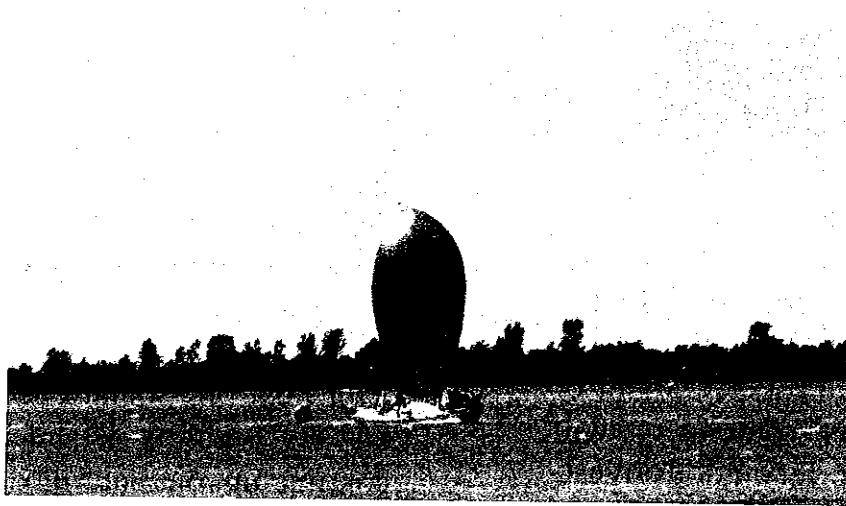


# LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

## THE CURRENTS

July 2007

Featured Boat: BLITZ— Al Buliga & John Amyot Jr.



### 2007 Officers

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## From the Commodore:



Hello Everyone,

As I am sure everyone is already aware we are now the proud owners of the Property South of LMYC! This purchase will prove to be a very good investment in the future of LMYC.

I would like to recognize some of the people that worked very hard to make this deal happen. They are Dennis Pare, Lynn Conrad, Bob Reaume, Gerry Angus, Yvonne McRobbie, and our Past Commodore Rick Beresford for getting the whole process started. These people and all the current Executive should be commended on a job well done.

Club membership is continuing to grow. Two new members Cheryl Clark and Christine Drouillard have recently joined the club. If you see them around the club please take a minute to

say hello and welcome them to the club.

The Pelee Island race this year was a lot of fun. It was a 30 knot reaching thrill ride all the way to the Island. What a blast! The party on the Island was outstanding as usual. The meal was great, the drinks were great and the entertainment was a lot of fun. John and Joanne Vander-eerden did a fantastic job on this event as usual.

Our next big Social event is the LMYC Fighting Island Regatta coming up on Saturday August 25th. Even if you not a racer I hope everyone can come out take part in this day. After the race we will have our traditional spread put on by Mary Nantais and her gang, and we will also have J.V.'s Eccentric Band to entertain us. We will even have Fighting Island Regatta T- shirts this year. This will be a fun filled day so come on out and help to welcome our guests.

I am getting some complaints about the Clubhouse tidiness. Please keep the clubhouse clean.

It is everyone's responsibility! If you dirty a dish clean it. Also please put the garbage from your boats in the dumpster. Do not carry your garbage to the clubhouse and dispose of it. This

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only makes more work for the House Director.

Hope to see everyone around the Club.

Note: Meeting Agenda to include a decision on the future of the Poplar Tree in front of the clubhouse.

**Larry Laing**  
Commodore

## Message from the Vice Commodore



Good Times, Good Friends

Let me say that the effort that we all put in to acquire the Bech 4 acres of property to the south will be a reminder for all times for the foresight that the 2007 membership has shown. There was a party at the club on June 28 to note the occasion. We thank Past Commodore, Rick

Beresford, for providing boat tours that evening of the new beach front that you now own.

The Fighting Island Regatta is rapidly approaching. This is the LaSalle Mariners equivalent of a summer festival. There will be a variety of activities, sailboat racing of course, but activities and good times for all (don't miss participating). This year our regalia officer, Herb La-joie has been busy designing a very special regatta Tee shirt. Limited supplies so don't pass up your chance to get one, or more.

Our Widow's Walk has been re-roofed. Gus, the groundskeeper, Martin continues to do a fine job with our property projects. Other people are stepping forward to offer their skills to repair the club shore box and our wooden little sailor buddy standing watch at Front Road. Such duties can be fitted to your time schedule and interests. Just let me know.

There is a committee forming to plan for ways and means to commemorate LaSalle Mariners 40 years of being the friendly little yacht club on the Detroit River. To ensure that 2008 is a year long celebration we are getting started on the planning process soon. If you have sug-

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gestions or would like to participate in a certain way, e.g. Our Currents publisher is busy designing a special logo for our 40<sup>th</sup>; we would be pleased to hear from you.

This season is proving to be one of many good time activities. When you attend an event take a few pictures and jot down a few comments on some of the action. Send in a little blurb to the Currents. Your fellow members want to hear from you.

Sharing our good times generates the fellowship that binds this organization together so effectively. It is amazing how well so many different personalities get on. With respect and consideration for one another our formula for success is assured even when opinions differ.

## From the Harbour Master:

OOOPS!!

The Harbour Master has an apology. Last months "Currents" displayed a senior moment. Carl Durham's name was left off the hard working lift crew. Sorry about that, Carl.

Thanks again, **Ralph Allen**

## COUPLES RACE

JULY 7, 2007

AZURA	1st.
R-Escape	2nd.



Gringo 3rd.



Whatever	4th.
2nd. Wind	5th.
Rossa	6th.

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## Couples Race

Seven boats entered the couples race. The weather was sunny and winds were very light. Many boats drifted most of the way except for two lead boats, Azura and R-Escape who sniffed out what little wind there was. They sailed away from the rest of the fleet. Azura came in first with R-Escape a close second. By the time the rest of us got there, they were several drinks ahead of us! The restaurant on Boblo island is a great locale with a great view and very decent food. We all gathered at one very long table seating and a great time was had by all. Everyone received the same prize, a bottle of wine!



## Pelee Island

44 boats registered to sail to Pelee Island. The wind on Saturday morning was strong at 25 to 30, generally out of the south west with waves 3 to 6 feet high. This situation compelled about half the registered boats to withdraw from the event. Some later came over by ferry boat to join the festivities on the island. These withdrawals were certainly understandable to those not used to these conditions.

Brian Casey, owner of Second Wind, broke his rudder and was also unable to use his engine because it was flooded. So, at the mercy of the seas, he called the Canadian Coast Guard. They informed him they would be out in a couple of hours. Just imagine how long these two hours must of seemed to Brian and crew with the boat being tossed around, taking water on board, gas fumes and no control over his boat! Needless to say he and crew was **RESCUED** and dragged into Scudders

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harbour. Thank God! We later found out the reason the Coast Guard took so long they were on another rescue.

The party at the Anchor an Wheel Inn was held in a big tent. Great food, Pusser rum drinks, fabulous band put on by John Vandereerden's Group. John was able to get Pusser's Rum to be one of the sponsors for this event. Each boat registered received two Pussers Rum cups with Pelee Island imprinted on them for keepsakes. The first three boats to win also received Pusser Rum flags. The winning boat from each class will also get their name/boat engraved on a plaque on the Pusser Rum bottle trophy to be displayed at LMYC.

As always, a fantastic job put on by John Vandereeden who continue to make this event even better every year! Thanks for your hard work! Also to all in the background who help in this event.

Craig Morris	My Nickel Y 33	11
Leo muzatti	Seaclusion	12
M. Albrecht	St Pauli	1
Rene Brown	Mai Toi	2
John Metcalfe	Quattro	3
John Bufton	Wight Spirit	4
Brian Casey	2nd Wind	6

This is the results from the PELEE ISLAND REGATTA

The overall party was great as the people who attended, the race was screamer!

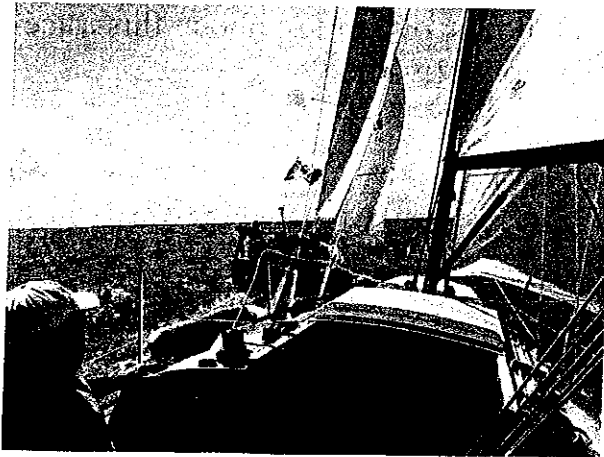
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G. Mooney	Whatever	1
D. Hendel	Rakaia	2
Tim McWilliams	T T T Ride	3
R. Boles	Zephyr Hawk	4
Rob Ferguson	Dingo	5
R. Reaume	R Escape	6
B. Hartwell	Fiesty	7
J. Beaudoin	Blizzard	8
Dave Evans	Ratso	9
Weslie Arthur	August West	10



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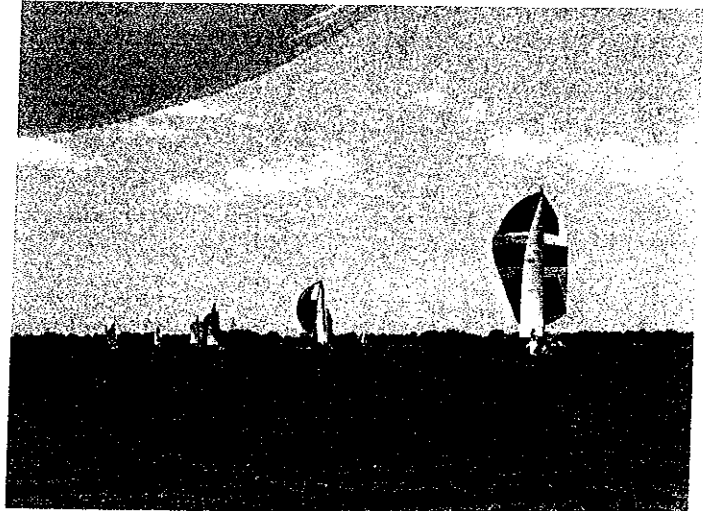
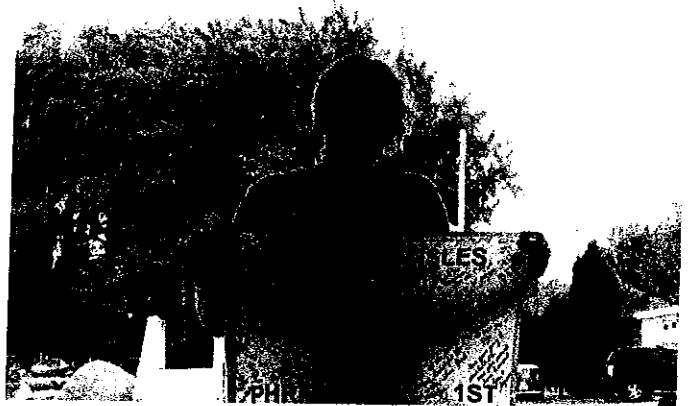
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*Returning from Pelee  
A softer ride from the race.*

## THAMES RIVER YACHT CLUB

Four LMYC boats made it to this event which consists of two races on Saturday and one on Sunday. A taste of everything.....first race was light and variable; second race was medium air and then on Sunday's race was strong air. great fun! We ate fabulous food under their new wooden canopy. Many people singed a flag for Michelle Grondin who is leaving the club to start her new life in B.C. She was presented this flag at the Thames, Best wishes Michelle!



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There was only one boat from the LaSalle Mariners to do this race, this is a very poor showing on our part. When our Regatta is going on and only one boat from all the other clubs enter, how are we going to respond? Somewhat upset, I would guess.

## Cedar Island Maple Leaf Race

## Single Handed Mackinaw:

Our own **Dave Evans** represented us well. His buddy, round the world sailor **Steve Pettingale** placed first. If you ask him, Dave will give you several hours of stories about this race! Way to go Evans!