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## LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Past Commodore Bob Ferguson receiving Flag from present Commodore Chris Barron

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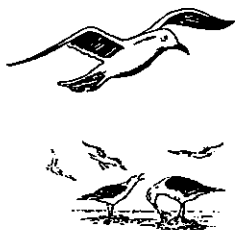
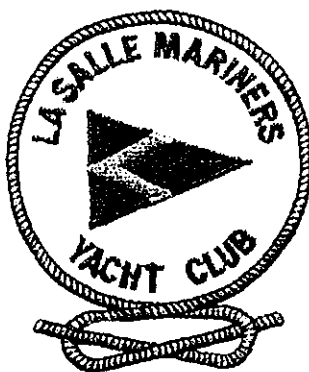
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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

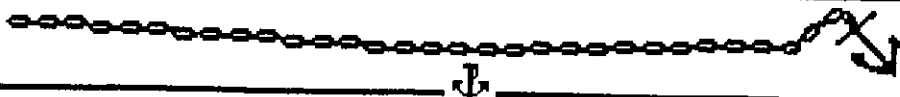
*Sunkist has finally hit the water with the help of our crew. It's been a hectic spring with home renovations, the move, kid's soccer and work, not to mention duties as commodore. Unfortunately I missed the quick ride over to the bay although I did make it on the start boat. From what I heard not much has changed on the island. There are lots of events planned for the summer so check your calendar. We will see you around the club. I have a new phone number so please change to the number on the main page.*

*Commodore Chris Barron*

*Launch is now over. Did you clean-up around your boat after it was launched? If not someone else did. Speaking of cleaning The Blessing of the Fleet is upon us and a general clean-up is required before this event. Watch the clubhouse chalk board for a notice or check on the webpage. Remember it all counts to work hours.*

*Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler*

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# News and Information

## Battle of the Atlantic Remembered



**Bell Tolls:** Royal Canadian Navy veteran Howard Porter (LMYC member) tolls the ship's bell 24 times in memory of His Majesty's Canadian ships lost during the Second World War at a ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic:

Windsor Star May 5, 2003  
Star photo: Nick Brancaccio

## Get Well Soon

Tom Boyce full time member of LMYC suffered a mild heart attack in May. He is recovering very quickly and within a few days he was back at the club. We can't keep a good man down.

## The Olympic Dream



Craig Noakes and Nick Beaudoin

The fundraising pasta dinner held May 8, 2003 at the Fogolar Furland Club proved to be a great success for Nick Beaudoin and Craig Noakes. It was certainly heartwarming to see so many LMYC members and friends in attendance.

Nick and Craig will open their European season on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Netherlands which will be followed by a race in Germany and two in France. After these races both will be back home sometimes in July with enough points to earn a spot in the world championships in Spain in September. Nick and Craig goals for this summer is to do well enough to get to the world championships and a shot at qualifying for the Olympics. All LMYC members wish you the best of luck in your venture.

LMYC Web Page — <http://www.wincom.net/lmyc>

On behalf of Nick, Jim and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Pasta Dinner. It was wonderful to see your support. Stories were shared of Nick's early years of sailing which brought a few good laughs. Thanks again to our friends, young and old from LaSalle Mariners.

Also thanks to those of you who have donated funds to the campaign. It is certainly appreciated and needed. Thank you!

Jim and Jennifer Beaudoin



Mike Puchantyj and Sherry Raeside



Yvonne McRobbie and Paul Laing



The Lintunen Family



The LMYC Family



Tim McWilliams and Rob Ferguson

Left Bottom  
Ardra and Steve Kepran



# Dinghy News

By Rob Ferguson

**L**aser sailors will be as active as ever with many new events that are aimed to promote dinghy sailing within our club and the local area. As a growing group we are looking for many new individuals to take part in this aspect of sailing. And we invite any small boat sailors to come out and participate in our events and enjoy what L.M.Y.C. has to offer.

## Tuesday Night Race Series

Tuesday night race series is organized into two series similar to the Keel boat series offered at the club. Each Tuesday will consist of three smaller races of varying courses. The sailing series will consist of two series a spring and fall series with awards given out at the Awards Banquet in Fall.

Spring Series: Starting May 27<sup>th</sup>, races start at 6:30. So far we have 7 Lasers registered but any other type of dinghy is welcome to come out.

## L.M.Y.C. Invitational Regatta

As well, as the Tuesday night Laser series the club will also host the second annual L.M.Y.C. Laser Invitational Regatta on July 12<sup>th</sup> all our welcome. It's one full day of racing, including a series of 7 races, lunch and party after the regatta with awards..

## L.M.Y.C. Laser Team

The L.M.Y.C. Laser Team is planning to represent the Club at regattas throughout Michigan and Ontario. Regattas the team are attending are:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 21- 22	Gold Cup, Hamilton
July 5-6	Gold Cup, Sarnia
July 12	L.M.Y.C. Invitational Laser Regatta
Aug 16-20	Cork , Kingston
Sept 6-7	Great Lakes Championship

## From The House Director

Jerry Angus

A reminder to members to try to keep the area around the clubhouse clean. Right after Shakedown the area was littered with food debris and garbage. Help keep our club clean. Its up to you to make a difference.

## LMYC Member Honoured



LMYC long time member Linda Parchoma was presented with an Excellent Award at The Annual Banquet at Place Concorde for Exceptional Children for her work with Special Needs Students. The Council for Exceptional Children presents awards to recipients from The Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board and The Greater Essex County School Board.

The above photo shows Linda Parchoma with her Principal Doris Baggio during the presentation.

## Web Site Update

Since the inception of our web site on March 28 we have had over 300 visitors. Many members asked to have a counter on the site to see how many hits we have. The counter was installed on May 23 at 0 and since then we have had many visitors. Check to see how many visitors since May 23rd

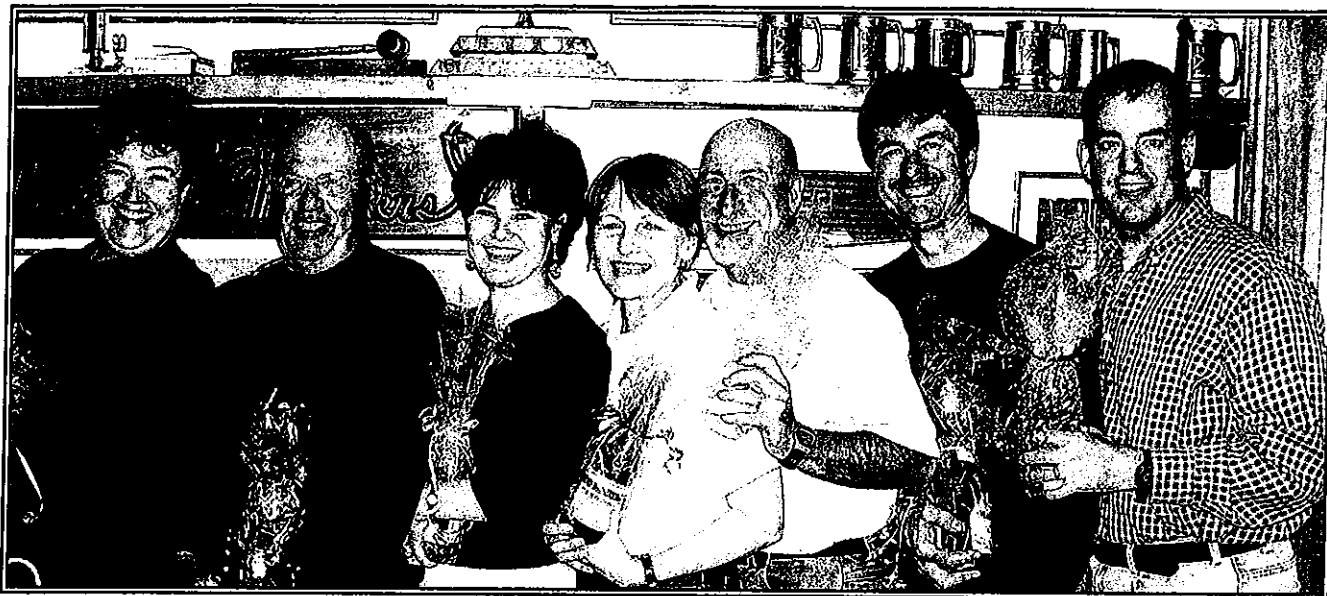
If you have not visited lately there have many changes. The Fitting Out Breakfast, Past Commodore's Party, Dart Awards and an update to the Shakedown Page. There is a new site for LMYC Classified which is found under the Update Page. More to follow. There is also a section to download other club races which is found under Updates also.

<http://www.wincom.net/lmyc>  
Happy Surfing

Richard Parchoma



# Dart Awards



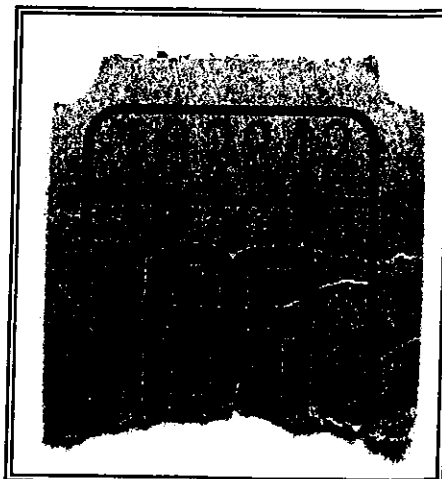
Paula Anderson, Alex Buliga, Paulette Meseck, Lindy & Robert O'Brien, Brent Jones, Peter Coan (Stand in Steve Szczepaniak)

The Dart League for 2002-2003 officially came to an end on May 7th with the Annual Award Night celebrations. Approximately 20 members were in attendance to receive their awards and to take part in the festivities. The evening began with a pizza party, followed by the awards. At this year's Award Party marked a major event so large that all those present were frozen in time when it occurred. For the first time in known history JUERGEN HENDEL won the 50/50 Draw. To mark this event the Dart's Chairperson has asked that the winning stub be published in the next edition of the LMYC Currents.

A special thanks to all those darters that provided treats during this past year and to those people that brought desserts for our party. Also thanks to Gus Martin for finding an alternate supplier for our shirts. The Dart League will be starting up again in the fall. Until then have a wonderful Sailing Season.

This year the awards were presented by Past Commodore Ralph Kepran and Past Commodore Doris Kepran and the winners were as follows:

Double Out Champ	Alex Buliga	15 Double Outs
Ladies High Score	Paula Anderson	147 points
Top Three	Lindy Walker O'Brien	132 points
	Paulette Meseck	130 points
Men's High Score	Brent Jones	171 points
Top Three	Alex Buliga	162 points
	Peter Coan	140 points
	Rob O'Brien	140 points





# *Dart Awards - LMYC*



Doug Warford



Craig Morrison



Dennis Pare and Gus Martin



Guy and Paulette Meseck



Tom and Vicki Boyce



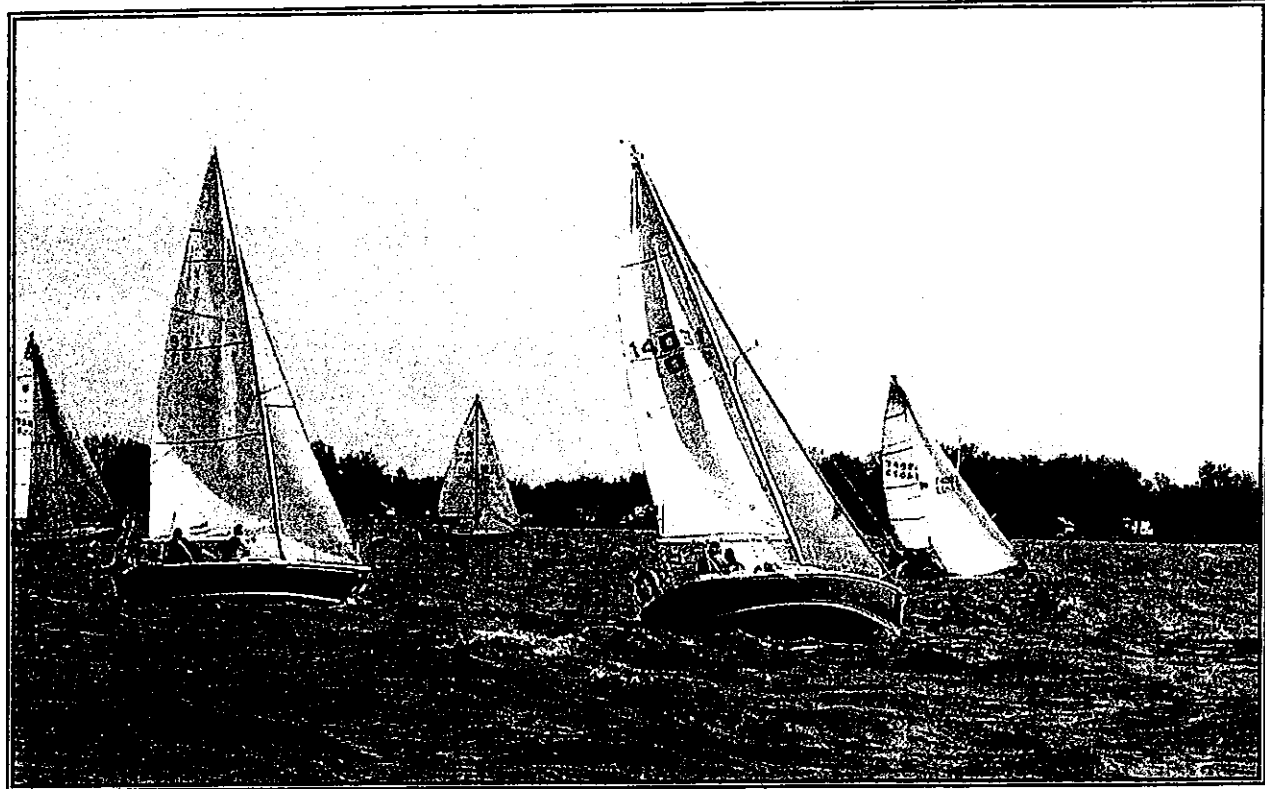
Lindy and Bob O'Brien



# Shakedown 2003



Article and Photos by Rob Ferguson



The Start of Shakedown — May 17, 2003

**W**ell another "Shakedown" has past and it worked out to be a great weekend! I have always enjoyed the shakedown regatta since I was a kid remembering when there were 70 boats. Shakedown is always something to look forward to while your shoveling snow in the middle of winter. The idea of sailing across the lake to an island which is similar to what you would find in the Caribbean is extremely appealing and always keeps me going during the long dreary winters.

Well I was asked to write about the experiences that my crew and myself had during the weekend so here it goes.

## Saturday

Well in the morning along with my crew Andy and Kelly we set off in "Breakaway" my Santana 20 down the river to join the parade of 37 boats that participated in the regatta. There was a neat feeling of anticipation in the air to what was to come. The wind was light in the river but as soon as we reached Lake Erie we were surprised to find a strong breeze. Since there was a bit of chop, I took off the outboard and Andy organized all our gear and placed it in the middle of the boat to stop the boat from hobby-horsing. Then we rushed to the starting line to start and were finally off in the general direction of the Bay. We and most other boats choose a smaller sail plan and the fleet dispersed to those who were on a close reach and those who followed the rhumb line on a beam reach. During the race we bobbed up and down like a cork and all were on the high side except for the occasional trip to the "stern" and the quick trip down below to get granola bars. I have



to say that being a captain during the race you stay much dryer than being crew. Both Andy and Kelly acted as a barrier for the occasional soaking that the lake would give our boat. During the trip over, we all concluded we would have been better off wearing wetsuits compared to foul weather gear. It seemed the cold water would always find its way in and once it was in it never came out.

Well after a quick crossing in 6 foot swells and a 20knt breeze, we pointed up and finished in-front of Lonz winery with the crew from Silver Heels finishing us. We flew down wind towards the docks and I juggled with trying to put the outboard back on the transom. We pulled in

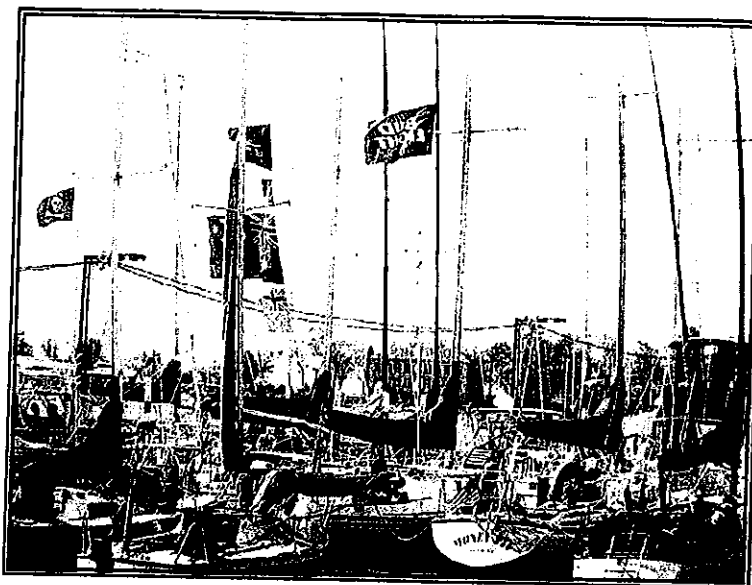
and rafted up along Azura. It must have taken us at least an hour to get everything organized. The inside of our boat looked like the inside of a washing machine after the spin cycle. Our stuff was everywhere and most of it was wet. Ahh the joys of sailing a small sailboat!!! As well, every one started saying how burnt I was.....Dopp! I forgot to put on sun screen Arg.. even after all the lectures from my mom and sis about skin cancer. Well I put as much moisturizer on as possible so maybe it will go away and my sister and mom won't even notice my lobster like appearance by the time I get home on Monday.

Well after everything was organized we headed up to do the customs "thing" and went to the video phone. I was amazed how nice the customs were and how easy and quick using the video-phone was. After that we ate dinner, relaxed by the boats and prepared for a night at the bars. At 9:00 we went over to the Gazebo for awards. Unfortunately we only got fourth place but I was happy to see that my dad won the regatta in his Shark "Gringo".

After awards were given both for the regatta and last years PHRF, we headed to the roundhouse. Most of the crews from the regatta were there enjoying the good band and the buckets of beer for which the roundhouse is so famous. All the guys were hanging out when all of a sudden it felt like we were being watched ! It was a "cougar" (older lady looking for younger men) .She was looking our way, we all were afraid since she looked like she was on the prowl and then all of sudden she swooped in from behind us and attacked ! She approached me being the weaker one (I had a burnt face,) She abruptly asked for a kiss and I said she would have to do with just a hug. Then we quickly went to another bar called Mr. Eds. After the bar, we headed back to the boat for the night.

### Sunday

We and the crew of Azura woke up and went for breakfast at "Frostys" ( the best



The Bay



Juergen Hendel & Nik Lintunen

place for breakie on the island). Then headed up the monument and later rented mopeds for an hour. If you have not rented a moped .....rent one.. It is so worth it! They are so much fun . They are \$10 hr and in that time you can explore every part of the island. The first place that we went was the park next to the "freighter house" (a house that is made from the bow section of a freighter). Most people do not realize if you hop the fence in the park you can climb down to the water and there is a beautiful pebble beach and a few feet along the shore there are caves into which you can swim. Well the water was a bit too cold this time so we just stopped for a quick look and then went on our way. We checked out the nautical store "The Cargo Net" and planned out what we would buy in there if we won a million dollars. After driving around the island in our moped gang, we had a barbeque in the park. ing limestone) and it opened right up into a cavern consisting of stalagmites and stalagites. We went far enough down about 40 feet underground that we ended up hitting the water table which consisted of clear water that was about 15 feet deep. We all headed back up and out of the cave really muddy and headed back to the boat. We then went to Tippers for an excellent buffet and then back to the roundhouse which was packed. A good band was playing and we stayed there till midnight along with the rest of the crew from Flirt, Grey Ganet and Azura

### **Monday**

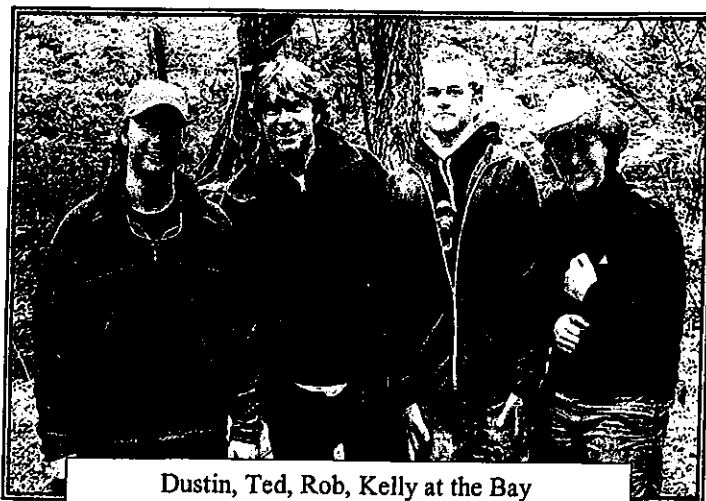
The next morning we headed off back to L.M.Y.C. on a broad reach with the spinnaker flying with Azura where we both reached speeds up to 10knts surfing on the back of the waves. We flew the spinnaker up to Middle Sister until the halyard snapped and the chute came down into the water next to us. Andy and Kelly quickly picked it up out of the water and then we put up the Genoa and sailed all the way up the Boblo channel. My dad taught me to go up that channel compared to the Amherstburg channel since there is hardly any current and it saves about 20 minutes off your trip back up the river. Behind Boblo we ran into "Whatever" George and crew who checked out the restaurant on the island to eat lunch there. Unfortunately, it was closed and it seems like it will be closed for the season. While they were off to Crystal bay for the afternoon we put on the motor and headed back to the club.



LMYC members & crew enjoying supper



LMYC Race Director presenting Awards



Dustin, Ted, Rob, Kelly at the Bay

# Past Commodore's Party



Past Commodore Bob Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson, George Minovski, Carol Ferguson, Rob Ferguson

**I**t was time to say goodbye to Bob Ferguson 29<sup>th</sup> Commodore of LMYC and to First Lady Carol Ferguson. On May 3, 2003 LMYC Annual Past Commodore's Party was held at the clubhouse with over 50 members and friends in attendance. Past Commodore Ferguson and First Lady Carol celebrated this event with son Rob, daughter Jennifer and future son-in-law George Minovski.

Many Past Commodores were present, a fitting tribute to a loyal, longtime member who has spent many years supporting LMYC.

Bob's main goal was to create harmony and camaraderie among the members of the LMYC family. Bob and his wife Carol made an effort to attend the functions undertaken at LMYC as an example to others and to try to fulfill his main goal of Harmony and Comradeship.

An excellent buffet complemented the evening ranging from selections of cheeses, potato salads, finger foods and spicy meatballs.

Later in the evening the current Commodore Chris Barron presented Bob with a Past Commodore's Flag. A Past Commodore's Plaque was presented to Bob from Past Commodore Bob Reaume. A Champagne toast and the cutting of the traditional LMYC cake concluded the award celebrations.

A slide show presented by Rob Ferguson highlighting Past Commodores Bob Fergusons 40 years of sailing.

The party continued until the early hours of the morning.

Special thanks goes to Mary Nantais (Social Director) and Dave Nantais who were instrumental in making this event a success.



# *Past Commodore's Party*



Past Commodore Bob Ferguson, Mary Nantais & Past Commodore Bob Reaume



Sue Ouellette and Past Commodore Bob Reaume



Toast to The Past Commodore Bob Ferguson



Past Commodore Ralph Kepran and Past Commodore Doris Kepran



First Lady Carol Ferguson and Past Commodore Bob Ferguson



Nick Lintunien, Ted Popel, Rob Ferguson



# *Past Commodore's Party*



Commodore Chris Barron & First Lady Jessica Barron



Dave Nantais, Jack Penney and Past Commodore Ralph Allen



Holly & Bernie Wolter



Connie and Alex Buliga



Jean and Bob Williams



First Lady Andrea Bingham & Past Commodore Bob Bingham



# *Past Commodore's Party*



*Sherry Raeside and Mike Puchantyj*



*Ardra and Steve Kepran*



*Past Commodore Juergen Hendel & Linda Schreiber*



*Laurel Venney and Past Commodore George Mooney*



*Dennis and Barbara Pare*



*Beverly and Jerry Angus*



# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Shakedown Regatta

## Race Results May 17, 2003



### PHRF B: Start Time: 0920

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper	Finished Time	Corrected Time	Place
UNDERDOG	S2	CIYC	M. Enns	13:26:25	10495	1
ON ATTACK	Kirby 30	SPSC	K. Blyth	13:16:51	10701	2
COEUR DE LION	Juneau/Arcadia	CIYC	J. Court	13:36:38	11030	3
YAWANNA	S2	CIYC	F. Foote	13:38:09	11199	4
FLIRT	Ranger 32	LMYC	J. Murphy			DSQ
RUFFIAN	CC 35	SPSC	B. Noakes			DNS

### PHRF A: Start Time: 0925

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper	Finished Time	Corrected Time	Place
DOWNBEAT	Beneteau	WYC	P. Paine	13:06:10	10462	1
KALIEDESCOPE	Abbott 33	NCYC	E. Hoffman	13:13:44	10526	2
RAKAIA	Abbott 33	LMYC	J. Hendel	13:15:59	10602	3
ZEPHYR HAWK	Abbott 33	GIYC	R. Bohl	13:16:10	10672	4
ILUVYOUBABY	Abbott 33	GIYC	T. Duffett	13:17:38	10760	5
BLITZ	J29	LMYC	Buliga/Amyot	13:16:19	10825	6
TRILOGY	Abbott 33	LMYC	J. Mangile	13:19:24	10866	7
SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	LMYC	B. Bingham	13:19:37	10879	8
ROYAL TERN	Abbott 33	EYC	J. Mackey	13:24:06	11148	9
RATSO	Cayenne 40	LMYC	D. Evans	13:15:46	11740	10

### AVCO CUP WINNER

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper
GRINGO	Shark	LMYC	Bob Ferguson

### BEST ELAPSED TIME

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper
DOWNBEAT	Beneteau	WYC	P. Paine





# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Shakedown Regatta

## Race Results May 17, 2003



**JOG: Start Time: 0900**

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper	Finished Time	Corrected Time	Place
TIA LISA	Tanzer 26	SPSC	C. Egen	13:37:57	10333	1
VALHALA	Paceship 29	BRSC	D & K Perry	13:24:33	10569	2
CHINOOK	Mirage 32	SPSC	J. Murphy	13:13:00	10786	3
THUNDER	CC 27	CIYC	W. Hallett	13:26:58	10844	4
2 <sup>ND</sup> WIND	Niagara 26	LMYC	B. Casey	13:28:18	11080	5
NO RESISTANCE	HR 25	SPSC	D. Robichal	13:51:36	11308	6
WINDSONG	Catalina 27	LMYC	R. Beresford	13:45:35	11649	7
SPINDRIFTH	Shark	SPSC	B. Uttley	DNF		

**PHRF D: Start Time: 0910**

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper	Finished Time	Corrected Time	Place
GRINGO	Shark	LMYC	B. Ferguson	13:33:16	9912	1
ESCAPADE	CC 25	SPSC	T. Ille	13:31:55	10099	2
GREY GANNET	Columbia 26	LMYC	A. Prettyman	13:42:22	10648	3
BREAKAWAY	Santana 20	LMYC	R. Ferguson	13:59:46	11458	4
BEARS NECESSITY	Catalina 27	CIYC	M. Lippmann	13:54:37	11617	5
MANANAN	CS 27	LMYC	D. Pare	14:11:38	12038	6

**PHRF C: Start Time: 0915**

Yacht Name	Yacht	Sailing Club	Skipper	Finished Time	Corrected Time	Place
WHATEVER	Viking 28	LMYC	G. Mooney	13:19:29	9989	1
DYNAMO DESIGNS	CC 30	SPSC	J. Davidison	13:15:40	9994	2
BLUEJAY	Viking 28	BRSC	N. Brockman	13:23:11	10211	3
ADDENDUM	CC 30	SPSC	R. Fuller	13:20:18	10272	4
BOTTOMS UP	Niagara 26	LMYC	J. Vandereerden	13:31:59	10505	5
AZURA	Kirby 25	LMYC	T. Popel	13:40:08	11306	6