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From the Vice-Commodore



Commodore Robert Reaume

Spring Daydreaming.

Like myself, I imagine the anticipation of spring preparation and launch is starting to occupy a large part of your daydreaming now. Hopefully, the despair of the November cocooning of your boat has been replaced by the excitement of the coming sailing season. I, myself, am planning for the ceremonial removal of my tarp third week of this month and I am hoping for launch for around mid April.

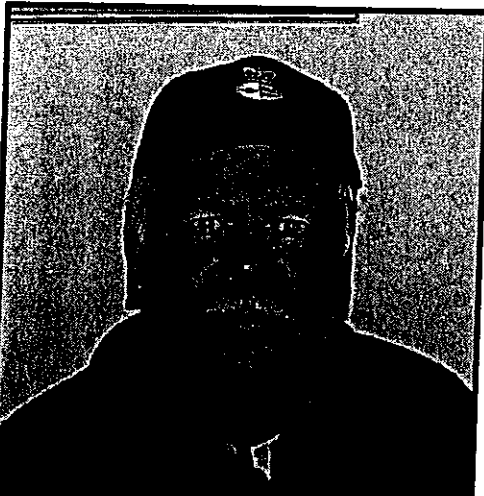
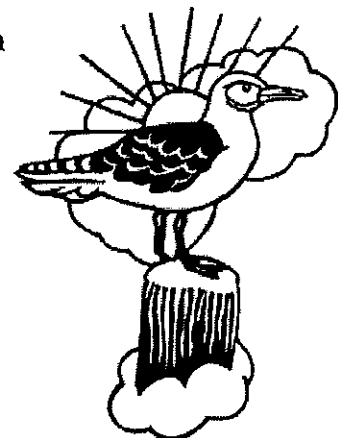
In order to keep the yard and club from looking like a mud hole, we will be dressing the road and in particular the area around the lift with crushed stone. Mr. Hotte is still planning to arrive as soon as the ice breaks up to complete the lay- a- long dock along the south harbour. I can only imagine some of our eager beavers trying to rush the season by launching our newly acquired work boat and using it to push ice out of the wells.

You would have a big step down if you attempt to exit the club via the west door since the deck has been removed. We expect the contractor to do the repairs to the foundation under the front room in about a month. A new deck will soon follow.

Now that winter hibernation is almost over, we should begin to see the return of the awakening Mariners to their boats.

Happy Anticipation

VC Bob Ferguson



Vice-Commodore Bob Ferguson



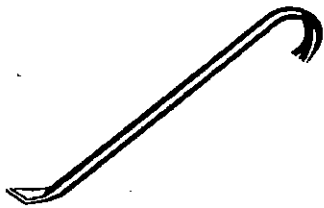
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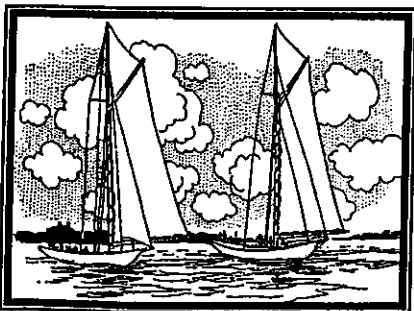
Break In At LMYC

LMYC suffered a break in Thursday February 8, 2001. Thieves broke into the sea cadet trailer and made up with an outboard engine. One of our club members also had an outboard removed from his boat. There was no penetration of the garage or the clubhouse. Apparently the thieves made a visit to St. Clair Marine and made off with several articles. Please be advised to remove any valuables from your boat and please have your ladders locked. We do not wish to give thieves an easy access to our property.



PHRF Meeting

The annual PHRF Meeting this year will be held at South Port Sailing Club on Sunday March 25, at 11:00 am. All sailors interested should attend. Members will be brought up to date on current issues.



New Addition

LMYC has purchased a steel workboat approximately 18 feet in length. The purpose of this boat is to correct problems and do repairs in the canal when the need arises.

Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Ralph and Doris Kepran on the passing of Doris's sister Ellen Watt of Hamilton during the month of February. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Yvonne McRobbie on the passing of her sister Kathleen Murray on the 9th of February in Saskatchewan after a lengthy illness. Your prayers for Yvonne and her mother Pat are greatly appreciated.



From the Harbor Master

Ralf Fiedler



A short reminder to all club members. It is imperative that we lock up our equipment to prevent theft on LMYC property. We want to make it as difficult as possible to vandalize or break in to our premises.

March 1st is the deadline for club dues. If you are not in good standings by the above date you will not be granted a well. Making your payment on time is your responsibility.



If you are not launching this year please advise the Harbor Master. There will be no dry summer storage this year. Check your by-laws for the closing deadline.

Abbot Party

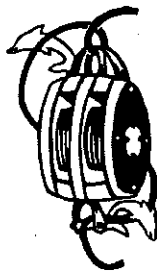
This year the annual Abbot Boat Owner's Party will be held at the Sunnyside Tavern in LaSalle.

Date: Saturday March 10th 2001

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$16.00 per person
Everyone welcome to attend.



Chili Cook Off



This year the Third annual Chili Cookout will take place Saturday March 31, 2001 at LMYC clubhouse.

This event will begin approximately around 7:00 pm. The rules for this event are very simple. Participants bring their own best chili to be tested by other participants and guests. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili. Buns will be provided. Bring your own refreshments.

After feasting on chili and buns, just sit back, relax and listen to an assortment of musical renditions. Bring your own CD's
For more information contact Any Kozieradzki for more details. It is guaranteed to be a fun evening.



Racers' Breakfast

This year our annual Racers' Breakfast will take place Sunday April 1, 2001. There will be a hearty traditional breakfast beginning around 9:00 AM. Breakfast will include eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, and coffee. The annual meeting will begin approximately 11:00 AM



Some items on the agenda:

- Costs involved in racing this year.
- Schedules for this year.

- Club regatta updates and changes.
- Couples Race
- Single Handed Race
- Port to Port

This is a very important meeting and all racers and interested members should attend.

Just Married



Introducing Robert & Lindy O'Brien who were married January 21, 2001 at the Port of Miami Florida on the Royal Caribbean ship, Voyager of the Seas.

The wedding took place in the Sky Light Chapel on the 15th desk of Voyager.

Reception was on the 14th deck in the High Note Lounge (Jazz Lounge)

Voyager of the Seas

Some interesting facts about this ship:

- Longer than a 17 car freight train
- Wider than a 8 lane highway
- Taller than the Statue of Liberty
- Gross Tonnage: 142,000

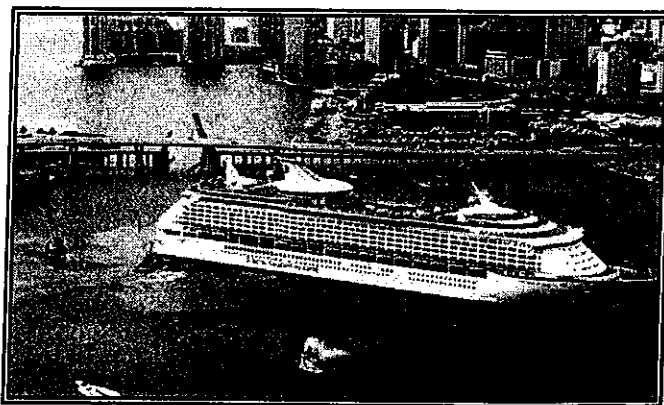
- Maiden Voyage: November 1999
- Length: 1020 feet
- Beam: 157.5 feet
- Draught: 29 feet
- Cruising Speed: 22 Knots
- Guests: 3100
- Crew: 1,180
- Decks: 14
- Public Rooms: 30

Fitness Area:

Rock Climbing wall, ice skating rink, full size basketball court, inline skating track, spa, hot tubs, jogging track, fitness center.

Entertainment

3 Dining Rooms, Casino, library, card room,, Duty free boutiques, Theatre, Bars, 12 million dollars in art, cigar lounge, helicopter pad.



New Arrivals

Adam Soulliere was born February 14, 2001 a valentine arrival. New arrival weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce. Proud Parents, James & Natsumi Souilliere are doing fine. Grandma Linda Souilliere is also doing quite well.





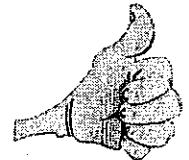
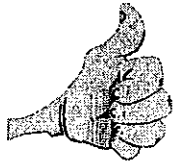
New Hair Styles At LMYC



Pony Tails



Jurgen Hendel and Commodore Bob Reaume



New Arrival

Emily and Timothy are pleased to announce the arrival of their little brother, Kristian Michael on February 20, 2001 at 8:34 .p.m.. Kristian and his parents Kenn and Stacey Manzerolle would like to thank Dr. Warwaruk and the staff at Met. A special thank you to Grandma Gloria Basden for stepping in and doing a last minute coaching job. Grandpa Perry Basden is also doing well



From the Social Director

Mary Nantais

Up and coming Social Events.

March is the Month for getting out of your cabin fever. Start by coming out to the Abbot party at the Sunnyside March 10 Th. Everyone is welcome , Next We have a St. Patrick's Party March 17 Th. Followed by the past Commodore Party March 24 Th. for Elaine Prettyman Hope to see everyone there, lets give her a great send off, and lets not forget Andy and his third Annual Chili cook off March 31 St. .Hope you can find the time to make it to all the parties we have planned for March



Dinghy News

The 2000 sailing season has come and gone. During that year the dinghy group has started to form activities such as the Thursday night scrimmages and have represented our club in events such as S.P.S.C. Tuesday night Laser races, JY Fifteen Michigan Championship and One Design 14 races at T.R.Y.C.

This year should be a even more exiting year to own a dinghy at L.M.Y.C.. The Dinghy committee has started on plans to create a ramp to increase the number of small craft that is able to be kept and used at the original site. The Dinghies will now be kept on dollies in a orderly fashion on the front lawn. As well in the upcoming 2001 season there should be a lot more racing. The Laser sailors at our club with help from the South Port Laser Team are trying to organize a Laser regatta that could be held at our club. As well Thursday night dinghy racing will continue at 7:00pm starting in the middle of May. There will also be organized trips to race up at South Port for their Tuesday night Laser series and trips to distant Laser regattas across Ontario and Michigan.

Rob Ferguson

Congratulations

Introducing Darlene and Fred Brill who were married on February 4th 2001 with close family members in attendance.



Darlene & Fred Bill

New Arrival

Miss Alannah Brill was born on Feb 10th @ 11:35 pm after 10 hours of labor, (six and a half were hard without epidural She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. The longest part of her is from her knees



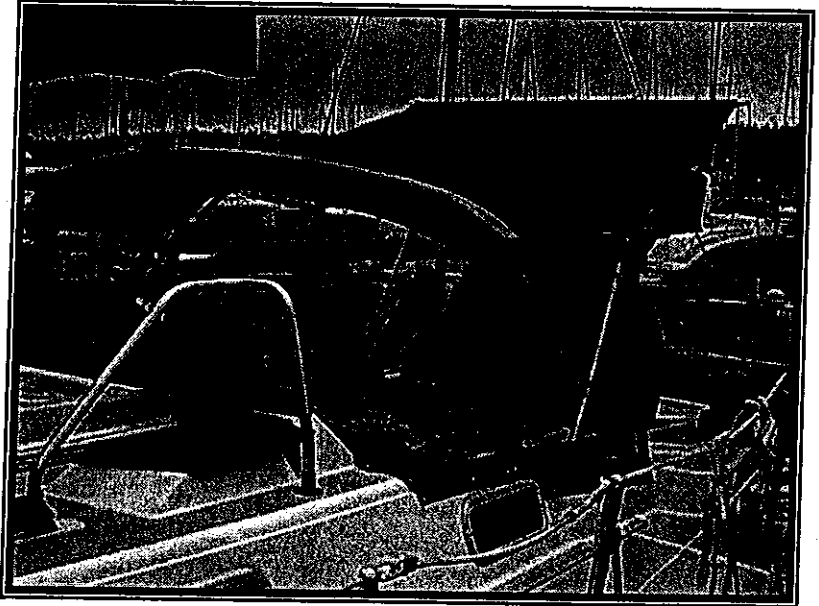
to her feet which is good for whatever sport she takes up. Head 13 1/2 " and Chest was 12 3/4" Proud parents Darlene & Fred are doing well.

TLC For Your Boat Canvas-1

The idea for this article came to me when I was making repairs to our loyal commodore's winter cover. Spiders crawled from their summer home as I unfolded the cover to check it's separating seams. My hands, clothes, and worktable became covered with harbor soot and grime. "Yuck!!! Haven't you ever washed this thing?" As we are now getting close to taking our winter cover off for the season, the same thought came to me. Yuck!!!

There is more to consider than just the yuck factor. All that soot and grime is eating away at your cover, making it wear out much faster than it should. Ya got'a wash it!!! "But *how*", you ask? Well, let me tell you.

Small items such as sail bags, the mainsail cover, or winch covers, can be safely cleaned in a washing machine on gentle cycle. Large items such as winter covers, biminis, dodgers, or other mounted covers, can be cleaned while still in place on your boat.



Start by using a soft brush to remove any loose dirt. Follow with a thorough warm water rinse (no more than 100°F~. Cold water works fine if you are using the hose. **DONT USE HOT water.**

Then brush and soak the fabric with soapy water. There are a lot of cleaning products on the market made just for cleaning boat canvas. Any of these are fine and work well. A mild soap (such as Woolite) also works well. Just **DON'T USE DETERGENTS.** If you have stubborn stains, you can use 1/2 cup of non-chlorine bleach and 1/4 cup of soap to a gallon of wash water. Be sure to rinse the fabric thoroughly with plenty of fresh water after cleaning. This will help those seams last a little longer. Then air-dry the fabric. **DO NOT MACHINE DRY.**

If your covers have endured a few seasons, or if you used a bleach solution to clean them, you should consider reapplying a water-repellent treatment. There are several spray-on water-repellents on the market and they work quite well.

If your canvas is on your boat year round, cleaning should be done twice a year with the changing of the seasons (yes we only have two seasons). if you pull your canvas off and store it away, remember to clean it before storing it in a clean, dry, and well ventilated place. Hey! You put a lot of money into your boat canvas. Take care of it and make it last. And remember, even if we don't find you handy, we should at least find your boat canvas handsome!

This article was written by Nicki Germain
Marine Canvas Fabricator



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