

From the Race Director

About twenty sailors attended the Racer's Breakfast on March 16<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting we discussed many things that should improve our season. Among them were; (a) the purchase of equipment that will assist the race committee, and (b) A clarification of the finishing line. Everyone was made aware of the 1997-2000 ISAF rule changes and encouraged to participate in the rule seminar at South Port on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We also talked about the survival of the Wednesday night "C" fleet. The A & B fleet have been very well received, but the same cannot be said for the "C" fleet, so:

if you are a "C" boat

(200 PHRF rating and up) please consider coming out.

On another note, Juergen, Red and I went to a RIYA meeting a few weeks ago to review our regatta schedules. The race directors of GIYC, FYC and WSSC would like to see Mariners participate in some of their regattas, and vice versa. To assist anyone wishing to participate, I have included some of these regatta dates on our Calendar of Events.

They also have a few double and single-handed races that might be of interest to some.

If you need more information about these regattas, or have any questions, please feel free to call me at 736-7510.

From "Our New Dad", Chris Barron.

Thanks to Jack for all his work looking after our special dart league (among other things).

We are very pleased to announce that the next offering of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron course Boat Wise, will be offered at our Clubhouse. This is a valuable program designed to teach children safety in boating (i.e. Using PFD's, "rules of the road", knots, and other "neat stuff").

Anyone interested in lending a hand, please call Elaine 978-9820.

**LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club  
News Brief – March 1997**

Spring is in the air ! The birds are singing, the sun is shining, but most importantly the number of days until launch is posted on the board .... And dropping rapidly!!

Smiling, happy faces can be seen daily in the Clubhouse working on all those "little things" that make us dedicated racers and sailors.

Launch date is April 26. ☺

The 1997 Executive		
Commodore	Ralph Allen	734-8202
Vice-Commodore	Bob Bingham	736-1245
Secretary	Elaine Prettyman	978-9820
Treasurer	John Amyot Sr.	253-8878
Social Director	Andy Kozieradski	258-4274
House Director	Kevin Hart	945-4110
Race Director	Chris Barron	736-7510
Harbour Master	Ralf Fiedler	969-7995

In other news ...

It is rumoured that a club member bought a new boat !!  
There are even those who say they have seen a receipt,  
but only from a great distance !!

Welcome to our newest Club members:  
Bob Hanson, Renee Laird, Darlene Fraser.

And

Abbie Marie Barron

(Congratulations to her proud parents Chris and Jessica)

Congratulations to Paul & Faye Laing  
married March 8<sup>th</sup>

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 1300 HR**

Who was that "Sexy Lady" with the electric blue fluffy slippers ?

From the Secretary:

Moving ? Let us know, so meeting notices keep coming to you.

**Special Note:**

The New Years Eve Party has been moved from Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to Jim Blackton for fixing the barstools. Anyone caught falling from a barstool now, has only themselves to blame.

P.S. Jim is a self-proclaimed expert on holes now. For more info please see Jim.

A recent "accident" at the club between two cars resulted in the owner(s) inability to decipher which "rusty bit" belonged to which "vintage" automobile.

Have you filled in a Marine Watch form, and etched your drivers license number on instruments/equipment onboard your boat ? The police in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio recognizes Marine Watch. Well worth the small amount of effort to protect your valuables. Word of Advice: Please do not attempt to etch your First Mate.

**Wanted**

Anyone interested in participating in the  
West End Lake Erie Team Race  
Please get in touch with Chris Barron.

Best Wishes to the following Happy Birthdays:

Yvonne McRobbie    March  
Anne Bauer            April  
Phil Smith            February  
Kevin Hart            April  
Bob Reaume            January

Club Survey Results:

Question: What would you like to see the club pursue?

Presented Ideas	Yes	No	% YES
Travel Lift	17	11	61
Yard Trailer	14	13	52
Lifting Well	17	10	63
Expand North Canal	6	19	24
Large Storage Shed	21	6	78
Covered Mast Rack	8	18	31
More Picnic Tables	16	10	62
Expand Clubhouse	7	16	30
Outside Washrooms	11	16	41
More Property	15	12	56
Buy Club Launch	12	13	48
Sr. Members Pay No Dues	9	17	35

Total Responses to questionnaire: 31

(Not all questions answered. Percentage is based on yes/no responses)

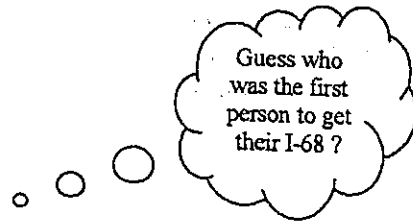
Other Ideas:

- Support Junior Sailing Program
- Purchase a stackable washer and dryer for the clubhouse
- Better lighting for dartboard #3
- Group club picture each year at Regatta
- Special discount on dues for senior members
- Remodel the kitchen
- Fix the foundation of the front room of the Clubhouse
- Replace only the old picnic tables
- Grade parking areas
- Buy a dishwasher
- Improve the Club entrance at the highway
- Plant more trees
- Appoint a "garbage person"
- Make a floating dock
- Purchase a Club VCR and start a tape library
- Install a wood walkway in front of both harbours
- Screen in the new patio area
- Purchase a larger fridge
- More involvement in community activities
- Pave the driveway
- Cover stone pathway with decking in front of all boats (Like at new docks)
- Landscape the driveway
- Fleet of TASARS for club racing and junior members

Now that we're all working to get our boats ready for this coming season, PLEASE remember to lock your ladder when your finished working on your boat.

One ladder unlocked puts all our boats in jeopardy.

It's been rumoured that one member has installed an outhouse under his boat. (Guess he doesn't want to get caught short.)



Following the results of the recent club survey on improvements; the swimming pool will be installed next to the tennis court as requested. Construction is expected to begin shortly.

The newest suggestion for fixing the club road:

Install a refrigeration unit with piping down the entire roadway, and keep the road frozen year round. We already have a volunteer to drive the Zamboni.

Guess what? Our harbour is full !!

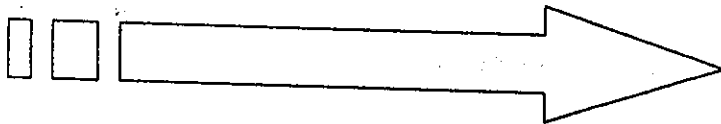
Planning to build a dock box this season? Plans are at the clubhouse.

Congratulations of Your Anniversary to:

Doris & Ralph Kepran

Phil & June Smith

Anne & Lothar Bauer



We regret to report that due to lack of response, the First Aid/CPR course has been cancelled.

Restock your First Aid Kit:

Gauze dressing and bandages

Assorted adhesive bandages

Absorbent cotton

Roll of 1" adhesive tape

Tongue depressor, finger splints

Scissors, tweezers, medicine dropper

Oral (not the other one) thermometer

Bottle of mild antiseptic

Calamine lotion

Spirits of ammonia (capsules)

ASA tablets (or tylenol)

Seasick pills

Mild painkiller pills

Milk of magnesia tables

Baking soda

Antihistamine

The "PC's" maintenance rule:

Always check the sparkplugs.

News from the Old Farts Club

It was really Al's idea to have the lunches on Mondays --- even though he has NEVER cooked a lunch yet !

Message to Al: We understand it is commonly known that you do cook fantastic hot dogs! How about it???

In the meantime.....

Jim Blackton will be offering "Roadkill Chili" on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is welcome. Just bring \$3 and a large appetite.

The last Monday lunch is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Be sure to check out the new race regulation flyer at the clubhouse. (It's printed on yellow paper)

From the deck of the Amigo IV.TBY

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay. The Race Committee has arranged for a "special surprise" for all registered Skippers. Good racing, and don't forget your I-68. The Executive has two projects in the works:

1. Repair the north breakwall immediately after the boats are launched
2. Repair the road prior to launch

I would like to remind all members about the Clubhouse rules, and in particular, the operation of the refreshment counter.

Have a safe & happy season!

The winner of the annual Dues Draw was George Mooney. The weekly Dart 50/50 draw has had some unusual winners of late. Alex Buliga has won two weeks in a row, and Phil Smith won recently. Is the Force with you guys ???

Congratulations to Doris & Ralph Kepran  
who recently celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> Year of Wedded Bliss !

Wine Appreciation Night was a tremendous success. Thanks to Carol, Bob, Bernie, Holly, Gord and Diane. We all appreciate your efforts, and the wonderful gourmet cuisine.

There have now been three people so anxious to see the boats in the water, that they launched their cars !!

Upcoming Events:

**April 5** – Mexican Pot Luck Dinner & Dave Evans Slide Show  
Andy is attempting to balance our meal. A list is posted in the clubhouse of what types of foods (appetizers, entrees, etc.) are being made, and what is still needed. Consult the list, or talk to Andy.

**April 12** – Past "Commo-Doris" Party  
Come and show your appreciation for our "PC" (Doris Kepran)

**April 26** – LAUNCH

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Shakedown race

The Sea Cadets will be doing sail training at the Club June 13-15. We wish them good winds, and no rain.

We have finally received the radio license for the clubhouse.

**FOUR ?? or FORE ??**

Are there any sailors out there interested in a LMYC golf tournament ? Please show your interest by signing the list posted in the Clubhouse. (Time frame: June or July ??) or Call Andy.

Thanks to this "publications" editing staff for all their help.

From the Treasurer:

Just a reminder, please have your dues paid by the end of March. Past due accounts will be charged 2% per month late fees. Reminder notices will be sent out in early April.

**Any interesting stories to share ? Remember When's ? Jokes ?**  
**Leave your newsletter donations at the clubhouse, marked:**  
For the Newsletter.

From the Harbour Master:

Watch for dockage and insurance forms in the clubhouse at the end of March. Forms will be in a manila envelope, in the "usual place". For more information, call Ralf.

A question: Did the person who lost their "balls" in the clubhouse ever find them ?

From the Vice Commodore:

As you all know, there is a list of "Jobs to be Done" posted on the board in the Club. There are still plenty of jobs to sign up for.

**Pick a job, get your 12 hours in, and ....  
feel good about your contribution !**