

LASALLE CURRENTS

A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club



NEXT GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, May 11th, 10:00 a.m. ALL MEMBERS BE THERE.

May 2nd, 1980

LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETING MAY 12th, 7:00 p.m. ALL LADIES ATTEND PLEASE.

Why is this the most important day of the year Father? Because, my son, its Launch Day! Once again it went smoothly thanks to Al Pavon. The big event was Red's confrontation with the slimy beast from the depths. The ladies did their usual fantastic dinner routine. The glamour crew was in the field placing cradles when Jack Sloan, a vision in cool blue happened by. He was asked for words of wisdom and his answer consisted of two words, both colourful but unprintable. The teamwork was good and so was the weather. There seemed to be quite a few new faces, nobody fell in and there was even a couple of boats sailing before sundown. Launch Day 1980 - An unquestionable success.

Congratulations to Lake Michigan Dart Team, captained by Bob Munden with team members Bob Clark, Heather Geary, John Geary, Jr. and Jim Beaudoin for winning the tournament. The top 3 shooters consisted of John Geary, Jr. who threw a perfect 180, Jim Blackton a 174 and Joe McIntosh 160.

We are experiencing bad erosion on our harbour banks because of very high water levels. Fortunately there are very few powerboats about creating a wake, so please, check your speed when motoring in our harbours!

I urge you not to abandon your wayward pet rock and "lose" him mysteriously overboard! You must at least contact the Hydrographic authorities about the location of such a "drop". L.M.Y.C. sailors have in isolated cases struck these "mystery" rocks near the northwest point of Turkey Island without otherwise running aground. Sailing in this area one evening not long ago, I have had the misfortune of striking one such rock at seven knots to the marked displeasure of those aboard. It is my feeling that these abandoned pet rocks revel in our frigid winter waters in that area and feed gluttonous on turkey fat to grow into rocks of astonishing size, then to surprise us every spring! The whereabouts of this one is now marked by a stake, in for no other reason than to check its migratory path or to save on dental bills for loose fillings and to prevent that unpleasant ringing in your ears, sure to be experienced if you hit this one! A name for the rock? Fat Rock!

....Megaphone, N., A form of speaking trumpet for causing sounds to be heard better and at a greater distance... So says Chambers, or loudhailer-

Here is another page that the racing member should keep, the club race instructions. Made into one page they are quite condensed, so I will add some explanations here.

For the newcomers I am showing the starting and also recall and postponement procedures. You should also know that the race committee will adhere to the starting "time sequences" only and absolutely, which may start with the 10 min. warning at a time other than 6:50 p.m. Remember also that the race committee is the final authority governing a race. One more point to make is the fact that the shapes displayed by the R.C. Boat are hoisted or lowered in this "time sequence", sounds like guns or horns are merely sounded to remind you that a shape has been hoisted. These sound signals are always timed with the shapes, but sometimes guns and horns misfire, so watch the shapes! (Most of us have practiced some "shape watching" for years anyway.)

When you find a distance or protection mark between the committee boat and the starting mark you will have to start between these two floating marks. No yacht may start properly between a protection mark and the R. C. boat! If you hit a protection mark it shall be treated as a mark of the course. At the finish this mark should be ignored.

WOMEN'S CORNER

THERE WILL BE A LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETING ON THE 12th DAY OF MAY, 1980 AT 7:00 p.m. TO BE HELD AT THE YACHT CLUB. AT THIS MEETING WE WILL DISCUSS THE MEAL FOR SHAKEDOWN AND ALSO WHERE THE LADIES PLAN TO GO FOR DINNER ON THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 1980, WHILE THE MEN ARE DOING THE SHAKEDOWN RACE. ALSO, PLEASE CONTACT JANET MOONEY AT 734-8747 IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BAKE FOR SHAKEDOWN, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD CALL JANET BEFORE May 12th.



"MARK? Mark? What mark?"

STARTING PROCEDURES

6:50	10 min. gun (horn)	White shape up	Warning
6:54:30	White Shape down		
6:55	5 min. gun (horn)	Blue shape up	Preparatory
6:59:30	Blue Shape down		
7:00	Start gun (horn)	Red shape	Start 1
7:04:30	Red Shape down		
7:05	Start gun (horn)	Red shape up	Start 2

Recall or Postponement

Red and White Pennant Up Two Blasts from horn - when race is ready to restart - Lower pennant - one blast from horn - One minute later start over with warning (i.e. 10 min. gun and white shape).

The courses are shown on the course chart and show the "Marks of the course". These marks must be rounded or left in the correct manner or you will not have sailed the "proper course" and your action will be subject to protest and subsequent penalty or disqualification.

Sail the courses as shown and described!

When sailing course 1, always leave the first black spar to port when rounding it, do not sail between the red spar and mainland (below turkey island), leave HBS to port on the way to finish, unless the committee boat is still on station for a shortened course.

The longer course 2 is the same as number 1, but you do not heed the first black spar as a mark of the course. You always leave the second black spar to port when rounding and follow the same procedure on the way to finish just as course 1.

The green and red course is in addition to course 2 but you heed the second black spar as illustrated, i.e. - Green-black spar to port, red spar to starboard, R 84D to starboard, black spar to port to return to finish as number 2. Red - Black spar to starboard, R 84D to port, red spar to port and black spar to starboard to finish as number 2. We are anticipating the best racing this club has had and although the course instructions seem complex the courses are very basic! We are sure that our newer members will be participating as enthusiastically as they have in the seminars. Now is also the time to get the old charts out and peruse, and a few hours with the rule book are a darn good idea! Buy one, if you haven't already! (Coles, your boatstores).

The race committee meanwhile has turned down 12,831 applications for the positions of race committee boat personnel, the overwhelming response is undoubtedly due to the rather extravagant wages offered, not to mention the benefits. It is therefore for the first time since 1978 that a number of us are fortunate to have the opportunity to become a member of this select group of illustrious servants. Fun aside, for those that have not had the experience of being a member of a race committee it will add valuable and instructive insight into this important facet of sail yacht racing.

RACE COMMITTEE DUTY ROSTER

Art Letts	May 21	This is the list of the "Lucky ones", from the draw for race committee duty. You are responsible for the races on the respective dates, and should you be unable to fulfil your obligation you have the option to trade with one of your colleagues, but you must notify the race chairman of the change! As a last resort only shall you ask for the service of the spare, Jim Kainz. He will be number one for the fall series, if not pressed into duty before.
Bob Ferguson	May 28	
Emanuel Dalla Bona	June 4	
Ron Wigle	June 11	
John Geary	June 18	
Dennis Hendel	June 25	
John Yankovich	July 2	
Tenny Mason	July 9	
Curly Ellis	July 16	
Jim Kainz	Spare	

We have taken soundings upstream of the HBS to assure ourselves of the water depth in our starting area. We found the HBS to be 150' to the east of its chart location and even 600 ft. north of its present location. We found over 6' depth, present water level which is 12"-18" above normal summer level. The shoal starts 150' west and 100' north at a depth of 11' and shoals flat evenly to 8' 350' from its start. So, this shoal is there but, to the west of the spar. Around the spar we found 27'-30'. We had hoped to find a shelf of shallow water against fighting island west of the spar to anchor the committee with less trouble but found deep water right against the dike there. Also, the original idea of using the HBS and a committee boat against the island to form our starting line did not pan out, because the line would be too long at 850'+, so, we will have a starting line that is shorter and has navigable water around its ends!

Here is a correction: The ratings of the Mirage 24 and Northern J-ton, were quoted with overlap penalties and are 219 and 222 respectively.

There will be a "fun" race after the meeting on Sunday, May 11th. Also Shakedown Regatta Sat., May 17th, send your entry in early!

NOTICE: Anyone interested in purchasing the required flares for your boat please contact Red McRobbie at 258-7872. We have been offered a group discount for the flares if many are ordered so call Red with your order today.

L.M.Y.C. MEMBERSHIP 1980-05-05

Albrecht, Manfred (Barbara)	146 Park St., Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 1P1	736-5188
Allen, Ralph (Molly)	135 Willow Drive, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1W7	734-8202
Allen, Ted	135 Willow Drive, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1W7	734-8202
Balfe, Jim (Susan)	558 Jarvis Street, Windsor, Ontario	N8P 1L9	735-6688
Bardsley, Doug (Betty)	2471 Kildare Road, Windsor, Ontario	N8W 2Y1	252-0648
Bauld, Garry	2410-8888 Riverside Dr. E. Windsor, Ontario	N8S 1H2	945-6659
Beaudoin, Jim (Jennifer)	980 Maple Street, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1N9	734-6820
Bech, John (Linda)	766 Apple Hill Lane, Rochester, Michigan	48063	313-652-7797
Bennett, Craig	#202-27143 Yorkshire Sq., Dearborn Hts. Mi.	48127	313-565-6072
Benning, Richard (Diane)	226 LaCasse Blvd., Tecumseh, Ontario	N8N 2B6	735-6741
Blackton, James (Sue)	370 Superior Street, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1H8	734-8746
Boiyin, Gene (Vicki)	281 Lakeview Drive, Belle River, Ontario	NOR 1A0	728-2403
Brigham, David W. (Wendy)	32135 Riverpointe, New Baltimore, Michigan		313-949-6721
Buliga, Alex (Connie)	9241 Esplanada Drive, Windsor, Ontario	N8R 1J2	735-9412
Casey, Brian (Elaine)	3866 Matchette Road, Windsor, Ontario	N9C 2A2	258-1685
Clark, Robert J. (Doris)	40 Martin Lane, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1W8	734-8724
DallaBona, Emanuele (Doris)	1960 Arras Street, Windsor, Ontario	N8W 1T5	254-8294
Durham, Carl (Betty)	129 Willow Drive, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1W7	734-1550
Ellis, Douglas (Curley) (Agnes)	Box 2303, Walkerville P. O. Windsor, Ontario	N8Y 4S2	253-2533
Evans, G. David (Margaret)	236 Prado Place, Windsor, Ontario	N8S 2H1	944-4513
Ferguson, Robert (Carol)	600 Front Road N., Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 2V7	736-5606
Fiedler, Ralf (Margie)	151 Lafferty Ave., LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1K1	734-1981
Freeman, Gordon (Joan)	718 Front Road N., Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 2V7	736-3789
Geary, John (Louise)	1550 Church Street, Windsor, Ontario	N8X 1V3	256-5677
Gillespie, Lorne E. (Peggy)	1175 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ontario	N9A 2P4	252-1094
Goyeau, Bob (Monique)	1065 Laporte Avenue, Windsor, Ontario	N8S 3R6	948-3725
Gresik, Edward (Jean)	2497 Everts Avenue, Windsor, Ontario	N9E 2T7	969-5736
Hart, Frank (Maggie)	R. R. #1, Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 2Y7	726-6002
Hendel, Dennis (Rachelle)	287 Superior Street, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1H5	734-6968
Hendel, Juergen (Mary)	2265 Lillian Street, Windsor, Ontario	N8X 4B1	256-0864
Henderson, Ian (Barbara)	315 Reaume Road, LaSalle, Ontario	N9J 1B2	734-7685
Hoffman, Lorraine	1497 York Street, Windsor, Ontario	N9X 1W2	253-5122
Hoffman, Paul	431 Pellisier Street, Windsor, Ontario	N9A 4L2	256-2657
Hooft, Edward (Vicki)	911 Windermere Road, Windsor, Ontario	N8Y 3E5	258-0993
Kainz, Jim	71 Sandwich St. N., Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 2T9	736-4083
Kavanaugh, Thomas (Thelma)	401 Dalhousie St. Apt. 803. Amherstburg, Ont.	N9V 1X4	736-4467
Kirkaldy, Douglas (Aline)	893 Front Road North, Amherstburg, Ontario	N9V 2V6	736-3962
Koopman, Udo	695 Roselawn Drive, Windsor, Ontario	N9E 1K4	966-1424
Letts, Art (Harriet)	6085 Disputed Road, Windsor, Ontario	N9H 1X6	966-4027
Lintunen, Tapani (Paiivr)	6228 Thornberry Crescent, Windsor, Ontario	N8T 3A3	944-3191

L.M.Y.C. CLUBRACE INSTRUCTIONS

Warning Signal: 6:50 p.m. white shape
 Preparat. Signal: 6:55 p.m. blue shape
 Class B Starting signal: 7:00 p.m. red shape
 Class A Starting signal: 7:05 p.m. red shape

Yachts not designated to start must stay clear of the starting area!

Start: Between floating mark and Race Committee flag on Race Committee boat, or if placed, between floating mark and protection mark for R.C. boat.

Courses: As displayed by R. C. boat, by number or colour (see course chart)

COURSE 1: 4.25 naut. miles

COURSE 2: 6.00 naut. miles

COURSE GREEN OR RED: 7.00 naut. miles

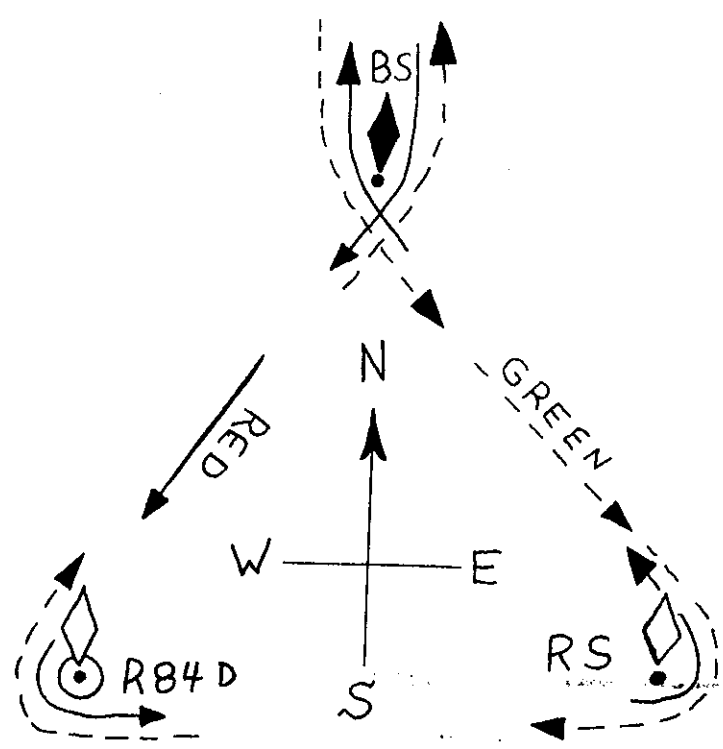
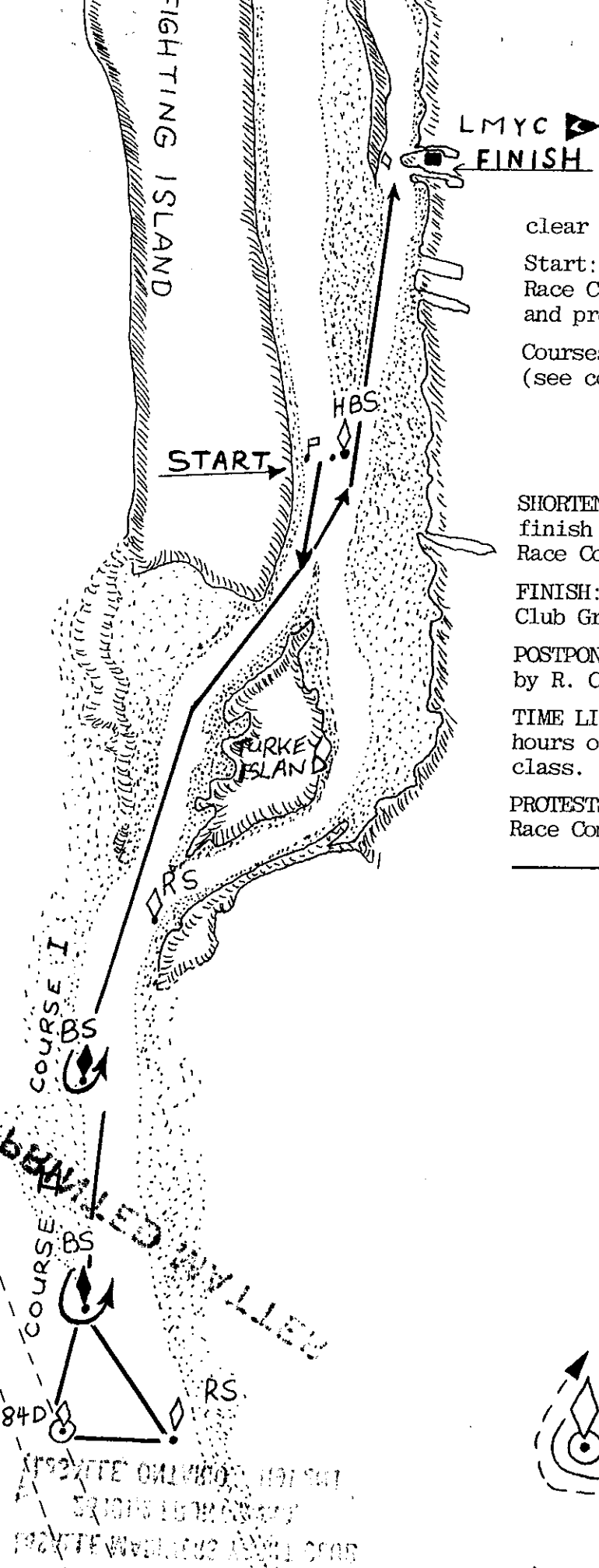
SHORTENED COURSE: (at discretion of Race Committee) To finish between horizontal banded spar and R.C. flag on Race Committee boat.

FINISH: Between mark on Grassy Island and R.C. flag on Club Grounds or as per "Shortened Course:."

POSTPONEMENT or RECALL: Red and white pennant displayed by R. C. boat and two blasts of horn.

TIME LIMIT: 2 hours. Any yacht that finishes within 2 hours of her class start will make it a race for that class.

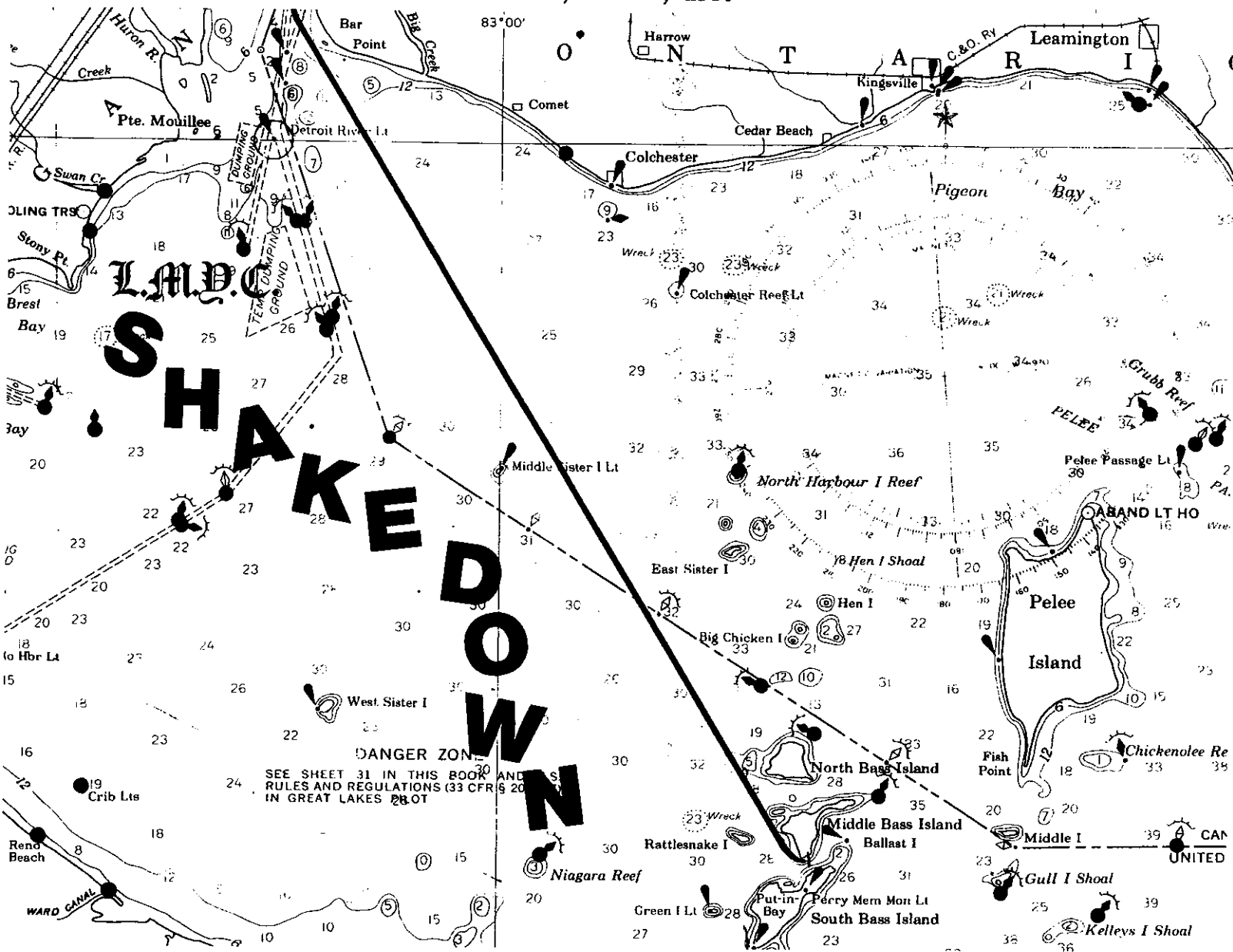
PROTESTS: Must be filed promptly in writing with the Race Committee.



EIGHTH ANNUAL L.M.Y.C. SHAKEDOWN REGATTA

LAKE ERIE

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1980



The LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club invites your participation in their Annual Stag Race to Put-In-Bay, Ohio, and guarantees a fun weekend as always.

This regatta is open to all sail yachts that are self-righting and not less than 20 ft. in length, and cruising and offshore type multi-hulls.

COURSE: From the start at the southern tip of Bob-Lo Island to the finish in front of the dock of Lonze's Winery on Middle Bass Island. DISTANCE: 32 Statute Miles - 27.8 Nautical Miles.

All participants are welcome to enjoy the facilities of the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, located in LaSalle. Please state your intentions on your entry form so we can plan for your stay. There are also fine anchorages at the North and South ends of Bob-Lo Island and a marina at the West side of the Island.

See instructions on back of page.

ENTRY FORM

AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISKS AND HOLD HARMLESS - In consideration of being permitted to enter this race, all contestants, crew members and guests aboard voluntarily assume the risk of participating in this race and post-race activities, agree to hold harmless and indemnify against loss the organization and personnel which conduct it.

YACHT NAME

TYPE

SIGNALS AND STARTING: All times are D.S.T.

8:50 a.m. - Warning signal and white shape.
8:55 a.m. - Preparatory signal and blue shape.
9:00 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - SHARKS & MIRAGES
9:05 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - M.O.R.C.-B (rating up to 19.5)
9:10 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - P.H.R.F.-B (rating 216 and up)
9:15 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - VIKINGS & DUETS
9:20 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - M.O.R.C.-A (rating 19.6 and up)
9:25 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - P.H.R.F.-A (rating up to 213)
9:30 a.m. - Starting signal and red shape - MULTI-HULLS

START: Between R.C.Boat anchored approx. 250 ft. east of the Livingstone Channel dike and LT 49D on the southern tip of Bob-Lo Island at the mouth of the Detroit River (U.S.Chart 41).

FINISH LINE: In front of Lonze's Winery on Middle Bass Island. A yacht's finish will be acknowledged by sound signal.

TIME LIMIT: No time will be taken after 18:00 Hr. (6 p.m.) D.S.T.

Distance for handicaps = 27.8 N.M.

Competing yachts, having withdrawn from the race shall have their skippers notify the race committee.

AWARDS: Fastest elapsed time

AWARDS IN EACH CLASS AS FOLLOWS: Three boats starting - 1st
Five boats starting - 1st, 2nd.
Seven boats starting - 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Awards will be made at the Fountain in the Park at 8:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing and Management of the race will be governed by the racing rule of the I.Y.R.A. as adopted by the U.S.Y.R.U. The race will be under the management of the race committee who shall have full and final authority.

NOTE: M.O.R.C. yachts up to 30ft. L.O.A. rated in accordance with updated certificates or with temporary ratings assigned by Station 50.

P.H.R.F. yachts rated in accordance with latest P.H.R.F. Lake Erie ratings or as assigned by the L.M.Y.C. Rating Committee.

NOTICE TO ALL: A MEAL WILL BE SERVED ON MAY 18th UPON YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB EVERYONE WELCOME!! FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS PLEASE

CONTACT -- JANET MOONEY at (519) 734-8747 OR MARGIE FIEDLER at 252-1123(519)
after 5:30 - 734-1981(519)