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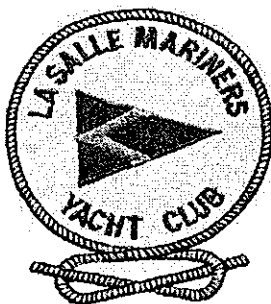
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Rick Beresford



Vice-Commodore Larry Laing

I regret to inform the membership that Richard Parchoma has advised me that he will not be able to continue to publish the CURRENTS for the Club and that this June issue will be his last. On behalf of the membership I thank Richard for the several years that he has taken on this task for the Club. He has done a sterling job producing an outstanding newsletter that has been the envy of all other clubs. He kept us well informed of all coming events and his well written reports and excellent pictures of the events held around the Club and of the Regattas our members participated in were always eagerly anticipated and appreciated. Richard has offered to continue to maintain the Club's Website and he will still Email any messages that we wish to send out to the membership (at least those who have computers will still be able to receive information about coming events).

I hope that we have a member out there who will be willing to take over the task of publishing the CURRENTS. A newsletter is extremely important to have for a Club like ours. I feel that it's the glue that holds the membership together.

We have 2 Club events coming up in June that I hope members will fully support. On Sunday June 11 commencing at 1:00 pm we have our **Annual Blessing of the Fleet**. This is a colorful traditional event that brings the members together for the start of the sailing season. Jonathon Smith has taken on the job of organizing this year's Blessing and has arranged for plates of cold cuts, cheeses and finger foods but he still needs members to **bring a dish to pass**. On Sunday, June 18 we have a new event that the membership has agreed to try out this year. This will be the **Commodore's Race**. Although billed as a Race it is intended to be a fun event that racers and cruisers and even the occasional sailor can participate in. There will be 4 starts: our 3 PHRF Classes and a JOG Fleet with one prize (a bottle of rum) for each of the 4 Fleets. However, instead of the prize going to the 1st place finisher in each Fleet, the prize winner for each Fleet will be determined by a draw from the boat names of the boats that finish the course for that Fleet. Everyone



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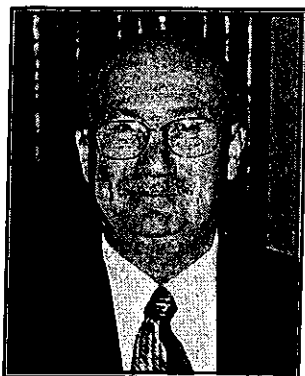
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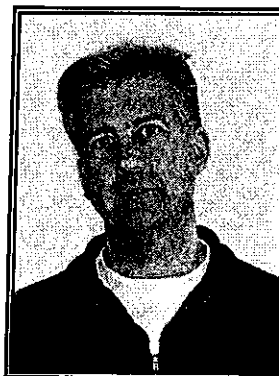
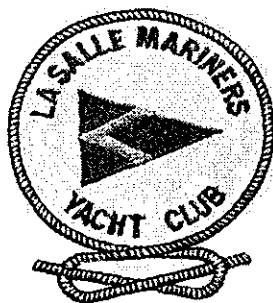
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regardless of their skill or experience will have an equal opportunity to be a winner. Also there will be free pizza (paid for by the Club) for all the crews of the boats participating in this Race. This is a BYOB or refreshments event. Our Race Director Rob Ferguson has volunteered to be Race Committee. I think that this has the potential to be a great family event. More detailed information on the Commodore's Race can be found in this issue of the CURRENTS.

Rick Beresford, Commodore

Things seem to be going well around the club. The clubhouse and grounds look very good and there are enough people signed up for grass cutting to cover the rest of the year. Anyone who has not yet signed up for a job please call and let me know what you might be interested in doing this year.

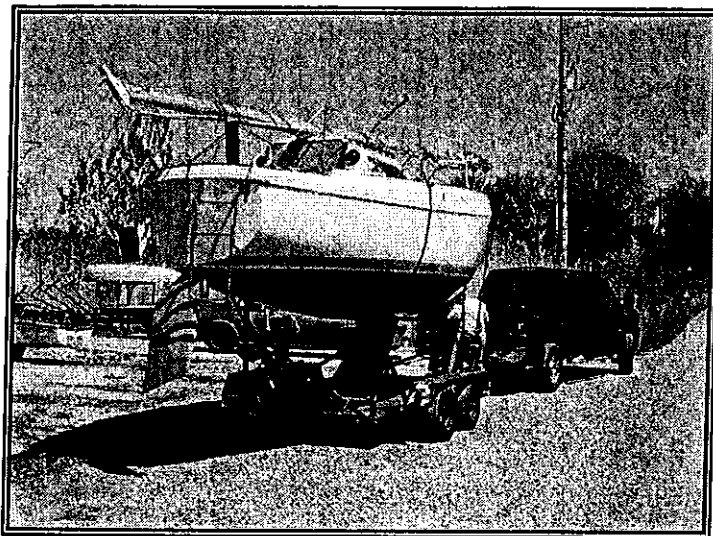
As I am sure everyone has heard, this will be Richard Parchoma's last issue of the LMYC Currents. I would like to thank Richard for the outstanding job he has done with producing our Newsletter over the years. Because of him we have all been better informed, entertained, and educated about the people and events around the club. He has elevated our Newsletter to World Class status. Thanks Richard!!!!

Larry Laing Vice- Commodore



News and Information

Grey Gannet Leaves LMYC



LMYC bids farewell to the Grey Gannet, Columbia 26, former Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair Champion for Essex County PHRF.

This boat was the over all winner for Essex County PHRF Boat of the Year 1998, runner up in 1999.

The boat is being taken to it's new home in Brantford.

Double Handed Race At North Cape Yacht Club

North Cape Yacht Club is holding its Double Handed Race on Saturday August 5th at North Cape.

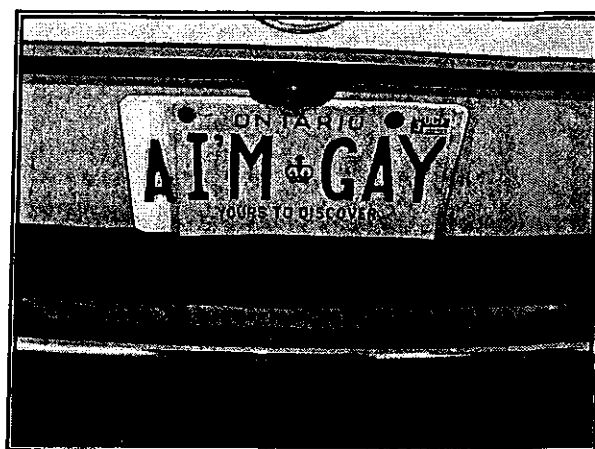
10.5 nm course for JAM
15 nm course for PHRF & Multihull

Find a partner now!

Chairmen: The Hoffmans
419-861-1721 or
pcommadore@ncyc.net



North Cape Racer



Strange Licence Plate at LMYC

12th Annual Pelee Island Winery Regatta



The 12th Annual Pelee Island Winery Regatta will be held July 15th 2006.

The Race will have two starts, one from Cedar Island Yacht Club and one off of Bar Point at the mouth of the Detroit River.

The races are open to all sailing yachts that meet the safety requirements for sailing on Lake Erie. Each start will have a spinnaker class as well as a cruising class for those who wish to have a leisurely ride to the Island.

This is a fun race designed encourage sailors to participate in racing in a stress free way. In other words, no protests, and courtesy is the key. Power Yachts are welcome to fill out an entry, pay the fee, and cruise to the Island but cannot participate in the sailboat race.

Applications will be available on the LMYC website in June 2006.

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

All paid entries, power and sail, are reserved a dock space at Scudder but at your own expense. In addition, each registered skipper, power & sail, will be presented with two bottles of wine as a gift by attending the "Gilligans Island Beach Party" at The Pelee Island Winery Pavilion". Islanders, vacationers, and any other landlubber that wishes to attend the party at the Pavilion.

WELCOME!

Dinner at 7:00pm is at your own expense. Awards will be presented followed by a night of dancing to live music, sharing of tall tales, all true of course, and wine tasting for the remainder of the evening.

Transportation will be provided to and from Scudder Docks and The Pavilion by the Pelee Island Winery.



Blessing of the Fleet

Jonathan Smith will again this year take charge of the Blessing of the Fleet which will be held at LMYC on June 11, 2006.

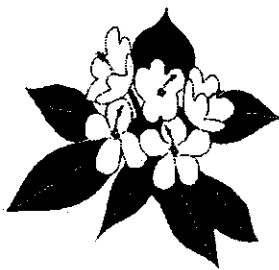
More news to follow.

YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND CREW ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE 3RD TH ANNUAL
BLESSING OF THE FLEET
 THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY JUNE 11 TH
STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.
 THERE WILL BE A LATE LUNCH TO FOLLOW
 IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING
 TO HELP BY BRINGING FOOD
 PLEASE CONTACT ME AT
JONATHANSMITH@COGECO.CA



Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Tom and Vicki Boyce on the passing of their granddaughter Jo-Anne Marie Olski on Saturday May 27, 2006 at 32 years of age. Interment Heavenly Rest Cemetery.



New Arrival



Perry and Gloria Basden are pleased to announce that their son and daughter-in-law Mike and Colleen Basden are the proud parents of twins, Kathryn Elizabeth 4lbs, 3 oz and Nicholas Alexander, 5lbs, 11 oz born on April 17, 2006. Congratulations Perry and Gloria



Seeding The Berm



Steve Laing seeding the berm

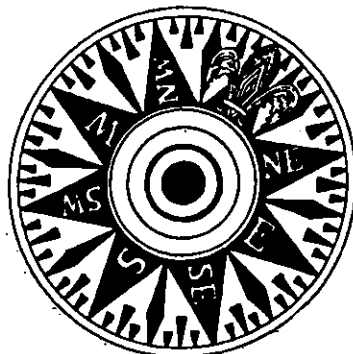
Steve Laing from "Laing's Lawn Care and Pest Control" Donated his time, equipment, and grass seed for the Tilling and Seeding the Berm Area.



Don Laing



Cameron Laing



COMMODORE'S RACE

(This is intended to be a family fun event for all members of LMYC and their friends. It was approved as a try out for 2006 at the General Membership Meeting on March 26. The Club will be paying for pizza for all attending as well as bottles of rum for draw prizes)

All sailors are encouraged to participate – racers, cruisers and the novices

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2006

Registration: June 18 at **11:00 to 11:30 am** DST in the Club House.

On registration your boat will be entered into PHRF Class A, B, C or JOG. Also on registration you must provide the Race Committee with the total number of crew on your boat so that we can know how much pizza to order.

The Race: START: Between Race Committee Boat and Green Spar "DF27"
(north of Grassy Island – opposite LaSalle)

COURSE: Downstream from the start line leaving Grassy Island to the Port. Round the bifurcation Spar "DGB" leaving it to the port. Head upstream to finish at LMYC's Widow's Walk.

STARTING ORDER:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG COLOUR</u>
PHRF A	Yellow
PHRF B	Green
PHRF C	Blue
JOG	White

SIGNALS & STARTING:

One horn sound at approximately **12:55 pm DST** will signal 5 minutes to the first class warning.

Note: Detailed Race Instructions will be available on registration.

Protests: There will be no protests accepted. This is a fun race.

Awards: Awards will be made in each of the 4 Classes by a draw. To be eligible for the draw a boat must complete the course. The draw will be held after the last boat ties up.

After Race Social: Free Pizza will be available to all participants after the last boat ties up. This is a bring your own refreshments event.

Editor's Farewell

I have been doing the Currents since August 1997 publishing 12 issues per year and the web page for the last 3 years. I have immensely enjoyed both jobs. But things change and I have informed the Commodore that I will not be continuing to do this newsletter after this month but will continue with the web page.

There is never a good time to call it quits but for me the time had come. It was a personal family decision I have made and family has to take priority.

It was a great run doing this job. I enjoyed taking the pictures, writing the stories, printing the letters and finally distributing them to Jeff Williams for final delivery.

I am proud of what we have achieved together in these last 9 years and it is a source of great personal satisfaction to see how the newsletter has developed.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support, cooperation and friendship I have received during my time here. I thank you too for your wisdom, leadership, compassion and commitment. I have worked with many executives over the years and all were outstanding representatives.

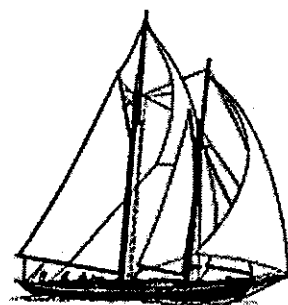
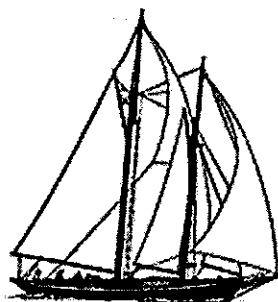
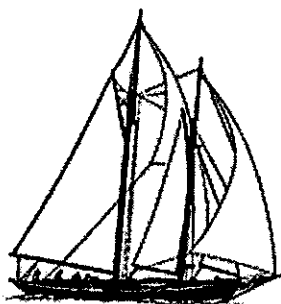
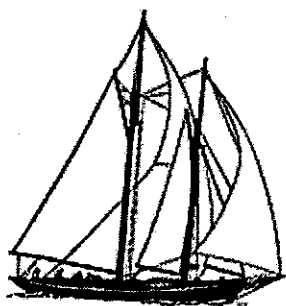
I wish to thank the members who wrote articles for me, sent me pictures, and best of all no-one ever got on my case.

It is time for a younger member to take over and continue on what we have accomplished over 9 years of publishing.

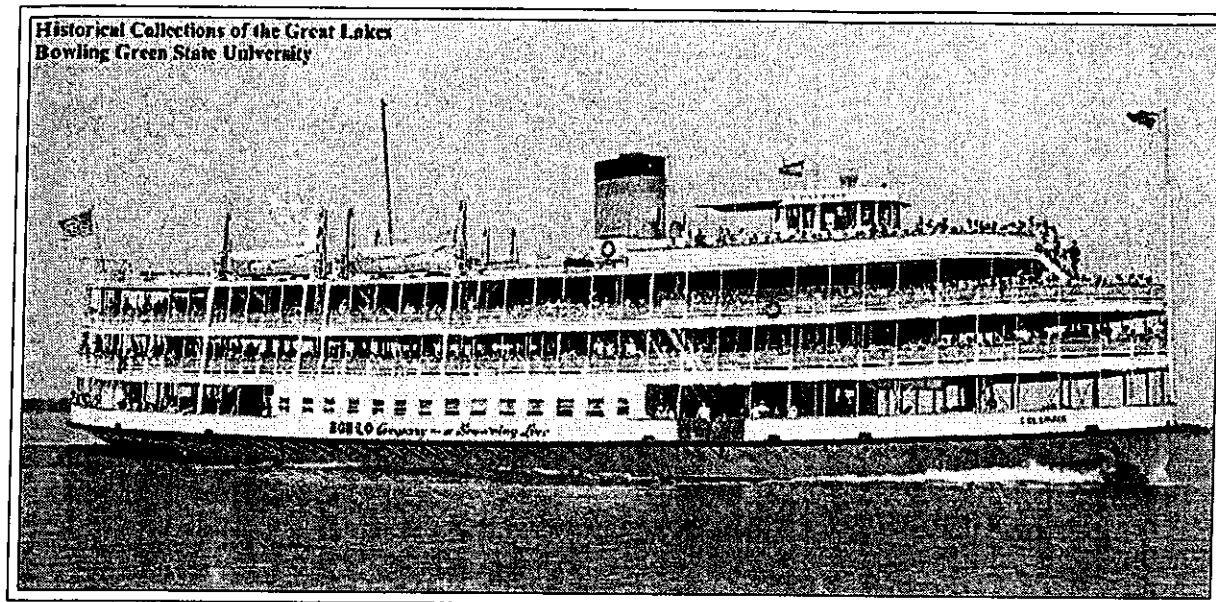
For those who would miss The Currents I am truly sorry, but I am confident that a New Current will arise to take over.

Thank you again for all your help.

Richard Parchoma



Bob-Lo Boat Columbia



Detroit's beloved and historic "Bob-Lo Boat" is coming back to the river! The Columbia is the older of the two Bob-Lo boats, built in Wyandotte and Detroit in 1902. She is a National Historic Landmark, the highest status the US government gives to historic resources. She is 216' long overall, and was last licensed to carry 2,500 persons.

Since the fall of 1991, Columbia has been idle, her condition slowly declining. Now, she's coming back!

The Steamer Columbia Foundation, a non-profit museum organization, has acquired the Columbia and intends to restore her for excursions on the river. Bob-Lo Island may be gone forever, but the fun, excitement, and beauty of a trip on the river aboard a turn-of-the-century steamboat will be available once again.

Once again, she will offer moonlight cruises, all-day trips to places like Port Huron, jazz and big-band events, and charters for churches, social clubs, and business functions. Once again, you will be able to enjoy the cool breezes on a hot day, see Michigan's waterways as they can only be seen from a ship, and lean over the railing on the main deck to watch the historic triple-expansion steam engine as its connecting rods flash and its valve gear rocks to and fro. There'll be hot dogs and ice cream, broad decks, a big dance floor, and a deep, loud whistle!

The first priority is to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements so the Columbia can return to service; that could cost as much as \$500,000. When that work has been accomplished, the ship will return to part-time active service for charters, excursions, and events.

Columbia is an historically important vessel. She was designed by Detroit's famed Frank E. Kirby, who also designed the big D&C side-wheelers and the fabled Tashmoo. After Columbia came a series of excursion boats designed on the same pattern, including Britannia, Ste. Claire, and Put-In-Bay of Detroit, Americana and Canadiana at Buffalo, and Peter Stuyvesant on the Hudson.

Columbia's machinery survives almost intact from 1902, and is now very rare in operational condition. Originally, Columbia had elaborately decorated public spaces with mahogany and oak paneling, carved decoration, and gilt. Those features will require extensive restoration. When Columbia returns to service, she will be the last classic excursion steamer in service in the United

Vessel	Columbia
Type of ship	Passenger
Hull number	#148 US.127665
Builder	Detroit Ship Building
Year built	1902
Entered service	July 8, 1902
Length	216' 0" loa
Beam	60' 0"
Depth	13' 6"
Capacity	2566 passengers
Tonnage	968 GRT. 549 NRT.
Engine	Triple expansion steam
Horsepower	1217 ihp.
Bollers	2 Oil converted Scotch
Architect	Frank E. Kirby
National Register	November 2, 1979
Historic Landmark	July 6, 1992
Laid up	September 2, 1991
Current status	Being restored



Shakedown 2006



Shakedown Start

The 33rd Annual Shakedown Race was held Saturday May 20, 2006. The morning was bright, sunny and brisk. The open lake forecast for Lake Erie were west winds 10 to 20 knots becoming southwest. Waves were from 2 to 4 feet.

Participation in the first regatta of the season were 19 vessels from various clubs, South Port, Cedar Island, North Cape & Grosse Isle. The Race Committee was off Bar Point which began the J.O.G. fleet at 0900 hrs with P.H.R.F. class to follow at 9:25 AM. There was no B Fleet this year.

It was a spinnaker start at the mark and lasted the entire race which made for a wonderful relaxing race. Some boats headed for Middle Sister Island while the others headed towards North Bass Island. For sailing 4 hours it didn't seem to be 26 nautical miles.

"RATSO" was the first boat to cross the finish line, also single handed. The Beaudoin brothers witnessed this event as they manned the committee boat located across from the Lonz Winery.

In the evening crew members visited their favourite haunts and exchanged stories amongst themselves, soon to gather at the De Rivera Park under the gazebo where the awards were presented by Rob Ferguson Race Director..



Michelle Grondin

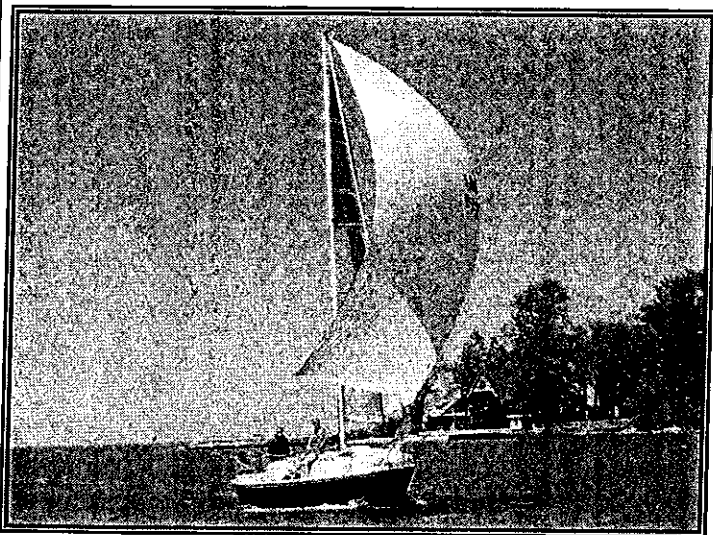
Congratulations goes out to the first 3 finishers.

1. Len Strahl of Lionheart 11
2. Nick Lintunen of Slow Poke
3. Eileen Hoffman of Kaleidoscope

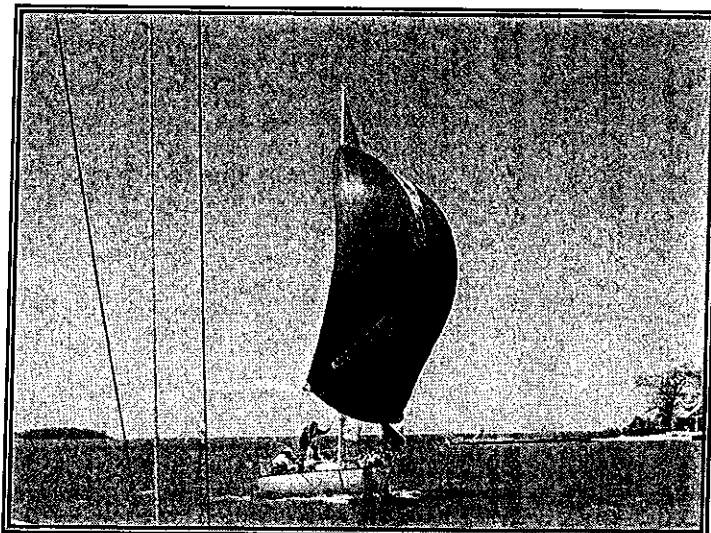
In the end the camaraderie can be so bonding and so tight knit that it has become not just something to do but something that you would not want to miss. To me that is the real reason behind the race. Special thanks to all the racers and the committee boats.

Michelle Grondin

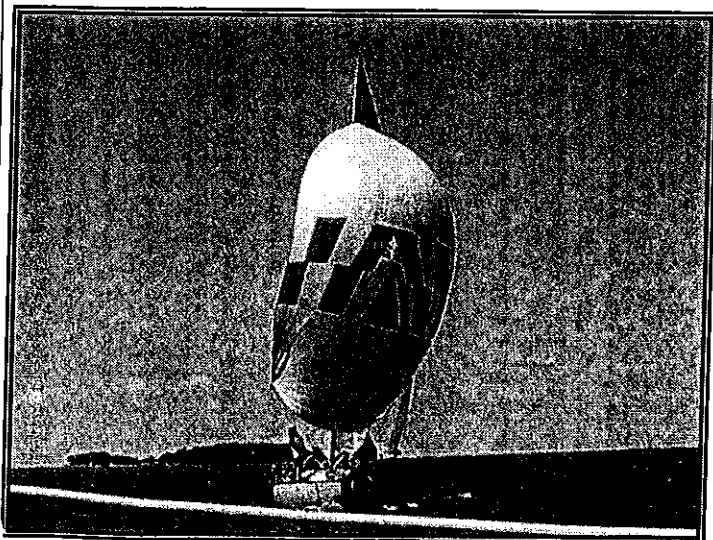
Please note:
South Port Invitational Women Race
Sunday June 25,
Lake St. Clair



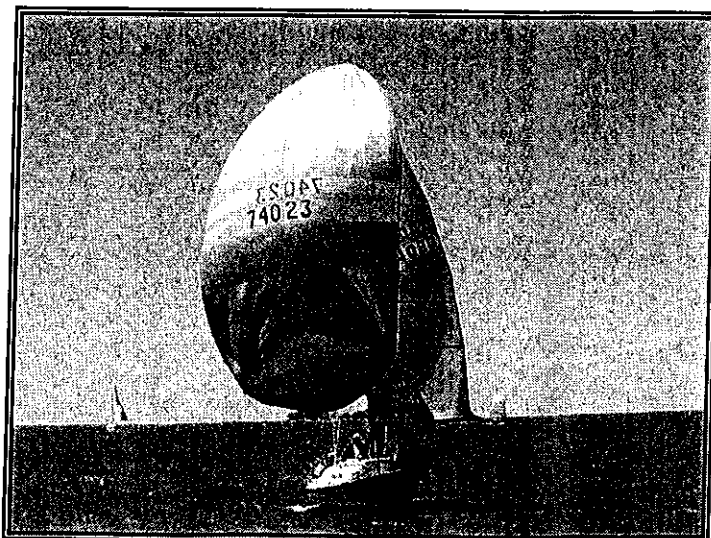
Dingo



Slow Poke



Special Delivery



Whatever

JOG

YACHT NAME	CLUB	FINISH
Bear's Mistress	CIYC	1.
Trilogy	LMYC	2.



PHRF D

YACHT NAME	CLUB	FINISH
Schwanky	SPSC	1.
Loan Shark	SPSC	2.
Gringo	LMYC	3.
Tia Lisa	SPSC	4.



PHRF C

YACHT NAME	CLUB	FINISH
Addendum	SPSC	1.
Dynamo Humm	SPSC	2.
Dingo	LMYC	3.
Whatever	LMYC	4.
Ten Ticket Thrill Ride	LMYC	5.



PHRF A

YACHT NAME	CLUB	FINISH
Lion Heart		1.
Kaleidoscope	NCYC	2.
Slo Poke	LMYC	3.
Special Delivery	LMYC	4.
Ratso	LMYC	5.
Zephyr Hawk	GIYC	6.
Yes	LMYC	7.
On A Tack	SPSC	8..





Surprise Party



Dennis Douthart and Sandy Mailloux With Birthday Cake

An excuse for a party at LMYC was held on Friday May 19th the day before Shakedown. We all know that LMYC members are always looking for an excuse to have fun and party and this fit the bill. Dennis Douthart our Race Committee was turning the BIG 60 on this day and this would be great for a spontaneous party.

Dennis had to bring TL Sea down Friday night because he was the Race Committee for the start of Shakedown.

Dennis entered the club and was greeted by cheering members and friends. The party was in play. Party snacks and birthday cake was passed out to all present.



Dennis Walking Through The Door For The Big Surprise



Dennis Douthart, John Murphy & Craig Morrison



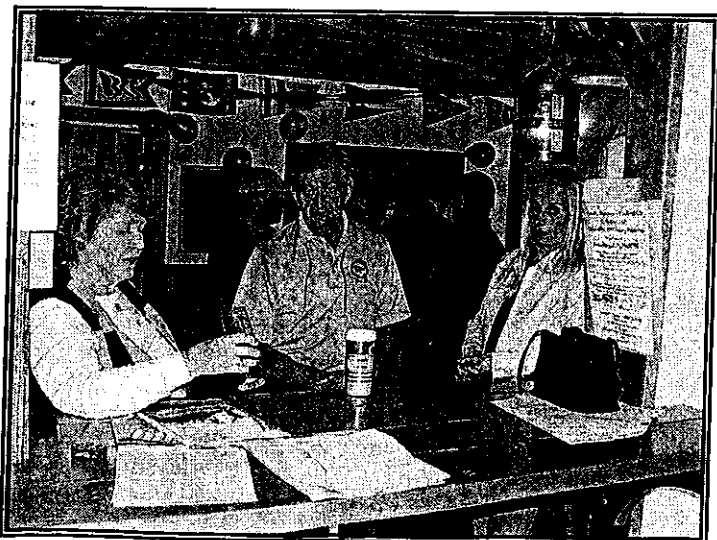
Herb Colling and Dennis Douthart,



Paul Neveu and Dennis Douthart



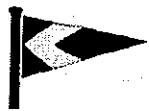
Dennis Pare and Ted Popel



Barb Pare, Dennis Douthart & Linda Parchoma



Dave Evans and Racers



Going Away Party



Shannon Gow, Steven Bingham, Tim McWilliams

The going away party for Steven Bingham son of Bob Bingham which was held at LMYC on Saturday May 6, 2006 was a great success.

It was great to see club members, friends and relatives come to say their farewells to a great sailor and friend for many at the club.

Steven Bingham is leaving the Essex Country Area and has accepted a new position in Calgary Alberta.

The party began around 7:00 PM. It was a very informal evening designed to make everyone feel relaxed and comfortable

While eating members and friends chatted and enjoyed each others company.

Throughout the evening members, and friends would arrive to wish Steve success in his new venture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Steve's going away party. A special thanks to family and friends who brought the food, desserts and wine for all to enjoy.

I would also like to thank Richard and Linda Parchoma who helped with the notices, took pictures and provided me with picture CD's I could pass on to Steven.

Steven drove out to Calgary leaving on the 10th. and arriving safe and sound on the 12th. He has started his new employment and is currently looking for an apartment.

Having his love for sailing he has already looked into racing

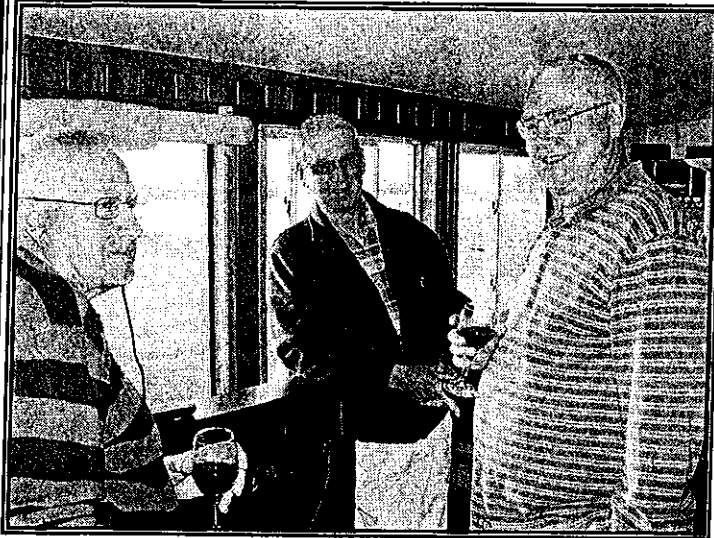


Bob Bingham and Grandchildren

on a lake near Calgary.

He would also like to thank everyone for a wonderful and at times emotional send off.)

Bob Bingham



Jerry Angus, Carl Durham and Bob MacKenzie



Michelle Grondin, Steven Bingham & Darlene Loiselle



Edna Bingham and Sharon Barron



Steven and Bob Bingham



Craig Morrison, Nick Lintunen, Linda Parchoma
Gus Martin and Ralf Fielder



Enjoying The Food