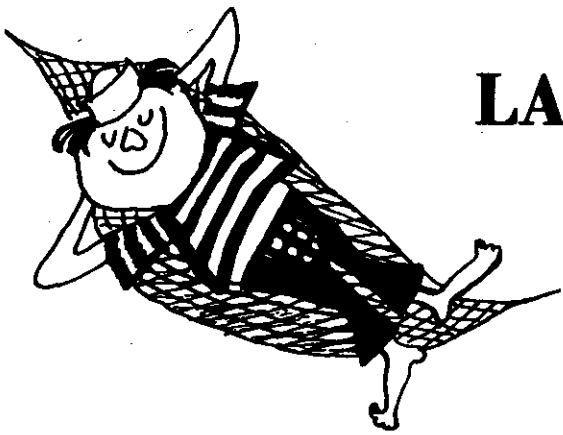


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A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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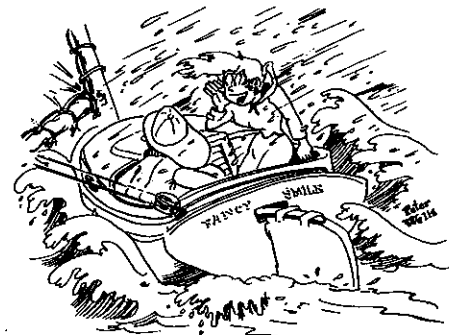
From the "Loudhailer",

The Shakedown is now history but I will add a few words here worth mentioning. The event remains very popular with 107 starters answering the starting signals. For the Race Committee this presents a lot of administrative work. Add to this the unique need for a starting and a separate finishing committee and any Chairman would call it a challenge! Race Chairman Curley (Ellis) met this challenge by having Howard (Porter) and a very expert (Race Committee) bevy of beauties start the fleet and giving up his first race on "Rakaia" to finish the race at the bay, so ably assisted by Doug (Kirkaldy), whose boat was on station at the finish! These two left L.M.Y.C. at 5:30 a.m.! Then, to tabulate, calculate and award the trophies under the somewhat less than ideal conditions the same evening deserves a booming "well done" gang! Sailing there was just great, a bit damp and the visibility a mite diminished at times. The event now has another delightful new twist, a feeder race to Port Clinton and thence to Put-in-Bay! The easy winner in this separate race was Hugh (Rugeroni) and his wayward J30 "Papa Gaucho" over a large herd, ah, fleet. The request by this group for separate awards is presently under study.... A "well don" goes to "Ruffian" and her crew for their third repeat as fastest boat to the bay. She is a C&C 35 and one of the largest boats in the fleet and her elapsed time was *6-14-23*. "Cookie Monster", a Santana 20 and one of the smallest of the fleet recorded an elapsed time of *7-00-18*. A truly great performance turned in by skipper Dennis (Hendel) and stalwart crew member, Paul (Robinson). The Sunday return sail was indeed a rewarding, sparkling ride!

The Club's next regatta will be the Freedom Festival regatta! Entry forms are available at the Club now. Please, register early! The course is now slightly longer and the starting area just west of Belle Isle out of the direct river current and traffic should prove to be an improvement for the Race Committee and contestants alike. Chairman Rick (Renwick) is looking for a larger fleet and promises sunny weather for the first time! As always, this event will be highly publicized locally.

L.M.Y.C. sailors are sailing in R.I.Y.A. events in greater numbers this year and here are those that have and are competing: Elan, Rhiannon, Cookie Monster, Sparjammer, Obsession, Walter Mitty, Valhalla, R-Escape and Rakaia.- Good Luck to you all-

Having experienced a windier and cooler spring and early summer than this writer can recall the Wednesday evening races offered a delightfully gentle way of racing compared to the rail-under, spray in face, reefed-downed races in Lake Erie till now! And if the results of the first five races do not show any real surprises, the competition is keen and the finishes are closer than ever. Those that have served as race committee to-date, are to be commended for their near flawless execution of their duties. At the end of the first series, we are inviting written comments from registered skippers to get a handle on the race programme and if needed, incorporated changes for the second series. There will be a scoreboard showing the progress of your performance and since the scoring is based on a percentage system participation plays a big role in accumulative points to be gained. Good Sailing and mast break!



"How would some boullion on the boat deck grab you?"

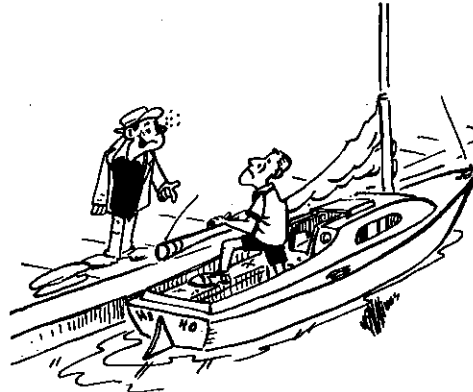
Short tacks: The red spar below Turkey Island is a mark of the course (Read May Newsletter). Have a go at the "speed king" trophy, the rules are established and available. The one-design status of the Duet 25's and Viking 28's has been removed for all remaining L.M.Y.C. regattas, they will not be given class starts. Lack of starters is the reason!

Tennie Mason's 'Weight Watchers' have their meeting every Tuesday night from 7 - 9. The stones have all been placed around the harbour point. Then picnic tables are painted and docks are slowly getting repaired.

At our last meeting we passed a by-law allowing the Club to charge us so much money if we didn't help out a few times on Tuesday night. Hopefully this will result in getting out some of those guys who never show up for work parties. This is just a reminder.

Also, as of June 1st ALL PARKING is in the lot, away from the boats, except for loading and unloading.

Overheard at Put-In-Bay



"Shay—when did you get the trimaran?"

NOTE FROM THE COMMODORE

There were three resolutions passed at the Club Meeting held May 11th which are important to each and every member. The first of these resolutions that was passed states "Members shall be assessed 20 hours of work excluding clean-up duties or be levied \$100.00". This resolution was passed because the membership felt it was unfair to have the same regular people come out to work parties every week, whereas other members had the same access to Club facilities and spent very little time helping with their maintenance. The time members worked towards Club maintenance is charged at \$5.00/hour so make sure your time is recorded in the record book so you receive the proper credit.

The second resolution passed reads "After June 1st, 1980 all cars must be parked in the parking lot and only temporary parking for unloading will be allowed by the boats". This program is now in use and it has been found that on race nights the parking lot is a little too small to handle all vehicles which arrive. We would ask that you ensure all guests park in the new parking lot area and that any other cars be parked as close to this area as possible when room is limited so free access to the boats and Club House are maintained.

The third resolution passed established a policy for living aboard boats that reads "Any member can sleep on his boat at the Club premises for casual purposes for a time period not to exceed three consecutive calendar days on his own decision. Prior clearance from the Executive is required for a member to live aboard his boat at the Club for any period from three consecutive calendar days to seven consecutive calendar days. Any extension beyond seven consecutive calendar days shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive and shall be to a maximum of one further seven day period." It was the general feeling of the Membership that this resolution would protect the rights of all Club members and ensure that each member had the maximum flexibility in the quiet enjoyment of their boat and the Club facilities.

The Freedom Festival Regatta is coming up on June 29th and under the capable guidance of Rick Renwick, it has been a fun week-end for the past couple years even though there was wet weather. This year Rick, Curly and John have a fine event planned, so please talk to your friends from other clubs and invite them to join us.