

MAY 1997

LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB

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CLUBHOUSE

Please remember to **WASH, DRY, & PUT AWAY** any and all dishes or cookware that you use. This also includes empty beer bottles, pop cans, newspapers, magazines etc. It is your responsibility to leave the clubhouse in a neat and tidy manner after you and your guests or crew have been there. **REMEMBER**, you are not the only one who uses these premises and your fellow sailors will appreciate not having to clean up after **YOU**.

PARKING

It is each skipper's responsibility to make sure that his/her guests and/or crew park in the parking lot. Guests and crew are never allowed to park their vehicles in front of the boats even for a short period. Skippers are also required to park in the parking lot after unloading their vehicles. Cars should never be left in front of the boats when the skipper has left the property either for a sail, race or even joining fellow sailors in going for a meal off the property.

SAFETY

This is a family club and we encourage all members to come out to the clubhouse and enjoy themselves. But please bear in mind that we are on the water and all children should be wearing their lifejackets while outside of the clubhouse. Also children are not allowed to be in the clubhouse unless a parent accompanies them.

Remember to coil all lines and hoses in front of boats to prevent a tripping hazard and keep your boat area clean and free from debris.

SEA CADETS

Once again "our" sea cadets are conducting a training weekend at LMYC. They will be camping out on the property during the weekend of June 13-15/97. Let's hope the weather co-operates for them this time.

OTHER NEWS:

Our Sympathies go out to Renee Laird on the death of her mother and our best wishes go to Barb Pare for a speedy recovery. We wish Darlene Fraser's father all the best as he recovers.

BoatWise - a safety program for kids

LMYC is hosting a Boatwise course for children 5-12 years of age sponsored by the Canadian Power Squadron. This course will teach the children basic boat safety, knots, safety equipment, vessel identification etc. This course will consist of two-week night sessions (May 27 / 29), and one Saturday session (June 7th 1100 to 1500 hrs). The LaSalle Police/Fire boat will be here to instruct the children on the use of fire extinguishers etc. and the Coast Guard boat will be here to tell about buoys and the basic "Rules of the Road" for safe boating.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending this course, please contact Elaine Prettyman (978-9820) or anyone else on the executive.

Thanks to the following for their support and making this program possible: Please help by patronizing the following supporters of this necessary program:

Island View Marine: ropes for learning knots

Pizza Pizza: pizza for chasing away the "munchies"

Harveys: fries and drinks

Tim Hortons: wonderful sweet treats

Zehrs on Malden Road: drinks

Naples Pizza: more wonderful pizza

And most important of all, Thank you to

ALL OUR MEMBERS

MARINE WATCH

We are still hoping for 100% participation in the Marine Watch program. Please take an hour and mark your valuables (i.e. radios, Lorans, etc) with your driver's license number. This gives the police departments in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio a fighting chance to recover any goods that have been stolen. The club has an etcher available for marking, please contact John Geary Sr. or Phil Smith for more information.

CLUBHOUSE RADIO STATION

Now that the license for our radio is in place, whenever the clubhouse is occupied, we should be monitoring channel 68. This becomes more important on our race nights and when our sailors are participating in local regattas.

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Another sailing season is well underway and we have lots to report and comment about. First and foremost, even though Mother Nature isn't co-operating terribly well, the Spring Race Series has started. So far, both Monday and Wednesday races have been well attended and it is nice to see a few new faces (as well as boats) taking part in these events.

We also have a lot of social events coming up including (Mark These Dates on Your Calendar):

Blessing of the Fleet June 8, 1997
Pelee Island Cruise/Race July 19, 1997
LMYC Regatta August 24, 1997

Anyone wishing to help with any of these events should call someone on the executive and they will put you in touch with the organizers. I am sure any help would be greatly appreciated.

FROM THE BRIDGE:

Shakedown is over and summer is only one more cold spell away. That means, as sailors, all our masts are up and cradles are put away and shore boxes in place.

We do not have the final total of launch fees but all indications are that haulout costs are going to increase. More on this later.

Watch the bulletin board for an upcoming work party.

It has been noticed that the smoker's are showing concern when there are large gatherings in the clubhouse by going outside for a smoke. **KEEP IT UP !!** It is very much appreciated.

The next scheduled general meeting is the pre-regatta meeting in August. Please plan to attend this meeting as your participation makes our regatta the success it's always been.

P.S.: Guess who had his I-68 at Shakedown and didn't get asked to show it!!

SAIL FAST & SAIL SAFE

Commodore, Ralph Allen

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

Bob reports that work on the water to the North Harbour will commence around the beginning of June and that repairs to the Widow's Walk will be started shortly after this. Thanks to those who have volunteered in these efforts. Work on our "infamous road" will begin in JUNE - so be prepared for delays in the daytime, but easy access in the evening.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

This year's Blessing of the Fleet is taking on a little different format according to Commodore Ralph Allen. The boats will line up at Dean's canal, following the lead boat (Gallant Lady and proceed to the club where the sail past and Blessing will take place (in front of the Widow's Walk). The flotilla will carry on upstream to approximately Island View Marina (to allow the rest of the sail past to take place undisturbed) and then return to the clubhouse for the pot luck luncheon and social hour.

PELEE ISLAND CRUISE/RACE

For more information, or if you wish to help with this event, contact John Vandereedon (978-2898).

LMYC REGATTA

We are looking for someone to take over the arrangements for this event. If you are interested, please contact our commodore, Ralph Allen (734-8202).

WORK HOURS !!!!!

Get your work hours in early this year. There is plenty to do - including: mowing the lawn, weeding, planting bedding plants, clubhouse cleanup etc. We are looking for someone to take on the maintenance and upkeep of the pump out and someone who can commit to taking our recycle cans etc down to the highway and return the boxes at the appropriate time. There is a list of jobs hanging on the bulletin board in the galley. If none of the above suits your fancy, then give our Vice-Commodore, Bob Bingham a call (736-1245) and I am sure he will fix you up with something appropriate.

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‘TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

May: Derek Fletcher, Adam Prettyman

June: Shelley Hendel, Ralph Kepran, Alan Prettyman

July: Jennifer Ferguson, Bob Ferguson, Owen Wolters,

Happy Anniversary to:

May: Bernie & Holly Wolters

July: Elaine & Alan Prettyman

August: Carol & Bob Ferguson

September: Carl & Betty Durham

If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary remembered in the currents, contact our secretary, Elaine Prettyman. (978-9820)

WOULD YOU BELIEVE:

That two (2) of our more hearty members have already taken a swim in the canal. They must have been raised by polar bears.

That one member recently mentioned to me that is was odd how even though most of our members avow an aversion to Scotch, that once a bottle of the substance is produced they seem to develop a remarkable tolerance for it.

That we have one member who appears to be building a camper on the stern of his boat.

That even with his mast up, our commodore still has the shortest boat in the club.

That a cherry tree is to be planted somewhere on the property to grow ammunition for the annual cherry pit-spitting contest, which is held in conjunction with the Pelee Island cruise/race.

A special welcome to all new club members and crew this season. We all hope you enjoy your sailing experiences at LMYC.

Sailing in Light Air. Key on speed. Keep the boat moving or you will lose apparent wind and will have to accelerate again from scratch.

Sailing in Heavy Air: Key on angle of heel, and steer to keep the boat from laying over. Take a bite to winward when overpowered. Bear off to sail through big waves; head up into relative flat spots.



ME AND MY CUP

I'd like a cup of coffee or maybe even tea
I brew it to perfection because it is for me.
That really hit the spot I think
As I place my cup into the sink.
I see a lot of cups sit there
And I realize "This Isn't Fair"
No clean cups in the cupboard sit
For the next one who would like a sip.
So I wash them up and put them away
Where they sit ready for the next day.

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Anyone wishing to take on the creating of this "noble" news-brief is invited to contact Ralph Allen and come on-board. Be a challenged journalist, and report what you find. It is a lot of fun, so why Knot??

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN.....

Ralph and Molly Allen started a euchre and bridge night at the clubhouse.

Woodpeckers invaded the clubhouse?

The "Rocky" team won the wine tasting competition by identifying a "tangi wine from Portugal".

Rakai and Cookie Monster were very blue.

The last year our Red was green ?

We had an in-house "RoadRunner"? (and still do)

Bob & Carol hosted the first wine-tasting night?

The birthday party for everyone that was born??

The "Dear Skippy" column?

The month and year you joined the best sailing club.

We should be very proud of who we are and what has been accomplished. Listen to our visitors, and remember how fortunate we are. Listen to our founding members, and think of what we can accomplish in the next 25 years. We are:

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and proud of it.