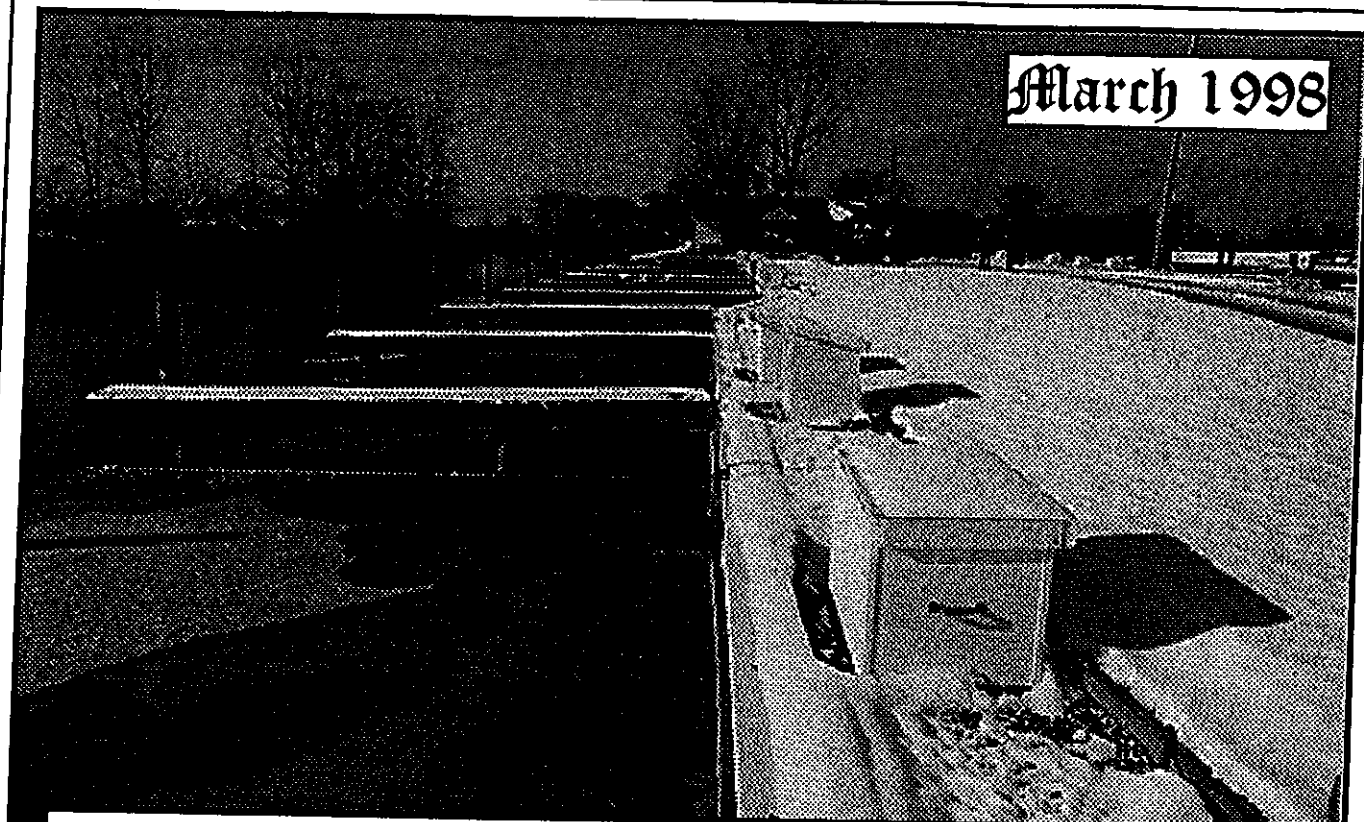


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Commodore Bob Bingham

From the Commodore

Launch is quickly arriving and it will soon be time to get real serious about boating. Included in this month's newsletter is a calendar of events. Check this calendar for the dates of upcoming events and as always, we would sure could use your help to make these functions a success. Your executives and committees have continued their hard work during the long winter months to make 1998 a truly great sailing season. When you see these folks around the club tell them how much you appreciate their efforts for making our club what it is.

Projects for this season will be the new storage building. I am hoping that it will be ready for the sailing season this year. The walk way on the north harbour which was discussed at the last meeting is a go. This is a club project and an excellent opportunity to get in your 12 required work hours. If you

perform work hours please turn in a properly signed work slip and submit the copy to the "Work Slips" box.

The water main at the highway entrance will be moved and replaced.

The club roadway which was damaged during haulout will be corrected this spring.

We are hoping to unify and enhance the club entrance this year with interlocking paving bricks with beautifully flowing designs, perhaps with the club burgee embedded in the bricks.

In closing I would just like to leave you with this final thought. A smile is a passport that will take you anywhere you want to go. See you around the club.

Commodore: Bob Bingham



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News and Information

HOLY NAME OF MARY FOOD FUND

Dear Phil,

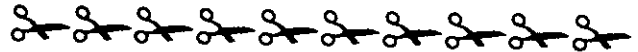
Please extend my sincere thanks to all your members at the yacht club for their generous gifts of toys. I took care of several families. It made several poor children very happy. Sorry I didn't send this letter sooner but I just came back from Haiti a few hours ago. Again many thanks to everyone for their generosity, and support.

*God Bless to all
Frank Chauvin*

The above letter was received from Frank Chauvin concerning toys which were gathered by LMYC members before Christmas. Original letter is at the clubhouse.

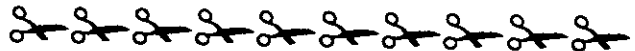
Volunteers Wanted

John Murphy our house director is looking for some able body members to assist him in painting and cleaning the clubhouse. This endeavour would help members get a head start on their 12 required work hours. If you are interested please get in touch with John Murphy.



Barber Shop

Did you know that Renee Laird, a LMYC member has opened her own business in the town of Amhersburg called THE BARBER SHOP? Renee cordially invites you to visit her new facilities at 55 Richmond Street. THE BARBER SHOP is slated to open for business on February 10th. Congratulations on your success. Make an appointment. Phone 736-5759

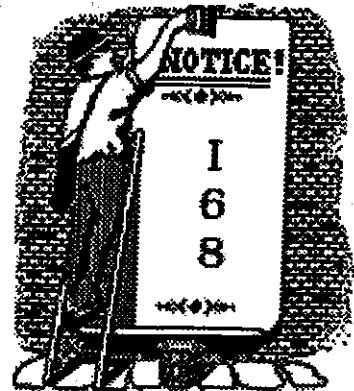


WELCOME ABOARD NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

John Trepanier

Make our new member feel at home

Ralph Allen our former commodore and ILYA delegate informed us at the January club meeting that the I-68 form will continue at the same price as last year which was \$16.00 US funds. A point of information which was brought up was that the I-68 forms are only required in Michigan, Ohio, and Washington State.



From the Editor

Putting together this newsletter takes time, work, and encouragement. Many people have helped me with their input, efforts and support. Special thanks to **Ralph Kepran** who spent many hours running off this newsletter. Again **THANK YOU.**



HAVE YOUR SAY...

Dear Club Members,

Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "Have Your Say...".

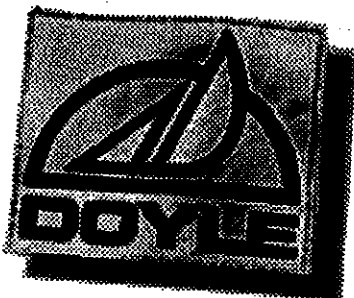
Letters to the *LaSalle Currents* must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

Letters should be concise and to the point and fewer than 200 words. These letters are subject to editing for readability and clarity and may be condensed to save space.

Sail Clinic 98

Doyle/Boston Sail Loft
Sarnia Ontario
Sunday March 8, 1998 - 10:00 AM

Upon popular demand a second free clinic about sail shape, sail tim, sail fabrics and sailmaking. Contact Juergen Hendel at 736-2992



FROM THE SECRETARY

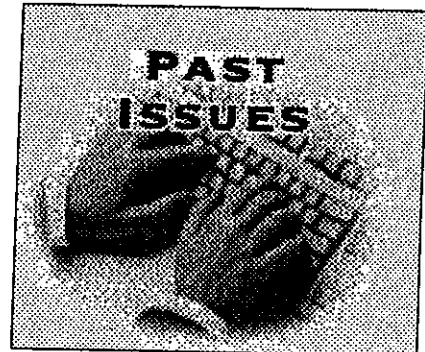
Elaine Prettyman

We are constantly updating our club roster. A copy of the current roster is located by the club telephone. If there are errors or omissions, please make the necessary corrections if applicable. Note: If you have an EMail address or fax number, please make it available to Elaine at your earliest convenience.



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Have you lost your favourite issue of The Currents? Do you wish another copy? For a small user fee you can have the issue of your choice.



Members wishing a past issues are asked to provide the title and date of publication if possible. Any profits ensuing from this project will be used to defer the cost of publishing this monthly newsletter.

Safety Seminar

There will be a safety seminar held at The Windsor Yacht Club on Monday March 30, 1998 at 7:00 pm. This seminar is sponsored by Sea & Ski and many new innovations and products will be demonstrated. It is my understanding that a Coast Guard representative will be in attendance to speak on the new rules and regulations and to answer questions. For more information call Sea & Ski at 735-4622.



Nautical Quotable

"The grandest experience in my life was to look upon the sea in a storm and later at the sea in calm. It's a thing everyone should experience. Reading about it won't do, and photographs are a poor substitute. You need to gaze upon the brooding soul of the tempest itself, and on another day to ponder an ocean of utter tranquility"



*Excerpt from Two on a Big Ocean
by Hal Roth, The Macmillan Company, 1972*

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club

There will be a vote to change several of the by-laws and rules & regulations. See the proposed changes below. These will be voted on at the next general meeting which will be held on Sunday April 19th.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

1. Amendment to Article 18 (b)

To read: First three days free to members of recognized clubs: Subsequent days to be at a fee determined from time to time by the board.

i) Previously: first two days free to members of recognized clubs.

Recommend that the charge thereafter be \$10.00 per day

2. Addition to Article 12. Fees and Dues

To read: There will be no prorating of dues at anytime. Dockage will not be prorated for returning members unless as stated in 12(e). Prorating may be considered for new members and current members who have purchased a new boat. Prorating is calculated as a percentage of months. One day constitutes a month. A boat not moved by Dec. 1 must pay winter storage. Boats must be removed from premises by May 15 or it will be moved at the owner's expense.

i) Previously: this situation was not spelled out. To give uniformity to our members this is recommended.

Racer's Breakfast

There will be a racer's breakfast and meeting on March 15, 1998 at LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club. All racers and club members are welcome to attend. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 am and the meeting at approximately 11:00 am. Chef John Murphy and Chef Alan Prettyman are scheduled to provide breakfast dishes that have withstood the test of many Sundays and an endless procession of famished guests. No-one leaves hungry from these groaning boards! Omelettes made with low cholesterol egg substitute or egg whites on request (just kidding!)



Points to be covered at this meeting are as follows:

- Go over racing schedule for the 1998 racing season.

- Discussion concerning changes to the race course.

- A racing video.

This is an excellent opportunity to voice your opinion, or concerns concerning racing at LMYC.

Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Dave and Mary Nantais (Associate Members) on the passing of her father. Yours prayers are most appreciated.



PAST COMMODORE PARTY

The Past Commodore Party will be held at the LMYC clubhouse on March 14, 1998. This event honours our last Commodore Ralph Allen and First Lady Molly Allen, two special people who have given so much to this sail club. We are again requesting you to bring a dish to pass (Mexican Theme) for this reception and to bring your own refreshments. Tentative time: 7:00 pm
More information to follow!

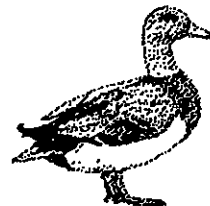


Abbot One Design Party

This will be held on March 28, 1998 at Grosse Isle Yacht Club. Dinner at 7:00 pm and Raingutter Regatta at 9:00 pm. Leave raingear at home.

Notice

The Grey Duck Bay CO-OP would like to thank you for using our service. Since all of our members are equally important to us, we pledge to provide you with the best possible service at all times. Our goal is to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction. Those members who have not made contributions lately are encouraged to do so.



Club Dues

It's that time of the year for dues to be paid. Full members are \$235.40 and Associate Members are \$117.70. Check your newsletter envelope for a statement.



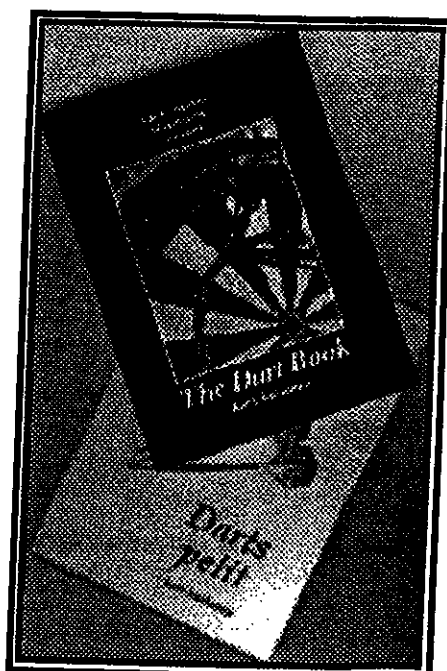
The Dart Book

We have a great many members and friends who enjoy the sport of darts. This book may be for them.

In this book you can find dozens of different interesting dart-games. Numerous examples with clear pictures to welcome all new players to this great sport. You also learn how to throw more accurately.

For experts this book offers a deep and scientific study of darts. For the first time all the finishes of 01-games have been optimised with a computer from every point of the game five turns ahead. Just by knowing the absolute best finish for your level you will greatly improve your chances of winning.

THE DART BOOK, first edition 1994, Kari Kaitanen, 270 pages, ISBN 951-96680-1-2





LaSalle Mariner's Wednesday Night Dart League



Back Row - Andy Bellehumeur, Alex Buliga, Charles Schindler, Dennis Pare, Linda Schreiber, Juergen Hendel, Phil Smith
Middle Row - Bob Reaume, Judge Mangile, Deanna Schindler, Barbara Pare, Renee Laird, Doris Kepran, Ralph Kepran, Kelly Wigle, John Amyot Junior
Front Row - Jack Penny, John Trepanier

Long before even the earliest civilizations arose, man learned that by sharpening the end of a strong stick he could produce an efficient tool. One can easily imagine some remote ancestor throwing his newly invented stick (spear) at a target on the cave wall to perfect his skills. History recounts how human beings improved their spears, first by placing a sharpened piece of flint at the end of the stick and later by replacing the wooden stick with metal.

As weapons of war, spears and arrows were common in the ancient world. There is one story of an ancient king who was so short he was not able to use a bow and arrow. A king who could not fight for his throne would not hold it for long. The king and his counsellors decided to saw off the ends of the arrows and left the king with arrows about a foot long. When the king led his men into battle, he hurled these projectiles at the enemy and thus the dart was born.

Darts became a favourite pastime in old England. Even Henry V111 found time during his turbulent reign to show an interest in the game. We know that Anne Boleyn gave her fickle king a set of jewel-encrusted darts for this birthday.

During the seventeenth century there are references, in the 'Mayflower's logs', to darts as a pastime of the Pilgrims on board the vessel crossing from England to the new world.

During World War 11 many American and Canadian servicemen stationed in Great Britain became familiar with darting. When they returned home after the war,



they brought a knowledge of and liking for the game with them.

Darts has progressively gained popularity throughout the years. In January of 1972, darts became a space-age sport when the game went along with the astronauts to help them pass the idle hours during the 52 days that Skylab orbited the earth.

To-day the dart is a refined, perfected, even elegant instrument, a small triumph of tradition and technology that, better than most, does what it is designed to do and does it very well indeed: It goes where it is thrown.

Since all you really need to play are darts and a dart board, it would not seem very complicated or expensive to get into this sport. It is not expensive but it can be complicated. This exciting, rewarding, complicated game has found its way to LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club and during the long winter months of enforced sailing inactivity many LMYC members and friends engage in this challenging sport of darts. No one is naturally good in a sport; everyone has to practice and the dart player is no different. The regular competition against your friends and club members in formal league play gives you an opportunity to perfect your game and add a new dimension of pleasure to the sport of darts.

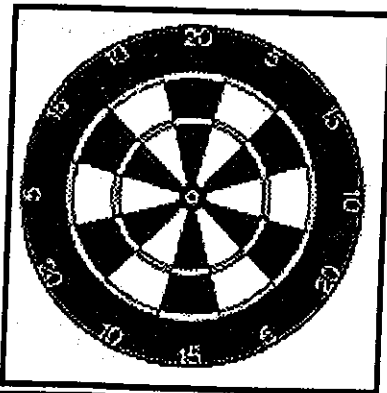
Darts at LMYC is a tradition which according to old LMYC newsletters began in 1978. When the game was first played at the club, some unnamed club members at that time "erroneously thought it to be an invasion by woodpeckers" (LMYC newsletter 1978). The game of darts at LMYC, according to archival newsletters was introduced by John Geary Senior and Frank Rubery and during its first year of operation gained great popularity. This tradition of Wednesday night darts, 20 years later still continues today. The league 20 years ago consisted of four teams, five players each and each team had a name. Team Superior, captained by Dennis Hendel were the current leaders over Frank Rubery's, Huron, John Geary's, Ontario and Dale Souilliere's, Erie. Playing a fine game of darts unifies the physical, the mental, the emotional and the mathematical psyche of the player. Stance, grip, and throw melt into one act; concentration and tactics are faces of the same creature, often elusive. The dart player throwing for his final point is a rallied organism; coiled but composed, tense but serene, graceful and delicate, yet sharp. Today a Wednesday night of darts will entice roughly 20 people and these individuals are divided into 6 teams of 3, or 4 teams of 4



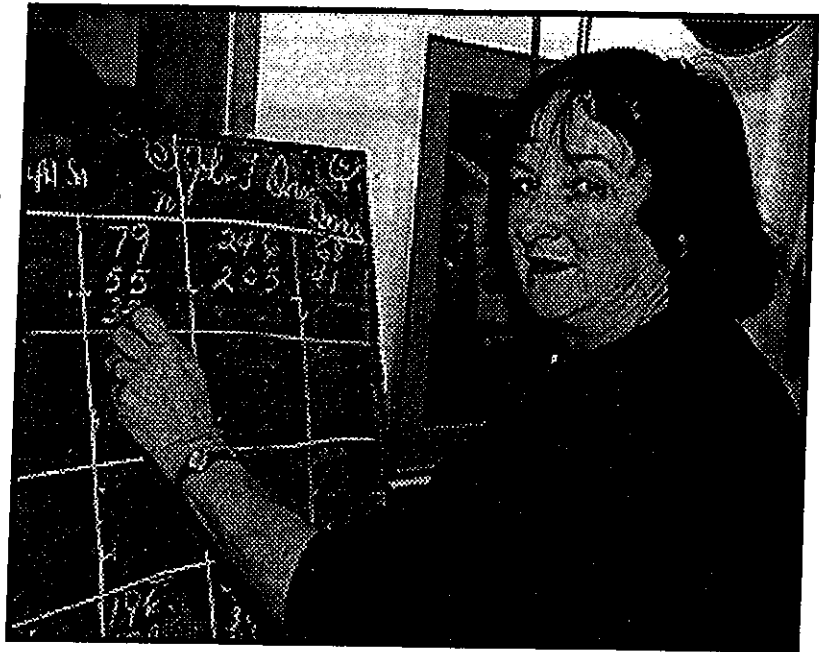
Charles Schindler, Linda Schreiber, Juergen Hendel



Dennis Pare, Renee Laird, Phil Smith



depending on the number of players on any given evening. Darts begin roughly at 8:00 pm and will last until 9:30-10:00 pm. After the official games are over many members will play "Cricket Darts" usually about 3 or 4 games. When you walk in the LMYC on a Wednesday night during the winter months you might hear conversations such as, "A slight spin on the dart tends to help it fly straight and true by maintaining stability and reduce lateral wobble", or "get in the 'zone' and don't think about your mechanics as you play!" (It doesn't matter whether you breath in or out on your throw.) Whatever is said the games are fun for everyone present.



Doris Kepran Keeping Score

To make a dart league work requires a great deal of organization and administrative skills. This year, three club members, Phil Smith, Ralph Kepran, and Jack Penny have taken it upon themselves to make the dart league a functional entity. Phil Smith the dart league treasurer utilizes a unique method for raising operating funds. The club rule states that any team which loses a match, its members must contribute a dime to the club coffers. Also when any team player scores a 100 points or more a bell is rung and a dime is collected from all the players. Conversely any player scoring below 15 points must also contribute to the collection. Phil Smith the treasurer strictly enforces the rule. During each Wednesday night dart league there is a 50/50 draw. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. The winner of the 50/50 draw is responsible for providing the snacks and munchies for the following Wednesday night dart league. During the darting season Phil indicates that around \$500.00 will be raised.



Ralph Kepran is the Coordinator. He is responsible for selecting the teams for the evening of entertainment. The teams are selected based on the members attending on the given night. This procedure ensures that every evening will be exciting and rewarding. Every Wednesday night Ralph sets up the clubhouse and makes sure that the evening will be run smoothly and effectively.

Jack Penny is responsible for the Grand Finale. This includes a meal, door prizes and the presentation of awards. During this event all players who have played regularly are rewarded with a dart league shirts.

Darts is a fun game and playing on Wednesday nights is one sure way to get a great deal of enjoyment from the game. If you are interested in playing, just drop down any Wednesday night and before long you might be saying, "bung-hole", "double-in", or "feathers".



L.M.D.C. Photo Gallery



Haulout - Bob Ferguson and Chuck Calomeni



Race Night - Bob Reaume



Summer Fun

Jim Blackton, Phil Smith Zane Handysides
Renee Laird, Ralph Kepran, Doris Kepran

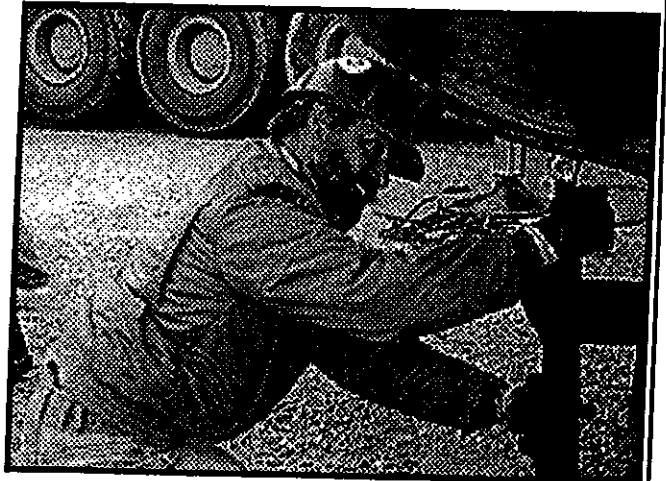


Nely and Kevin Hart



Haulout Chefs

Richard Hunt, Gus Martin, Lorraine Hoffman



Haulout - John Metcalf

