.

Not all Sea Cadets want to sail - some would prefer to play in



the Band or drive power boats, but with the emphasis of the Sea Cadet program being placed on sailing, they must attain their White Sail 1 & 2 in order to be promoted.

In the non-sailing weather, the cadets are also offered the opportunity to take the VHF Marine Radio Operator's Course and the PCOC Course.

17-19 June, our sailing team, which qualified last Sept by placing first in Thames Flotilla Regatta, traveled to Kingston to participate in the Provincial Regatta. They placed 7th out of 15. The top 6 teams go to Nationals in Aug. We are waiting the results of a protest and possible disqualification of the 1st place team which would allow us to attend.

Aug 6-10, we will be running a 5 day sail exercise at LMYC, called Gybe Path. Instructors and boats will be brought from Trenton and cadets will come in each day.

We are sending 2 cadets, one to BC, one to NS, on their Sail Trade Group 2 Course which will give them Bronze 4 and possibly Bronze 5, depending on how hard they work.

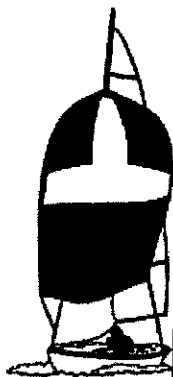
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White Hull — Excellent Condition

\$6,900.00

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Duet 25 1979 - Black

6 sails with a 7.5 Honda outboard. New Highway trailer (\$2500) available. Sleeps 4.

PHRF Killer @ 222

Shady Lady ready to race every Monday and Wednesday. Call for a ride or just show up on Wednesday night.

\$8500 OBO. Call Brad Blackton (Bad Manners) @ 978-3353

Also foredeck crew needed for club races. No experience necessary.



Race Results



LMYC had several boats which took part in the 33rd Annual Canadian club Invitational Yacht Race sponsored by the Windsor Yacht Club. The race was held on June 17th 2005

PHRF "1" Special Delivery—Bob Bingham First Place

Class "C" Blitz—Alex Buliga/John Amyot—5th Place

Class "C" Slo-Poke—The Lintunens - 8th Place

PHRF "2" Kyree — Craig Morrison -11th Place

South Port Sailing Club Invitational held on Saturday June 25, 2005 had one entry from LMYC.

Congratulations to Slo-Poke with an overall 4th finish



This years Detroit NOOD regatta was held June 3-5 with 180 boats in attendance. Lake St. Clair provided wind for the entire 3 days and after 7 races Slo-Poke took 2nd in the Level 123 class. Thanks to crew members Adam Prettyman, Dave Nantais, John Amyot Jr. and John Amyot Sr. for racing with us.

Club Member Update



Nick Maroukis and Friends

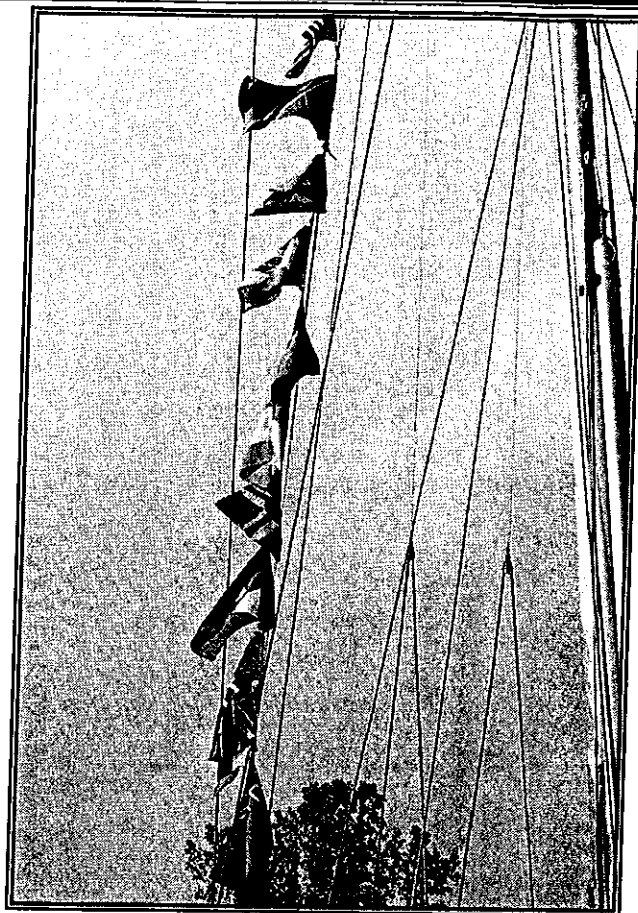
Many members have not seen Nick this year and may wonder where he is. Nick is presently in Afghanistan with the Canadian Troops. We wish him well and a safe return to Canada. I received an Email from Nick who was worried about his boat. Not to worry Nick.

St. Pauli II Returns



Barbara and Manfred Albrecht

LMYC welcomes Manfred and Barbara Albrecht back to our club after being in the Caribbean for many years. Manfred sailed into LMYC on Thursday June 23, 2005 during the 6:00 PM hour. Some members at the club were present and gave Manfred and Barbara a LMYC WELCOME.



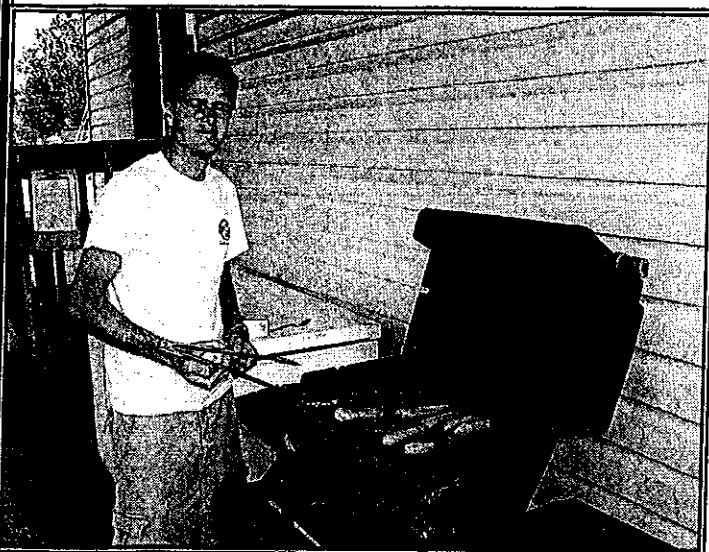
St. Pauli II Flags of the Caribbean



Port To Port



Members enjoying the Port-to-Port Barbeque



Race Director Rob Ferguson at the Grill



**Vicki Boyce and Mary Nantais
Preparing Desserts**

The LMYC Port to Port Race Barbeque was held on Saturday June 25, 2005 with the race to follow on Sunday the next day.

Over 20 members attended throughout the evening enjoying a feast of Oktoberfest Sausages, hamburgers, salads and an abundance of desserts.

The race began from LMYC around 11:00 AM with light air which began as a light reach, to a run, then to an upwind sail. The air finally built to about 7 knots.

The boats crossed the finish line around 2:00 PM and members partied all afternoon.

Members enjoyed lunch and later on supper accompanied with free beer.

Racers left around 6:00 PM and made a short stop over at Crystal Bay for a refreshing swim.

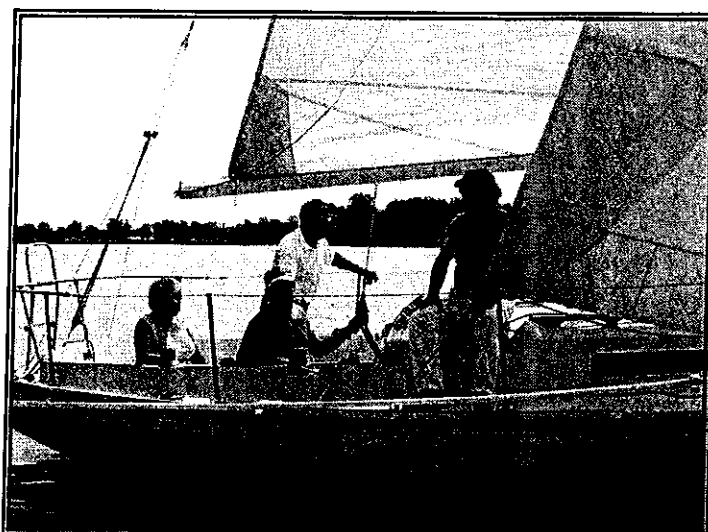
The Race Results are as follows:

PHRF "A"

Skipper	Yacht	Position
Brian Hartwell	Fiesty	1
Bob Bingham	Special Delivery	2
Todd Duffet	I Love You Baby	3
Rick Bohl	Zephyr Hawk	4

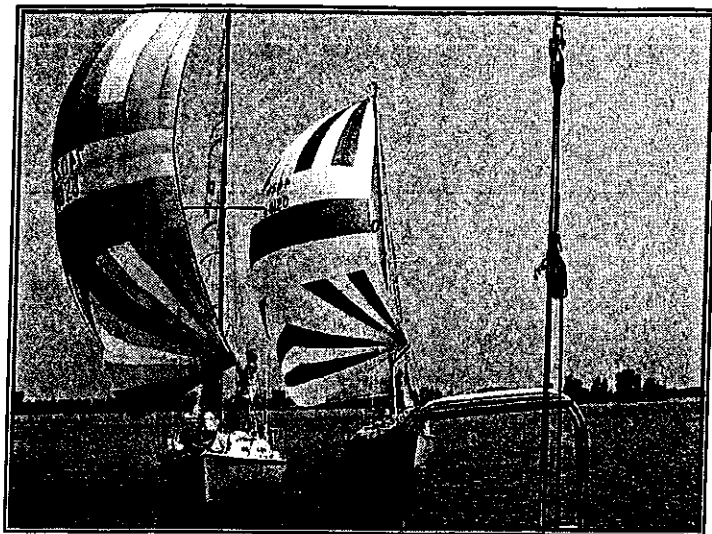
PHRF "B"

Skipper	Yacht	Position
Rob Ferguson	Paikea	1
George Mooney	Whatever	2
Tom Boyce	Casper	3
	Moxie	4
	Camelot	5



**Casper
Tom & Vicki Boyce
Dave Nantais, Bob Reaume**





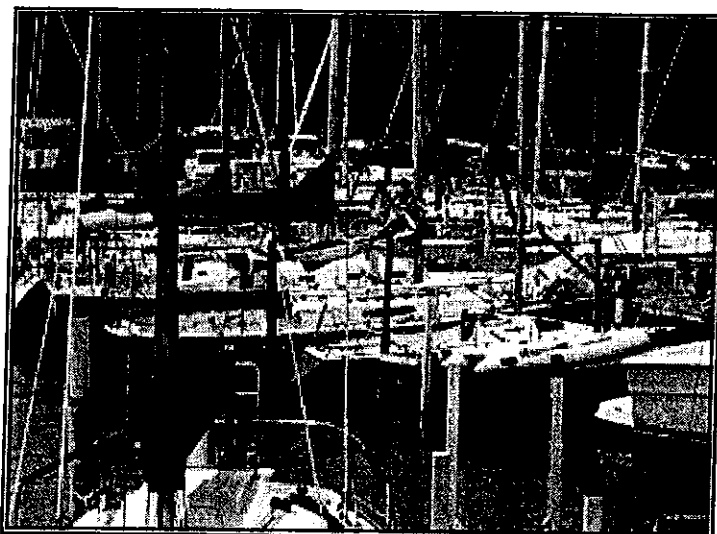
Whatever and Casper



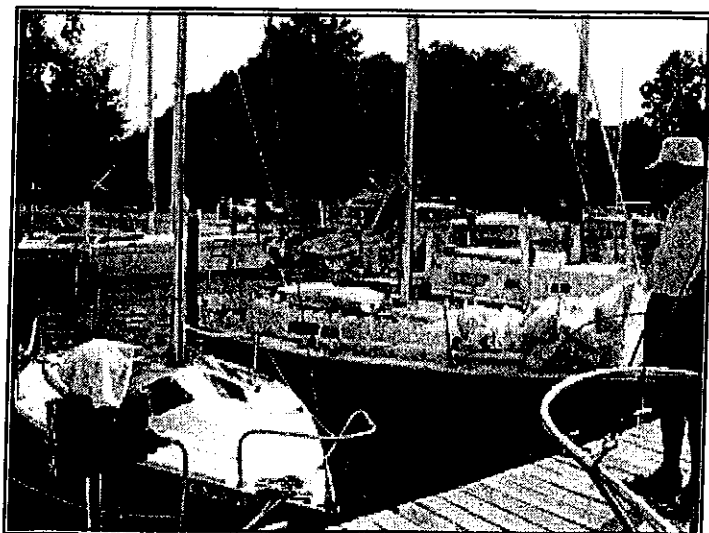
Whatever and Special Delivery



Crew of Whatever



Grosse Ile



Bob Ferguson at Grosse Ile Docks



In The Clubhouse

Photos by Rob Ferguson

Welcome Back

LMYC welcomes Sue Blackton as an associate member. We hope to see her around the club this summer.

Important Information

As you may have heard, our baby Max has been diagnosed with a disease called Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. (otherwise known as LCH). We have created a website for Max to give people updates, but our goal is to create as much awareness of this rare disease as we can. Maybe it will save someone's child or grandchild from being misdiagnosed. Would you mind forwarding Max's website to members of the club?

The site is:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/maxpouget]

Thank you so much!

Tammi and Pete Pouget

Up Coming Events

July 9 Pelee Island Wine Regatta

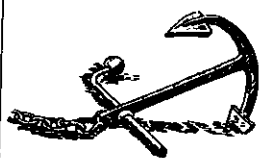
August 27 LMYC Regatta

September 11 Hospice Race

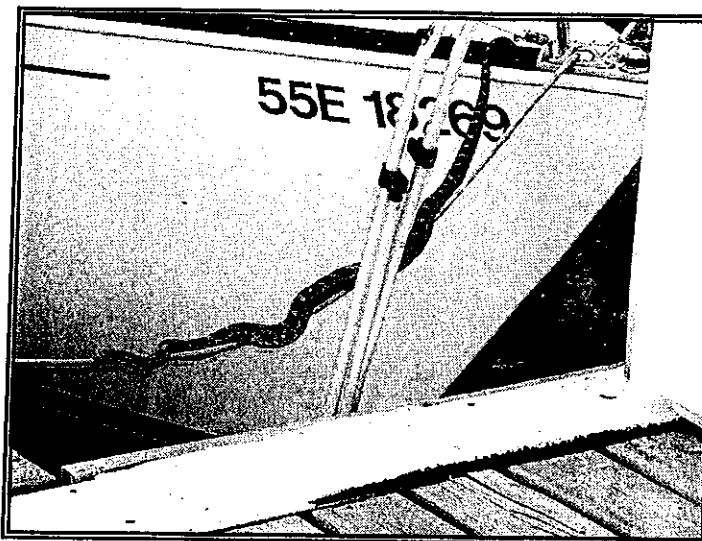
October 16 River Rat Rally



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DATE**

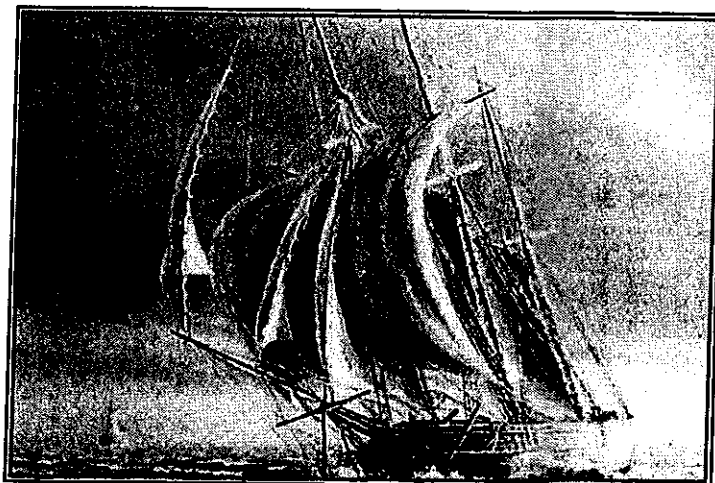


New Member at LMYC



This fox snake spent some time of Ralph Kepran's boat sunning itself and then decided to leave by the dock lines.

Lake Erie Shipwrecks

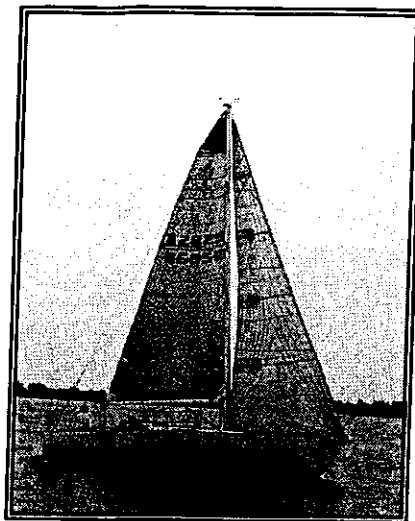


The schooner Willis was built in Mantiowac Wisconsin for James R Sloucin of Racine Wisconsin. Sloucin owned 25 other vessels and named this one after his son Willis.

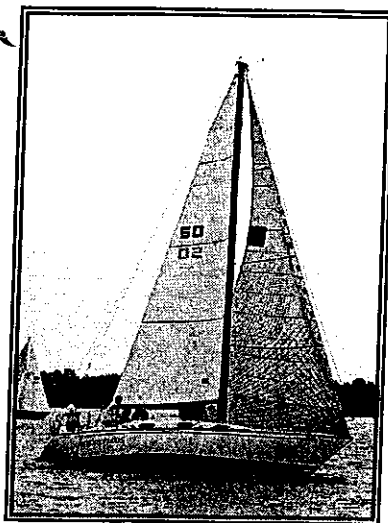
In the predawn darkness of November 11, 1872 she sank in a collision with the bark Elizabeth Jones about 12 miles east of Point Pelee.

The crew was rescued and taken aboard the Jones. The lawsuits that followed took 13 years to settle with the Willis being awarded \$37,000 which was a considerable fortune at the time.

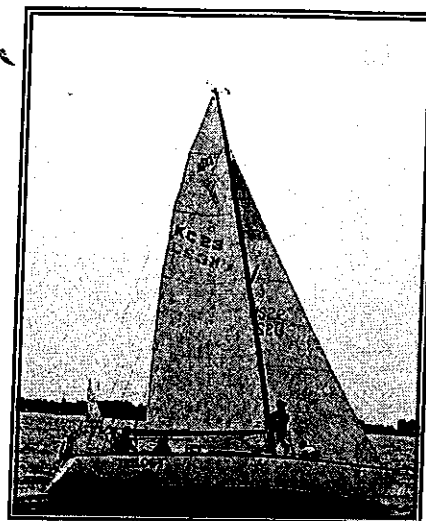
Wednesday Night Races



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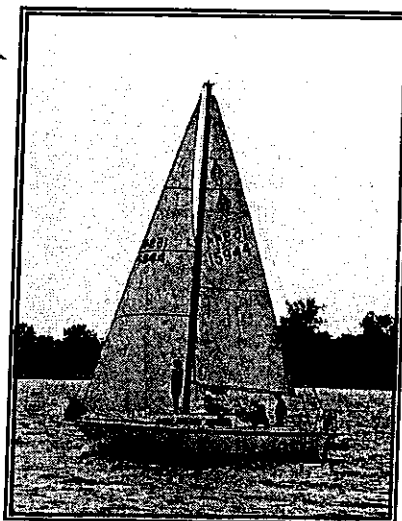
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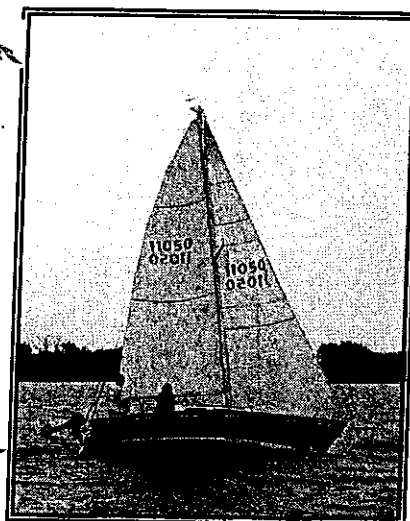
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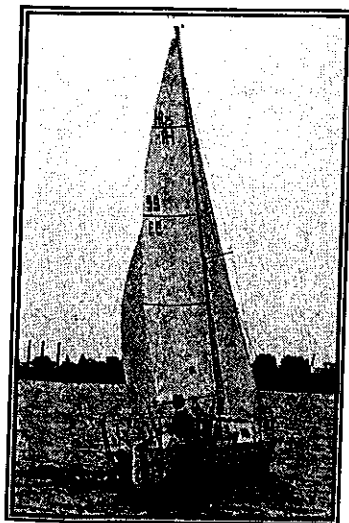
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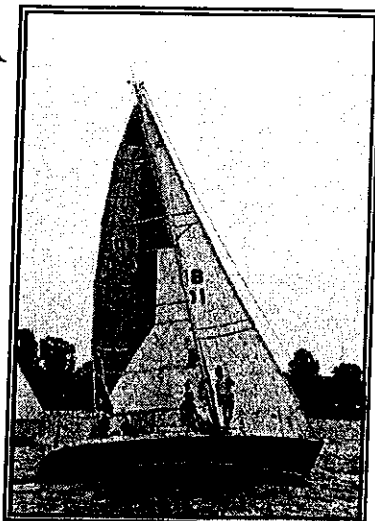
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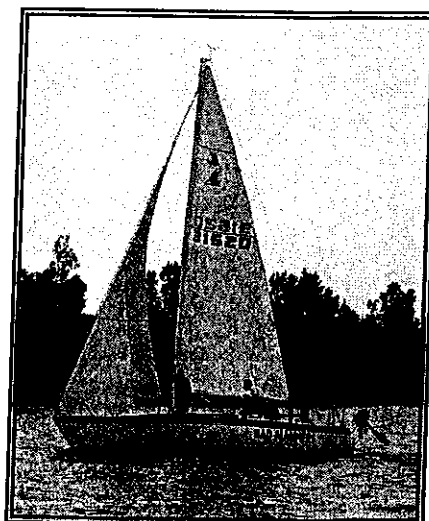
Dragonfly



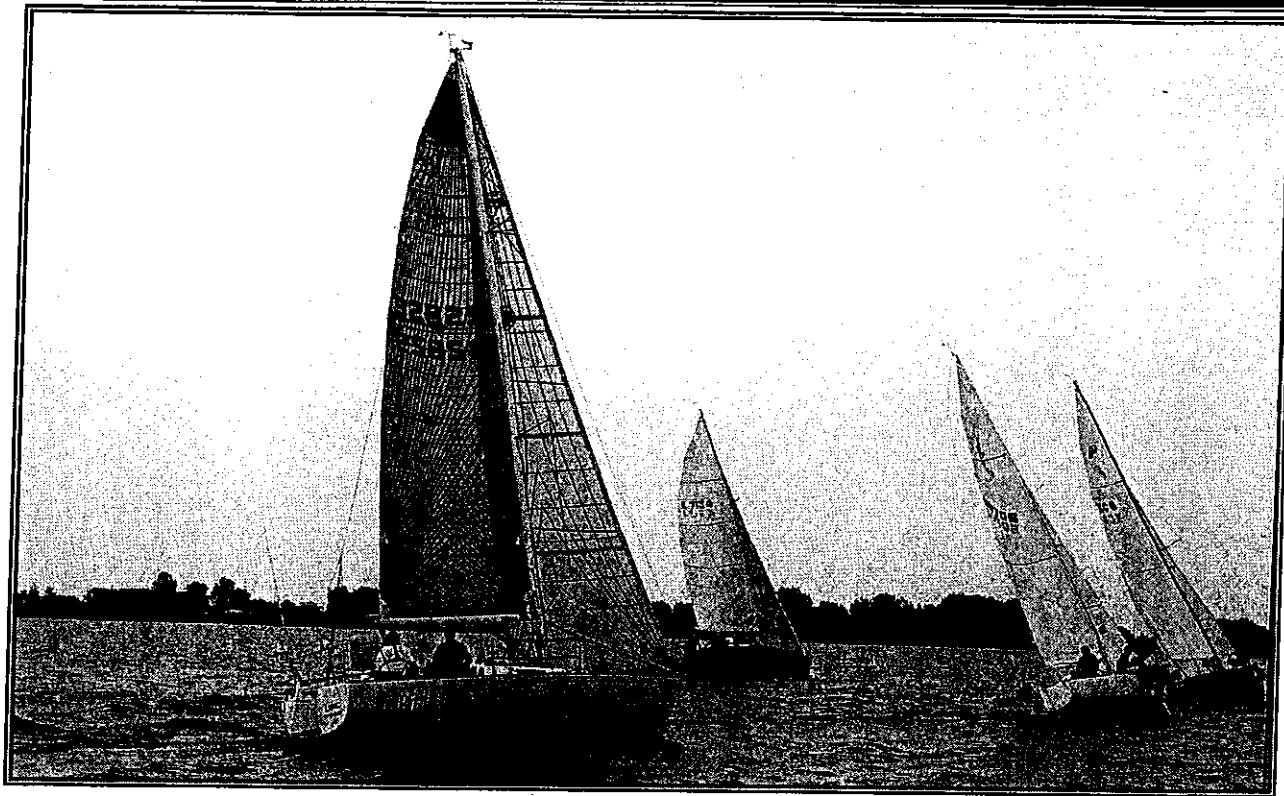
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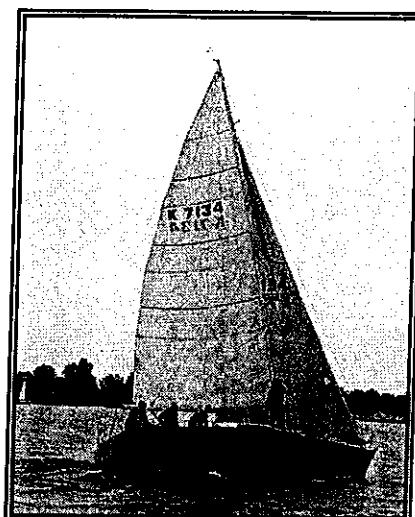
Paikea



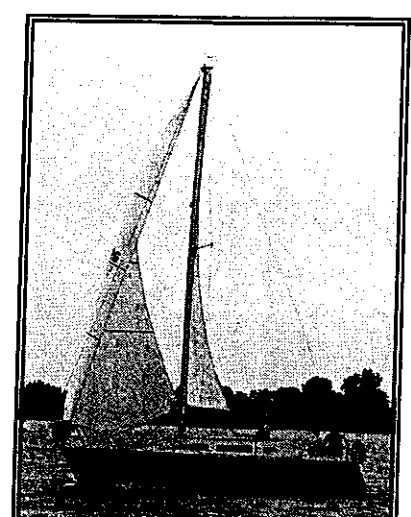
Bad Manners



Whatever



Joe Louis



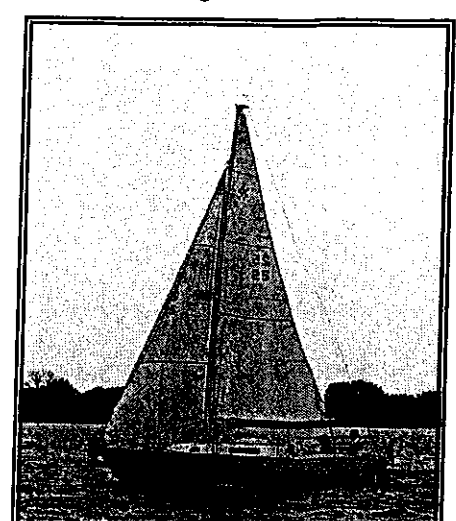
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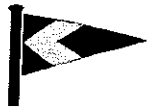
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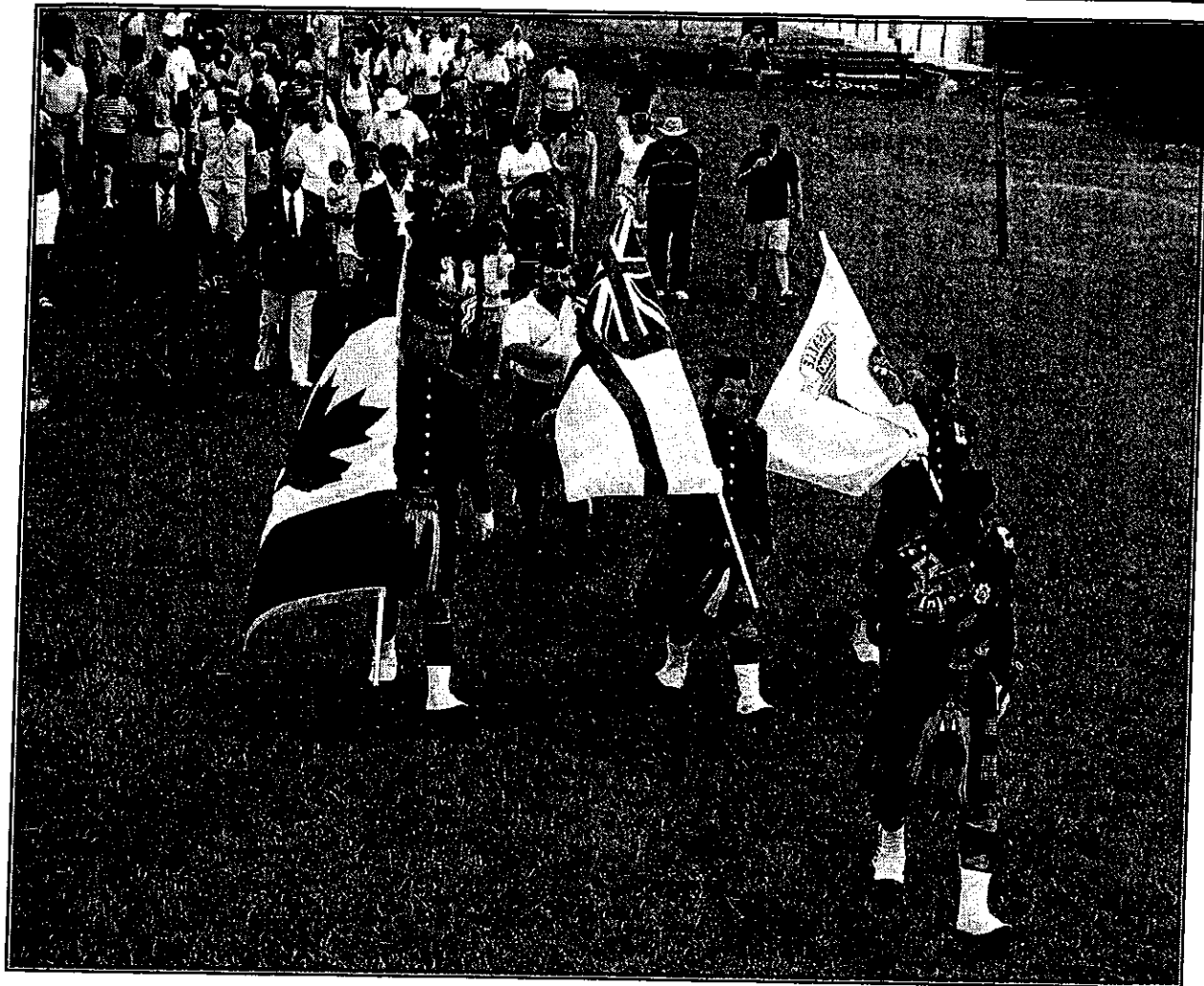
Race Committee



Bottoms Up



Blessing of the Fleet



The Blessing of the Fleet is a well established tradition at LMYC was held on Sunday June 12, 2005. This is a time of celebration and reflection. The history of the Blessing of the Fleet has its origins in Portugal. Over the centuries while fishing many crews have encountered squalls, leaking boats or a fire on board and finding themselves alone in the middle of an ocean with a feeling of utter helplessness. This was ample reason for the early fishermen to invoke the blessing of God upon their endeavors and thus The Blessing of the Fleet.

Anyone who has been involved in the planning for events will attest to the large amount of work that goes into it. This year Jonathan Smith club member has successfully fulfilled his obligation.

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.

This year the Blessing of the Fleet at the docks occurred first and each member



who was present stood either on their boat or in front of their boat for the official blessing. After blessing the fleet The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 364 led the procession with Father Stan Fraser. At a little after 2:00 PM The Royal Canadian Legion with bagpipes blaring, the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Blessing Chairman, and Father Stan Fraser progressed to the Window's Walk to begin the ceremony.

During the ceremony the symbolic load of bread and wreath was thrown into the Detroit River while the Royal Canadian Legion and members stood at attention.

After the ceremony the Commodore John Metcalfe dedicated a plaque to Juergen Hendel, founding member which was mounted on the Widow's Walk. A short ceremony followed.

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



Moon Shadow—Steve Kepran



**Paikea —Jennifer & George Minovski
Rob Ferguson & Heather Hartley**



**Rusheen
Mary and Dave Nantais**



Quattro—Liz Metcalfe and Yvonne McRobbie



**Rakaia—Deb Scott, Dennis & Mary Hendel
and families**



Gringo

Bob & Carol Ferguson, Jennifer & George Minovski



Orange Flaot

Beverley and Jerry Angus and family



Special Delivery

Bob Bingham and Sheryl Bingham



Shady Lady

The Blackton Family



Casper

Linda Schreiber and Tom and Vicki Boyce



Blitz

John Amyot and Alex Buliga



Marmalade
Ross and Sue Byron and Family



Dolphin II
Anne and Lothar Bauer



Windsong
Rick Beresford



Brigadoon
Father Stan, Bodo Schaefer and Lu McKim



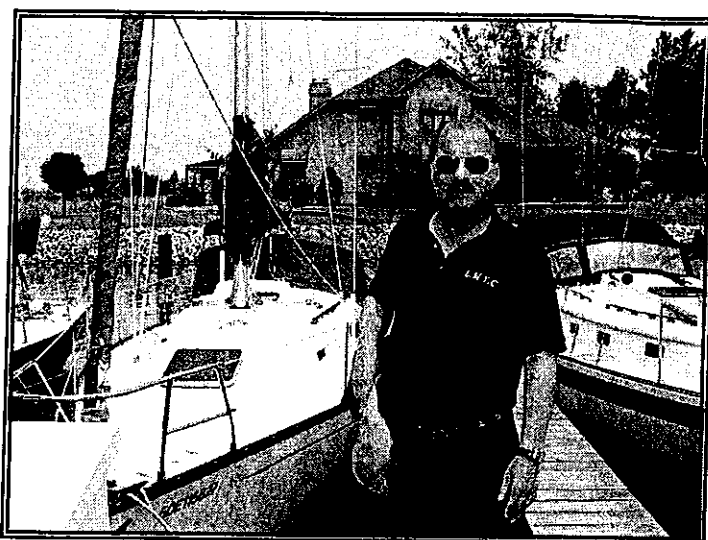
Kyree
Craig Morrison and Cathy Greenwell



Quattro
Liz and John Metcalfe



Reckless
Sherry Raeside and Mike Puchantj



Freelife II
Richard Parchoma



Mananan
Dennis and Barbara Pare



Azura
Heather Hartley and Ted Popel



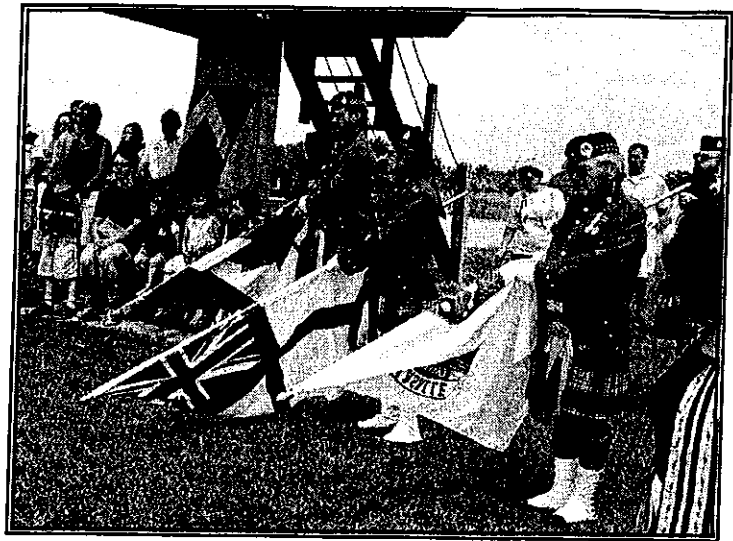
Silver Heels II
Father Stan Fraser and Susan and Bob MacKenzie



Belafonte
The Smith Family



**Jonathan Smith, John Metcalfe,
Father Fraser, Rick Beresford**



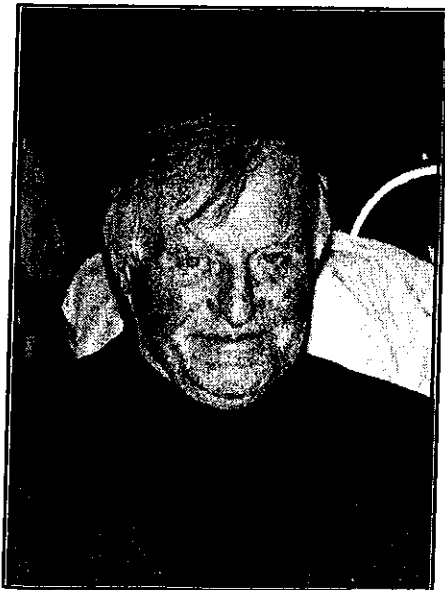
**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 364
at the Presentation**



**Commodore John Metcalfe presenting the plaque in
honour of Juergen Hendel**



Father Stan Fraser blessing the memorial Plaque



Juergen Hendel



**Sarah Hendel, Dennis Hendel, Mary Hendel, Monica
Hendel, Linda Schreiber, and Erika Hendel**

Surprise Birthday Party



Tom, Vicki and Sandy Boyce

A surprise Birthday Party was held for Vicki Boyce at LMYC on Friday June 3, 2005.

This was a surprise party to celebrate Vicki's 75th birthday which Tom Boyce secretly organized.

Tom brought Vicki to the clubhouse a little past 7:00 PM and when Vicki entered the clubhouse she was greeted by friends and relatives. Balloons and decorations were everywhere.

Vicki made her way through the clubhouse shaking hands and hugging members and friends truly surprised.

Later in the evening Vicki cut her 75th Birthday cake which was followed by opening of the gifts.



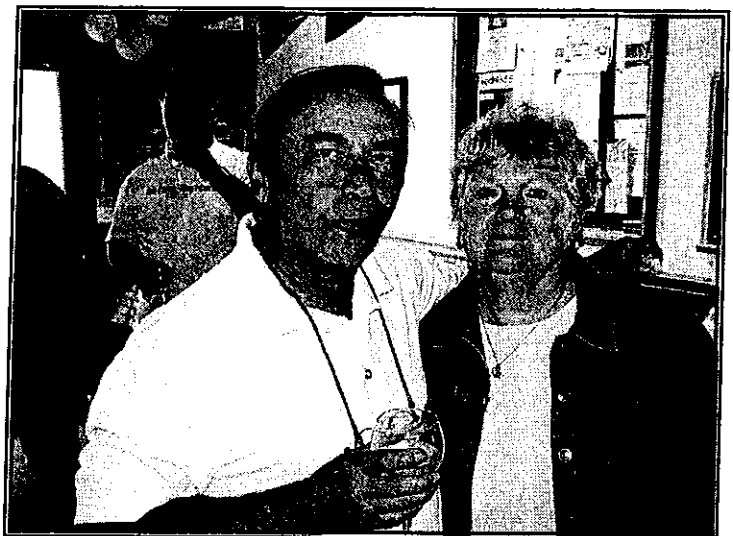
Vicki and John Murphy



Left Photo: Chelsea Greenwell, Leo Muzzatti, Craig Morrison, Cathy Greenwell



John and Joanne Vandereerden



Judge and Mary Ellen Mangile



Jerry and Beverley Angus



Barbara and Dennis Pare



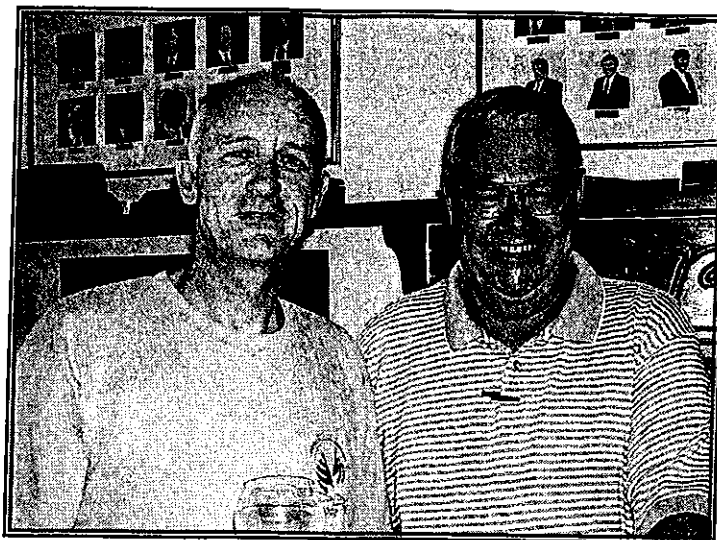
Ralph and Doris Kepran



Connie and Alex Buliga



Mike Puchantj and Sherrie Raeside



Alan Prettyman and Bob MacKenzie



Sue Ouellette and Bob Reaume



Carl and Betty Durham



Dave and Mary Nantais



Dave and Maggie Evans



Yvonne McRobbie & Linda Schreiber



Bob and Lindy Walker-O'Brien



Richard and Linda Parchoma



Bob and Carol Ferguson



Betty Durham and Gail Oliver



Rob Ferguson and Katie-Lynn Gervais