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# LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

*LMYC Fire Pit waiting to be used*

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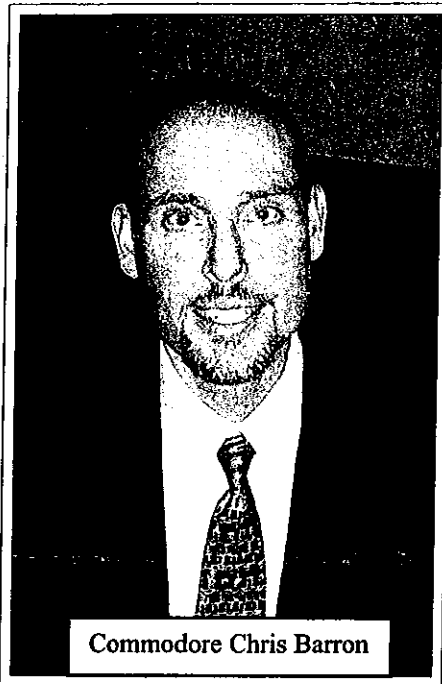


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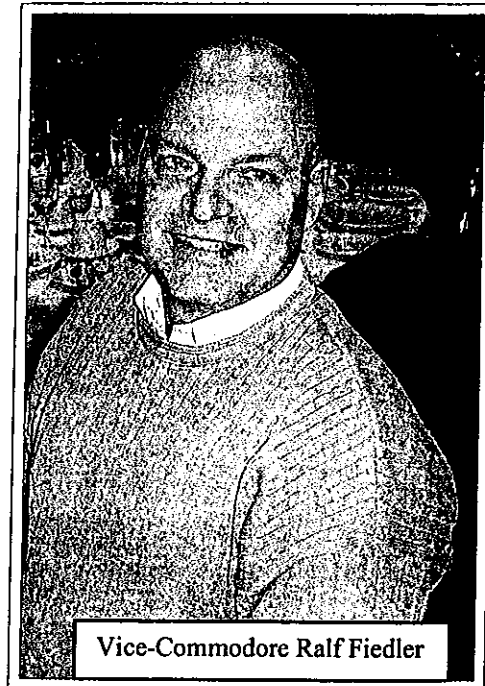
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## From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

*It has been a very long and cold winter and while it is a few weeks before we actually begin the preparation leading to launch your executives have been busy planning another full season of racing, and social events. More information will be available shortly. Please remember it is your obligation to have your dues paid and please check to see if you have been posted. Please contact the Treasurer as soon as possible to clear up this matter.*

*Richard Parchoma has volunteered to create and operate a website for LMYC. It should be available for viewing by the middle of March. Web site address will be announced. Our club is hosting a Wine Appreciation Evening hosted by Bob and Andrea Bingham. Hope to see you there.*

*Commodore Chris Barron*

*As I address the club members through this newsletter it is 9 degrees outside and spring is 23 long days away. The club phone has been returned for a saving of \$12.00 a month. We however need a donation of a wall mount (non-powered phone—that is a phone without an adapter) for the phone desk.*

*Please remember to inform the HABOUR MASTER if there has been any change to your dock status. If he doesn't hear from you he will assume it is the same as last year. If your boat is sold inform the EXECUTIVES, you would not want to be charged dockage for a boat, which is not there.*

*Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler*

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# News and Information

## LMYC Up Date

February is usually a slow month as everyone patiently await the arrival of spring and the launching of their boats. Monday lunches held at the clubhouse at noon draws a significant number of members and guests to sample the delights of the day. These lunches will continue for a time yet. Great opportunity for those who have not attended to be in for a treat.

Sunday breakfast under the supervision of Alan Prettyman and John Murphy continues with provisions that breakfast is only served no later than 10:30 am.

The Racing Seminars which were held in conjunction with the Sunday Breakfast proved to be very successful with only standing room available.

Darts continues on Wednesday evenings drawing about 20 members and guests.

LMYC has a new web page which will be available by the second week of March. It is complete with only a few bugs to be ironed out.

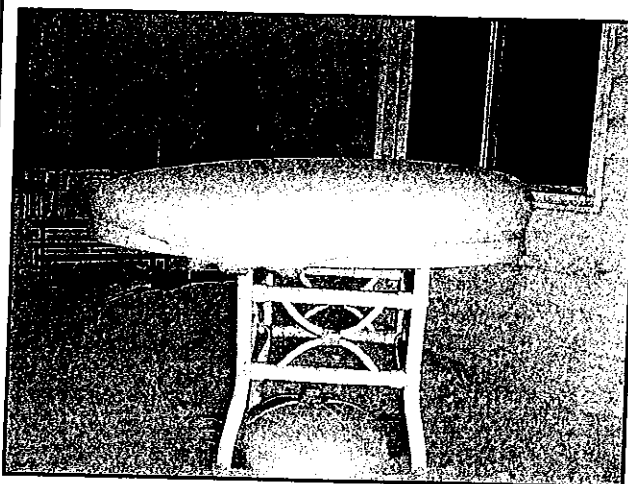
## Paint Seminar

Several club members took advantage of the painting seminar sponsored by Sea & Ski and held at the Windsor Yacht Club on February 24, 2003.

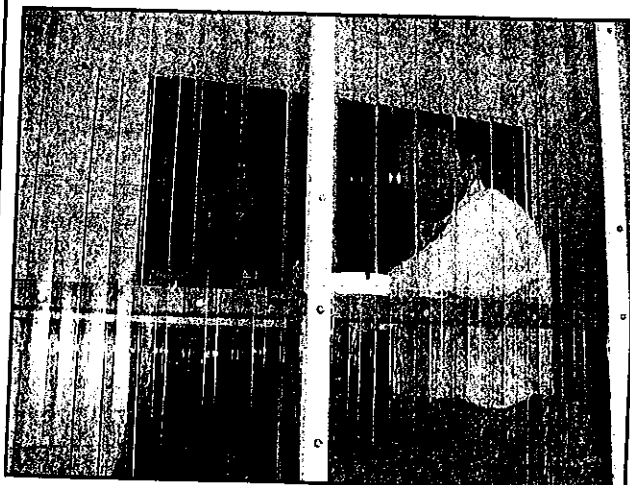
For those individuals who were planning to do anything in the way of painting their boat were in for a treat. We learned about conventional

anti-fouling hard and soft as well as Conventional performance which includes VC 17 for fresh and salt water. We learned about the roll & tip method of painting as well as amine blush.

Door prizes were given out and won by two club members in attendance.



SNOW TABLE at LMYC



Juergen Hendel and Judge Mangile enjoying the PENALTY BOX



# LMYC Valentine's Day Party



*Jerry Angus, Mary Nantais, Paul Delaney, Lu McKim, Beverly Angus, Linda Schreiber Annabel and Don Ferguson, Dave Nantais, Sue Ouellette, Bob Reaume*

**T**his year LMYC held its Valentine's Day Party on Friday February 14, 2003. Mary & Dave Nantais prepared the clubhouse and organized the evening for this event. Approximately 20 members and friends attended this event, which began around 8:00 pm. Elegant simplicity best describes this evening. A classic table setting, quiet background music is all that was needed when light-hearted fun is the focus of the evening. A warm feeling of hospitality, a cheerful welcome at the door put all the guests and members in the right mood. The food table offered pizzazz to the party. The dishes were not just eye-catching but also delicious. Members enjoyed a quiet pleasant evening reminiscing about the last sailing season and discussion the season which will soon be upon us.



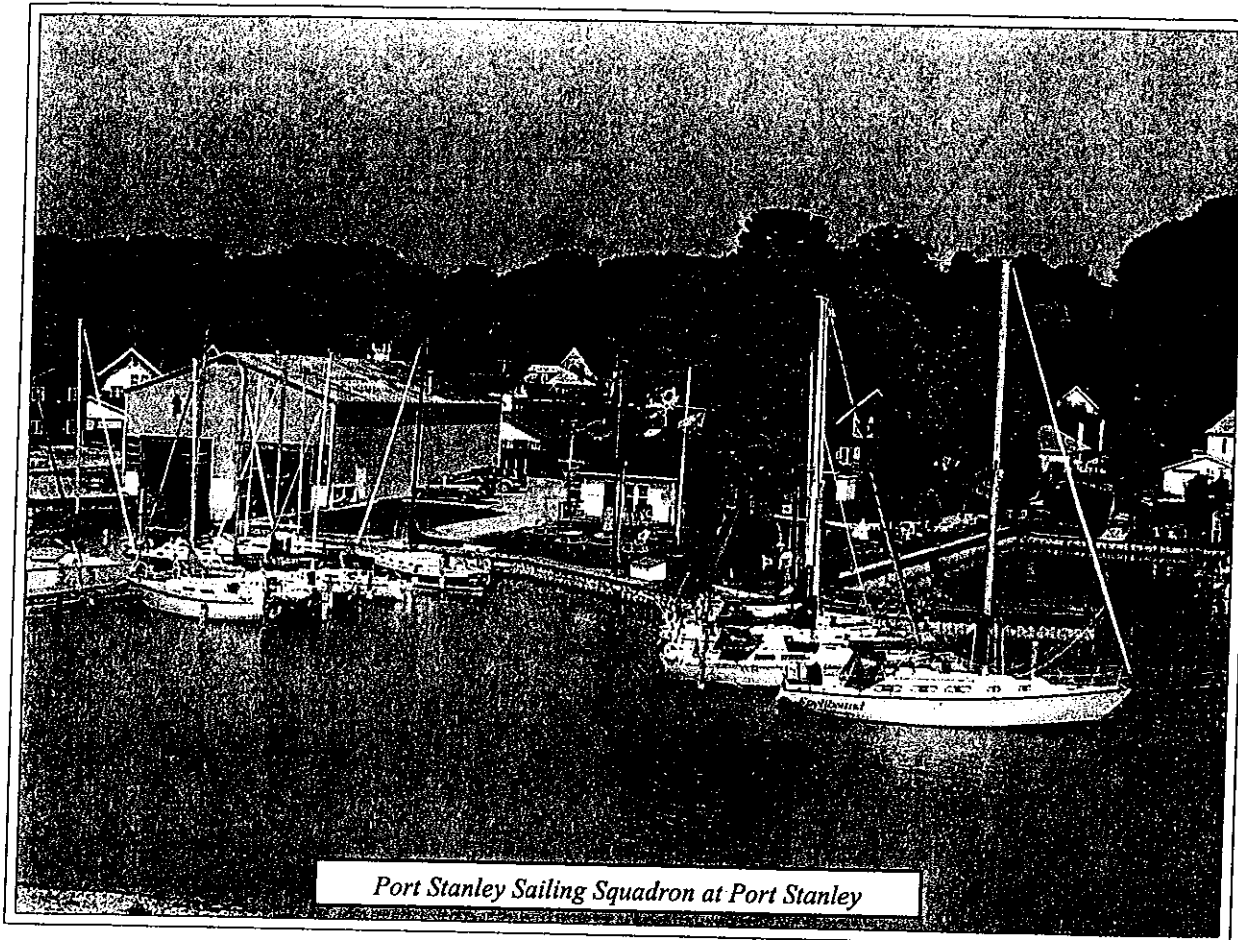
*Linda Schreiber, Beverly Angus, Lu McKim*



# Love



# Places to visit this Summer



*Port Stanley Sailing Squadron at Port Stanley*

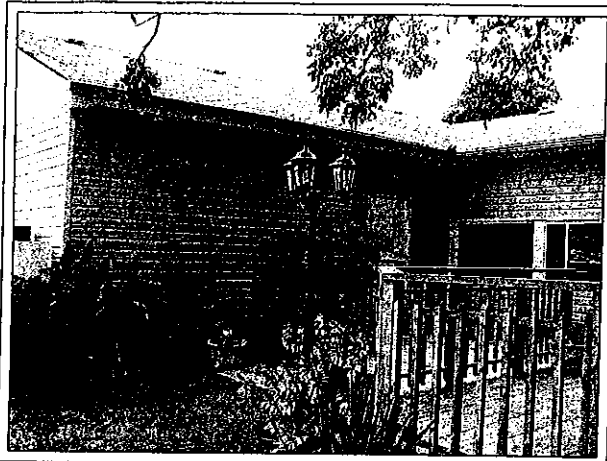
An exciting place to visit with your boat is Port Stanley Ontario. This is a quaint fishing village which resembles Vermillion Ohio but with less fane fare. Port Stanley has many historic streets with building dating back to the turn of the century. There are many treasures for you to discover, wonderful boutiques and quality antique shops, interesting art galleries plus lively bistros, restaurants and pubs. The main beach of Port Stanley offers several snack bars, toilets, change rooms, beach toy rentals as well as volleyball and basketball. Visitors to Little Beach, east of the harbour, will enjoy the sheltered waters ideal for families, day anchoring and swimming.

When coming in by boat you have to wait for the historic King George VI lift bridge to open. This is the oldest lift bridge in Ontario, which opens on the hour and half hour.

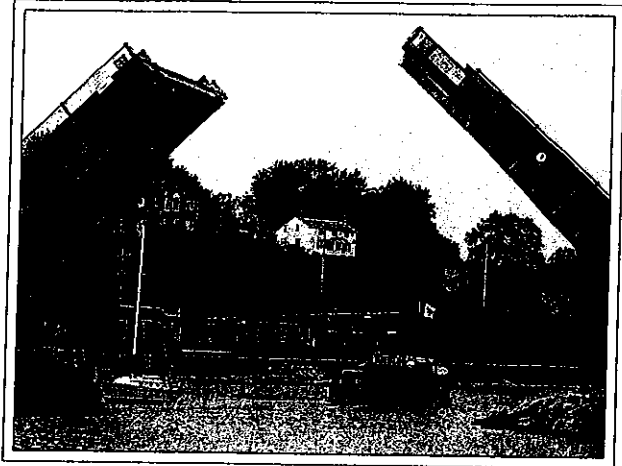
There are two ILYA clubs in Port Stanley, Port Stanley Sailing Squadron, and Kanagio Yacht Club. Port Stanley Sailing Squadron is located just behind the lift bridge. When the bridges open the club is situated a few hundred yards beyond. There is plenty of water to dock boats and talking to club members present they will give the same number of days we give (Reciprocal). Their club house is a small clean white building with shower facilities, kitchen, and lounge area. Outside you have a splendid view of the river with picnic tables and barbeques. This club is centrally located downtown and you are only a short walk from the main attractions of the town and large grocery store.

Kanagio Yacht Club is the other ILYA club located approximately ½ mile further down the river (Kettle Creek). This is a much larger club, which is situated on a huge amount of property and is made up mostly of powerboats. They give two free days to ILYA clubs. The water depth at this club is approximately 6 feet, which could

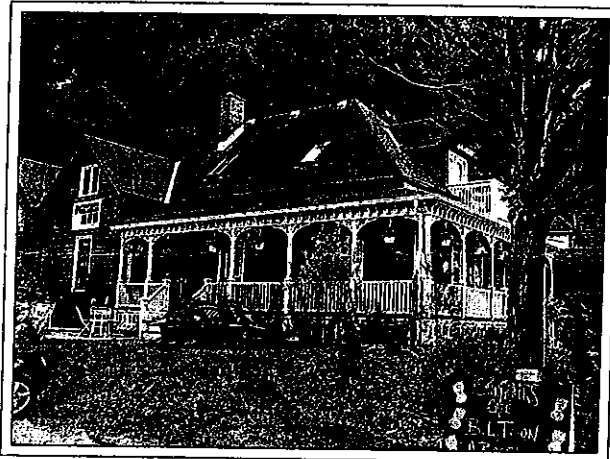
be a problem. The Vice Commodore stated that there are several bumps in the channel, which could present problems for sailboats.



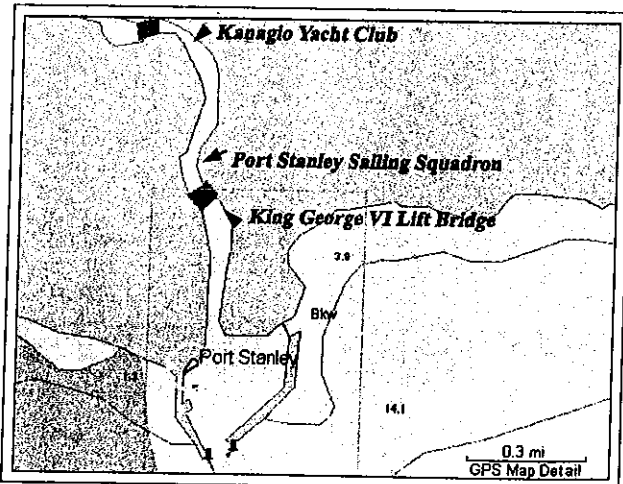
*Kanagio Yacht Club*



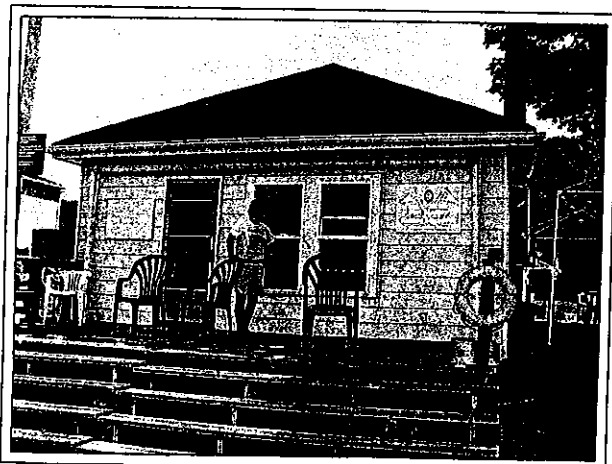
*King George Lift Bridge*



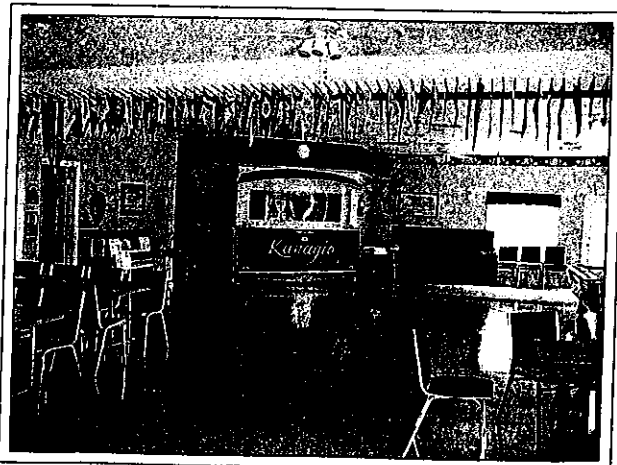
*Rustic Shops at Port Stanley*



*Locations of Clubs at Port Stanley*

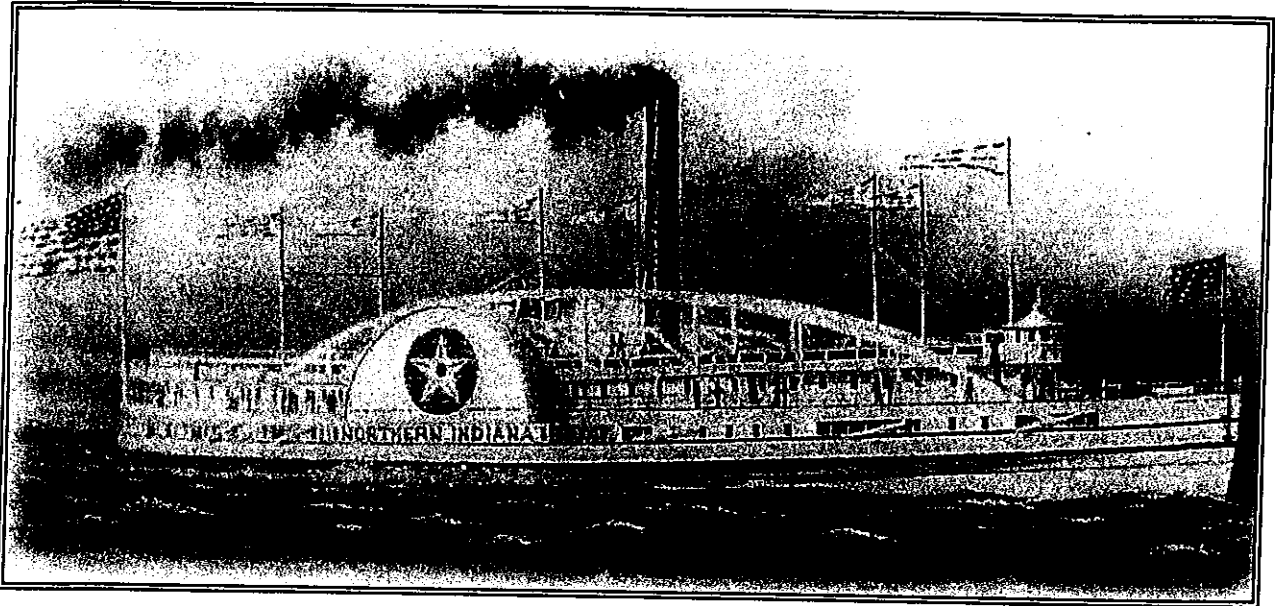


*Port Stanley Sailing Squadron Clubhouse*



*Kanagio Yacht Club Interior*

# Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

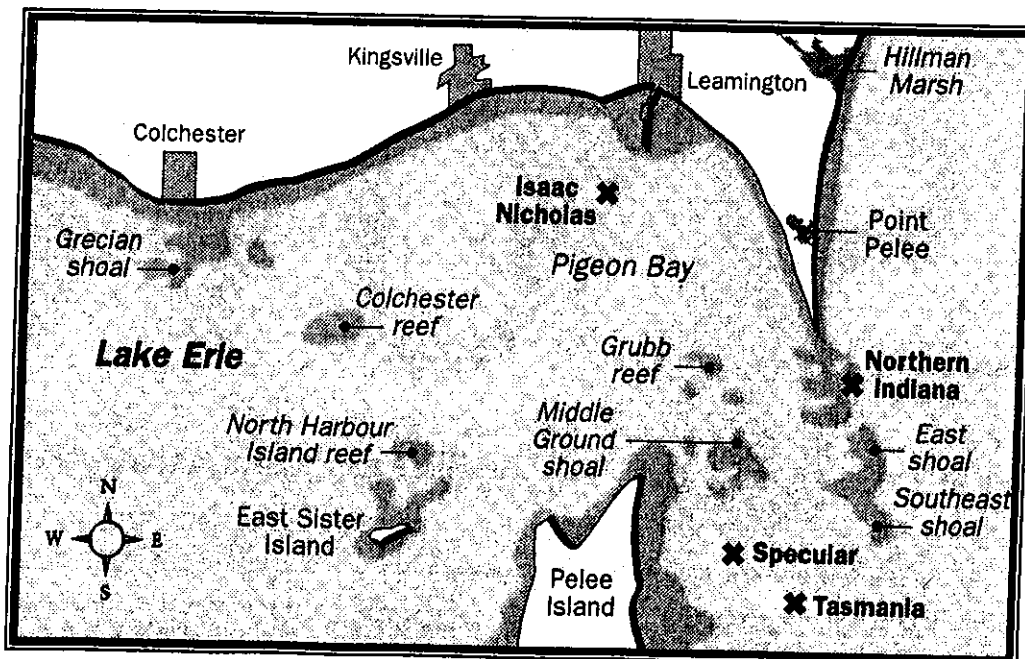


## Northern Indiana

Built at Buffalo New York in 1854

Destroyed by fire in 1856

At approximately 11:00 am on July 17, 1856, a calm sunny day, fire broke out in the engine room of the 300 foot paddlewheel steamer Northern Indiana, as she was passing Point Pelee, traveling on her normal course between Buffalo and Toledo. The fire spread rapidly engulfing the entire ship before the engines could be stopped. Of the hundreds of disasters in the Pelee Passage, the fire on the Northern Indiana claimed a record number of lives. Accounts vary, but of the full load of over 150 passengers, as many as 56 perished. One woman, Harriet Ackroyd of London, England lost her mother, father, husband, two children, all the family possessions, and was left stranded and destitute in Detroit after being rescued from the waters of Lake Erie by a passing ship.



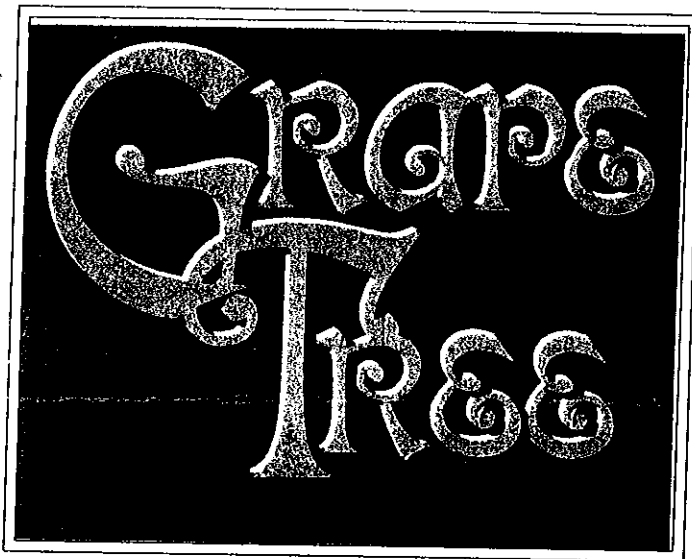


*LMYC Wine Appreciation*

*Night*

*Presented by*

*Grape Tree Estate Winery*



*Award Winning  
Wines*

*Dessert & Sparkling*

*Refreshing Whites*

*Full-Bodied Reds*

*Saturday March 22, 2003*

*7:00 pm*

*A Tour of 7 different wines with  
accompanying cuisine*

*\$20.00 per person*

*Limited Seating*

*Reserve Early*

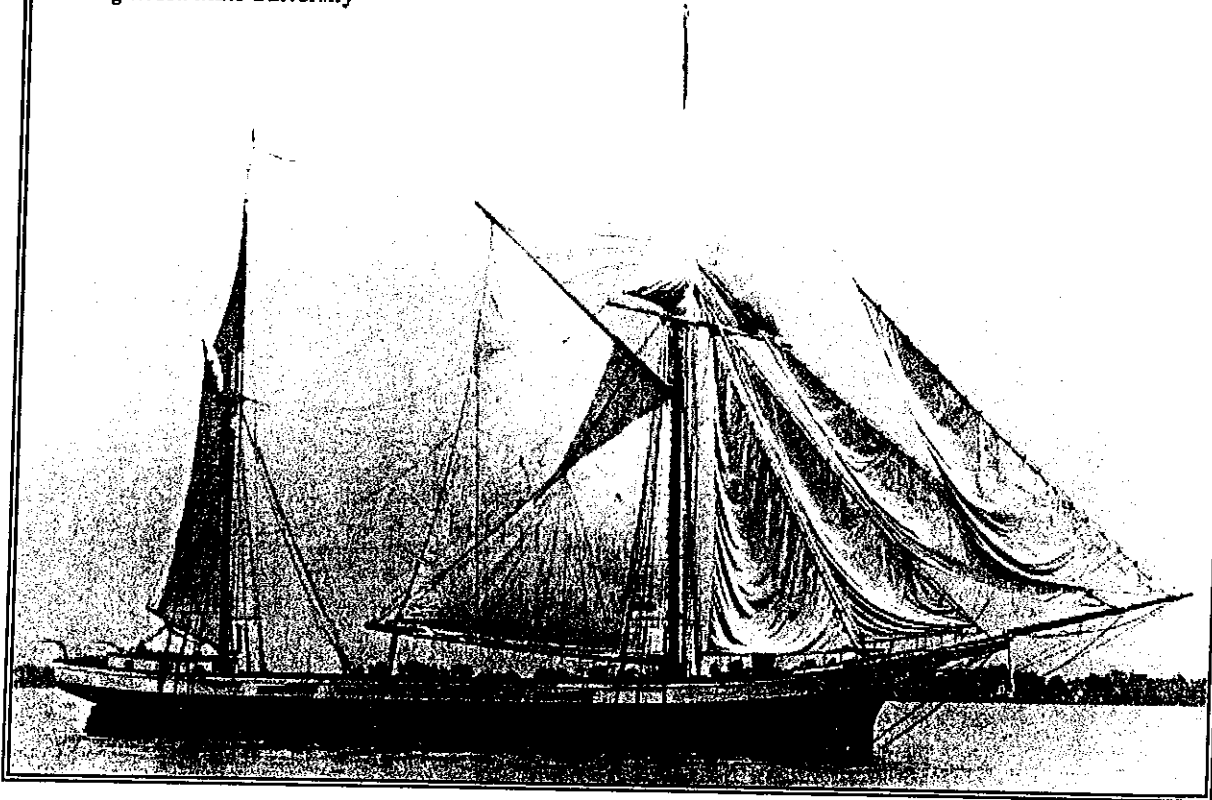
*Contact Bob and Andrea Bingham at  
736-1245*





# Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

Historical Collections of the Great Lakes  
Bowling Green State University



## George Worthington

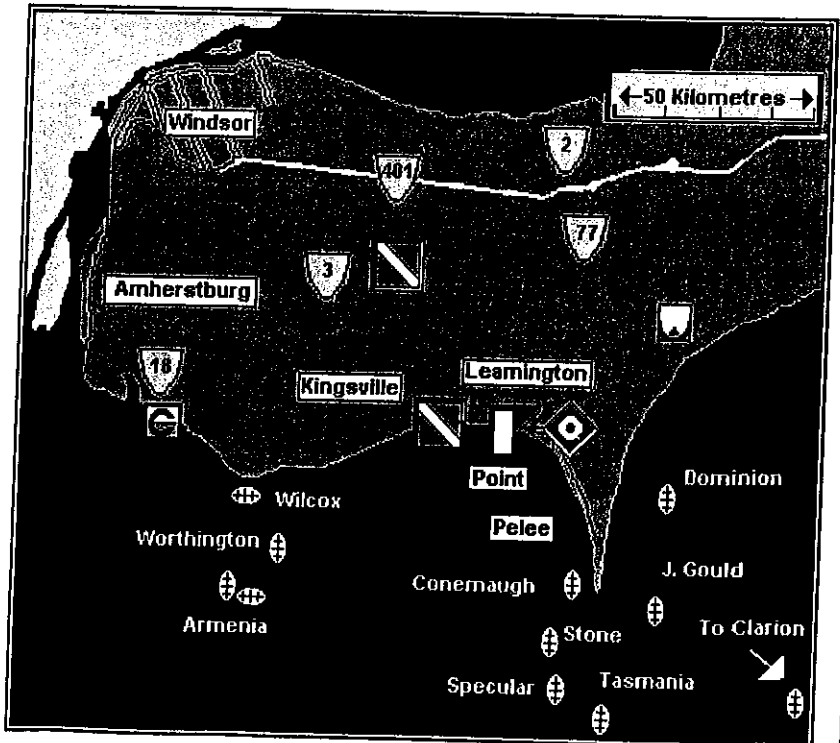
Built 1859

Sank 1887

Length - 148 feet

**W**hile in tow of the steam barge Mackinaw the schooner George Worthington was sunk during a gale in a collision with the schooner George W. Davis off Colchester Reef, about 10 miles west of Leamington. She was traveling without cargo and was on her way to the Upper Great Lakes when the disaster occurred. The George Worthington went down within three minutes of the collision. Her crew was rescued and taken aboard the badly damaged Davis.

The captain of the Davis, Captain Martin Elan, blamed the collision on Captain W. E. Rice of the steamer barge Mackinaw and the owner of the George Worthington. Elan claimed he made all the right signals but Rice's ship towed the Worthington directly in front of the bow of the Davis causing the collision.



## LMYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2003

APRIL	6	RACERS' BREAKFAST
	26	FITTING OUT BREAKFAST
MAY	3	PAST COMMODORES' PARTY
	17	SHAKEDOWN REGATTA
	24	G.I.Y.C. DAY RACE
JUNE	1	BLESSING OF THE FLEET
	6-8	CADET SAIL TRAINING WEEKEND
	13	W.Y.C. CANADIAN CLUB REGATTA
	21	S.P.S.C. INVITATIONAL REGATTA
	22	G.I.Y.C. 3-RACE REGATTA
	28	C.I.Y.C. MAPLE LEAF REGATTA
JULY	5-6	T.R.Y.C. REGATTA
	12	L.M.Y.C. LASER INVITATIONAL REGATTA
	19	L.M.Y.C. PELEE ISLAND REGATTA
		COUPLES RACE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)
AUGUST	2	G.I.Y.C. DOWNRIVER REGATTA
	3	G.I.Y.C. DEEPWATER RACE
	4-6	BAYWEEK
	8-10	F.Y.C. REGATTA WEEKEND
	15	F.Y.C. NIGHT RACE
	24	L.M.Y.C. FIGHTING ISLAND REGATTA
	30	W.S.S.C.
	31	C.I.Y.C. LABOUR DAY REGATTA SINGLED HANDED RACE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)
SEPTEMBER	7	L.M.Y.C. HOSPICE REGATTA
	13-14	G.I.Y.C. ONE DESIGN REGATTA
	20	S.P.S.C. HARVEST MOON REGATTA
OCTOBER	19	L.M.Y.C. RIVER RAT REGATTA
NOVEMBER	1	HAULOUT BREAKFAST
	15	L.M.Y.C. ANNUAL BANQUET
DECEMBER	13	ADULT TREE TRIMMING PARTY
	14	CHILDRENS' TREE TRIMMING PARTY
	31	NEW YEARS EVE PARTY