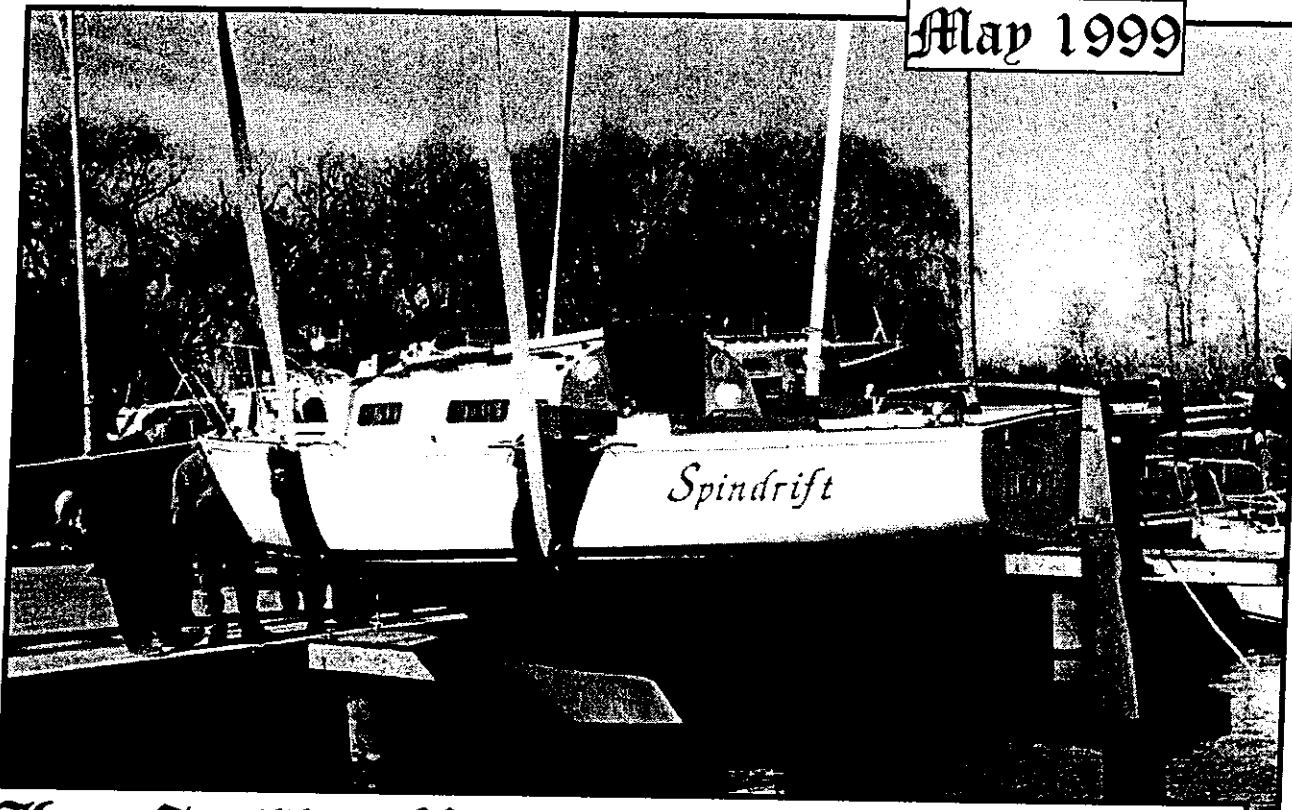


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From the Commodore



Well in spite of the inclement weather we all scrambled and readied our boats in time for launched. Here comes the sailing season-HURRAH HURRAH! Many thanks to Ralph Kepran and Richard Parchoma for a job well done in bring forward the Special 30th Anniversary Pictorial History of LMYC. This issue you will want to keep. It has some very interesting pictures!!!

As reported at our last General Meeting on the 17th of April, Dr. Harold Asselstine passed away the week of April 11th. Harold was one of the founding members of SPSC and held membership number 001. Harold was an ardent advocate of sailing and participated in many many sailing events over the years including LMYC's Regattas. Harold was a friend to many of us and to our club. He will be sorely missed. I will be in contact with Mike O'Brien, Commodore of SPSC, to see if their will be a memorial in Harold's honour and participate, if appropriate.

Progress is being made on our lift project. Yvonne has worked yeoman's efforts to secure financing at very favourable rates. That should be finalized by the end of April or early May. The next step will be to negotiate and sign a contract to have the equipment purchased and installed along with the related changes to our north harbor launch area. In addition, once the lift site has been delineated we will begin work on the storage facility that was approved last year. This project has pointed to the need for a Finance Committee. On the recommendation of our Treasurer, the Executive has established this committee. We are looking for volunteers who have a finance background and are willing to participate.

As reported at the General Meeting, we are proceeding with the location and installation of a dry hydrant per the requirements of Town of LaSalle. That should take place, during May as well.

Your Executive has begun investigative work on our club house repair or renovate project. We hope to have completed the investigative work and to have prepared a report for you within the next three to four months. A very busy time indeed.

Commodore: *John Amyot*

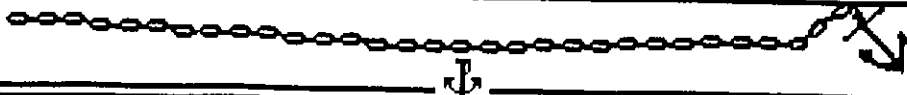
From the Vice-Commodore



Launch is over, and the sailing season is about to begin. Please remember that sometime during the first two weeks in May the club entrance will be closed for 24 hours to allow the new curbing to cure. Thanks to Ralph Kepran for arranging to remove the debris around the shed. Faye Laing-Maid has finished a design for the landscaping at the driveway entrance. As soon as possible in May, there will be a meeting for those interested in helping implement this great design. Thanks Faye! Fair winds to all.

Vice-Commodore: *Elaine Prettyman*

The Currents is published monthly. While The Currents has researched and inquired to assure that information contained in The Currents is accurate, we recommend that you double check, to assure complete accuracy. Not receiving The Currents? Call the editor to get your copy!



News and Information

Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Fred & Sharon Bolton on the passing of Fred's father, Arthur Stanley, Bolton age 78, on March 25, 1999. Your prayers would be most appreciated.

Founding Father of South Port

Dr. William ASSELSTINE.--Age 79 died April 13, 1999. Dr. William was a founding member of South Port Sailing Club as well as Past Commodore. He will be missed.

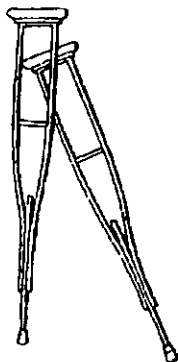


Medical Alert

Do you have a bad back? Does it hurt when you bend down? Is it old age? NO, smoking may be your problem.

Nicotine constricts blood vessels so backbones, back discs and back cartilage suffer a deficient blood supply and they age long before their appointed time. Furthermore, a smoker's cough increases pressure on back disc and can lead to their rupture.

Reprinted article Dr. Donohue Riverton, N.J.



From the Race



Director
Larry Laing



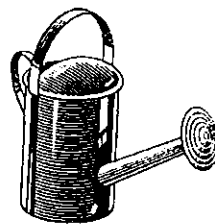
Ralph Allen went to the ILYA meeting and the following were discussed.

- No major changes from last year.
- PHRF classes will remain the same
- MORC will be up to 33.9 feet.
- IMS none.

There is a new hotel behind tippers and for Bay Week Room rates will be \$100.00 per night double occupancy

Safety at Sea

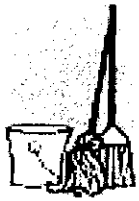
Discussion about harnesses and tethers. It was felt tethers not strong enough and references were made to the Australian race where a number of tethers broke.



From Roads
and Grounds
Lothar Bauer

The grass has been fertilized and gravel has been ordered so that we can level the parking lot. New tractor will be here soon. Some members should take it for a ride to see how it runs and while your enjoying the ride perhapes cut the lawn.

We still have FOR SALE our Noma Lawn Tractor AS IS \$600.00 or best offer.



*From the
House Director
John Murphy*

The house director will be organizing the annual spring cleaning of the LMYC clubhouse. Volunteer are needed. Also it is in the plans to clean out the back room and make it more presentable. John also mentioned that members should not leave their bottles all over the clubhouse. Make our clubhouse clean and presentable. Make it like your own home.

Phone - 977-1771 Let's pitch in and do our part



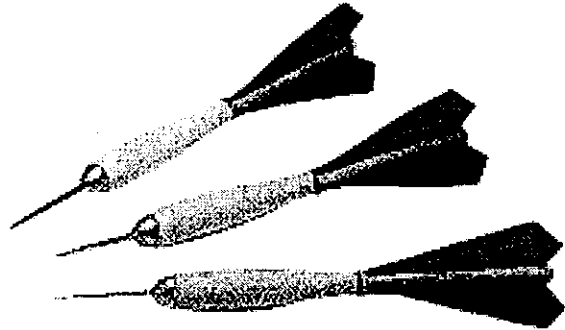
Courses for Sailors



I am talking a poll to see how many club members are interested in taking a **BASIC CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT COURSE** or a **FIRST AID COURSE** geared to boating.

If interested please get in touch with Linda Schreiber by May 31, 1999.

LMYC Dart League



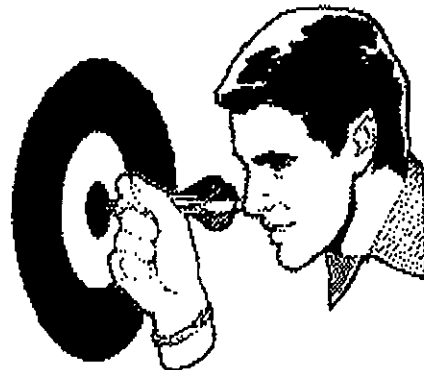
The boats are in the water and that signifies that the DART LEAGUE is over for another year. It has been an interesting season. This year Phil Smith was the treasurer and Ralph Kepran was the Captain.

The DART LEAGUE was held Wednesday evenings from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm with a membership boasting 20 members. A card system for team selection insured that teams were fairly distributed. The Dart League ran 20 weeks and terminated just before launch. Members who attended at least 12 sessions received Team Sweat Shirts.

On the last Wednesday before launch awards were given out at the annual club pizza party.

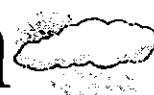
Awards were as follows:

1. Alex Buliga
2. Andy Bellhumeur
3. Bob O'Brien
4. Jurgen Hendel
5. Renee Laird





Weather Watch



The Severe Weather Season is upon us.

The snows have just about disappeared, but no matter, the severe storm weather season begins April 1st and runs to the end of September. Although El Nino (El Niño) has 'left the building', La Nina (La Niña) is here and will affect our weather in unknown ways (see below for an opinion) and with the unpredictability of weather's ways, it's still worth keeping an eye to the sky.

To assist you, check out the following internet site:
www.stclairc.on.ca/people/pages/kgarber/weather/

This is the homage for the local CANWARN service - the joint project of the local amateur radio community and Environment Canada mentioned in the media over the last many years.

Here you will find some information on CANWARN (including a link to a CANWARN Site in London), the grid map used by amateurs when reporting weather, guidelines observers use for what to look for and safety minded information for the home front..

In addition you will also find a county map of lower Michigan and northern Ohio, so you'll know where those U.S. watches and warnings are. This is a cleaned-up version of the one I mailed out several years ago to all staff.

And you will find links to the various local radar sites so you can see what's coming, as well as new public sites for Environment Canada.

In addition to the radio frequencies mentioned on some of the above links, you will also find weather information on the Environment Canada 24 hour Weatheradio service on 162.475 Mhz (Windsor and London) and 162.400 Mhz (Sarnia). Any general purpose radio scanner should get one of these stations. Chatham-Kent listeners should be able to pick up one of these broadcasts. If you're traveling this summer, you'll find a link to a list of Weatheradio sites across Canada.

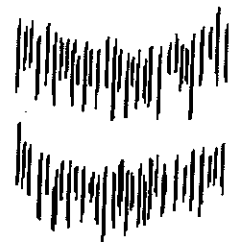
For those on , by or in the water (no, not your pool...), you should also be able to pick up Canadian Coast Guard marine weather on 161.775 Mhz (Leamington) or 161.65 (Sarnia).

For an opinion on what may be in store for this Spring go here.
Think weather safety

Ken Garber

VA3ETR Radio Amateur and volunteer CANWARN net controller.

Contributor: Yvonne McRobbie (Treasurer)



Launch Day At LMYC

Launch Day April 24, 1999 was again as last year picture perfect. The day before launch the weather was cold and rainy but on launch day the sun was shining and there was just a slight breeze. the crane arrived just before 8:00 am and again many enthusiastic members were already on hand to provide a full day of work.

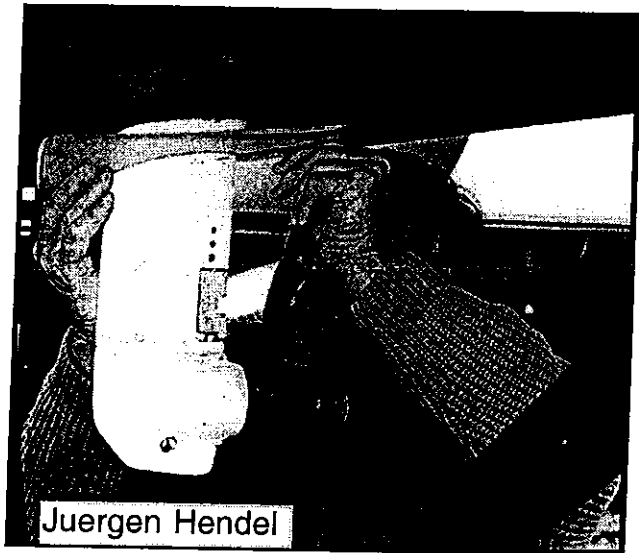
Breakfast and lunch this year was provided by Gus Martin, Lorraine Hoffman and Jim Blackton. Launch Day was smooth and well engineered by Ralf Fiedler the Harbour Master and his able body assistants. Everyone did their part and the launch was a success.

Commissar McRobbie again was in charge of collections and informed many members to open their wallets.

This year 43 boats were launched and the club was charged for 8 1/2 hours for the crane. The last boat went into the water at 1:30 pm with many members remaining to assemble their masts for the gin pole. All in all the launching went smoothly, making it a good day all around!.



Lothar Bauer



Juergen Hendel



Ralph Kepran



Zane Handysides



Past Commodore's Ball



Presentation Award
Commodore John Amyot Senior & Past Commodore Bob Bingham;

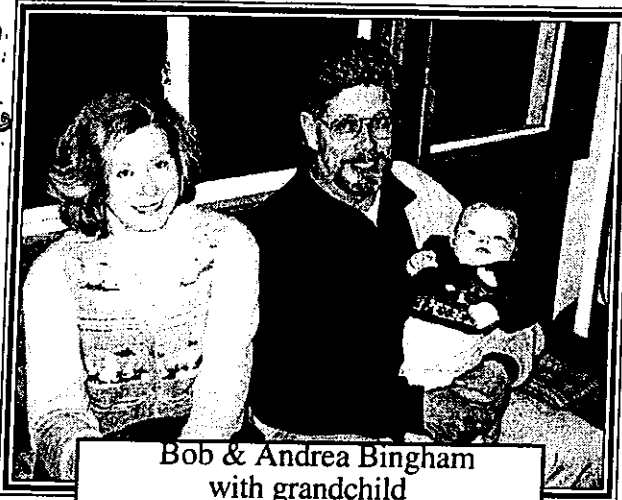


Lothar Bauer, Phil Smith, Rick Beresford





Past Commodore Bob Bingham
cutting his cake



Bob & Andrea Bingham
with grandchild



Zane Handysides & Patricia



Lothar & Anne Bauer, Gail Oliver,
Ralph & Doris Kepran



Darts at LMYC



Charles Schindler



Ralph Kepran



Doris Kepran



Linda Schreiber



Phil Smith



Perry Basden



LMYC Photo Gallery



Dart League -- Last night of Darts



Andy Kozieradzki polishing Alchemy



Preparing boat for launch

For Sale

One bimini to fit 35 foot Mirage.
Stainless Frames and all
hardware. Excellent Condition.
\$100.00
See Richard Parchoma

