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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

Chili Cookout LMYC

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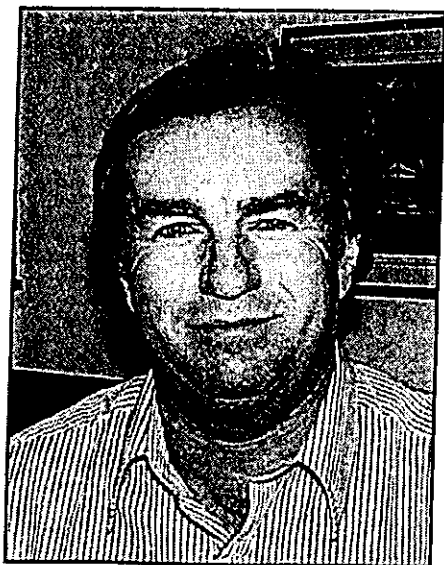
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From the Commodore

Following the last meeting, and the decision to allow the LaSalle Police boat to dock at our club this season, we spoke to the Police Chief. At this point the Police department is still looking into alternate sites for dockage. The boat would be used primarily on the weekends, and no "arrestees" would be disembarking at our docks. Currently there are only two police officers trained for marine duty. As we wait for our harbours to fill with our boats it is a good time to consider the new motion on smoking. The air quality of our clubhouse is not the only issue that would (or is) hard to fit a working policy to. Others that surfaced while talking to club members included, clubhouse security, garbage bins being used to get rid of personal items, parking (in the lane and also ensuring members have "priority" parking over guests/crew members) and the roadway speed limit. Suggestions gratefully accepted by any member of the executive.

Commodore: Elaine Prettyman



From the Vice-Commodore

The fence will be going up at the highway end in the beginning of May. George will be starting to build the rest of the walkways for the south harbour shortly after the dredging has finished. We will be looking at putting a support beam up in the front porch anyone interested please call me for details. Charlie Schindler and Zane Handysides have finished painting the life ring boxes, and now we have to install them. Please contact me if you need work hours. There are many projects needed to be started or completed so those needing work hours call me.

Vice-Commodore: Robert Reaume

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News and Information

LaSalle Mariner's Meeting Update

(Please note: This summary is a reflection of the editor's memory and is not intended to be the official minutes. If you are not sure please check with the minutes)

The meeting on April 16th began with Rina Bodri from the Telephone Response Center at Canada Customs to speak to the club members about Small Vessel Reporting Procedure. She summed up the procedure as follows:

WHO HAS TO REPORT?

- the master, owner or operator of the vessel.

WHEN DO YOU REPORT?

- immediately upon entering or returning to Canada (all passengers and goods must remain aboard until they are released by customs).

WHERE DO YOU REPORT FROM?

- from a designated reporting station/marina. Customs will not accept calls from other locations. These designated marinas will have a Revenue Canada Customs sign posted.

WHAT DO YOU REPORT?

- vessel number, registration, and name; name, citizenship, date of birth, and country of residence of each person on board; (People who are not Canadian or U.S. citizens must have valid passports or travel documents.)



Rina Bodri (Canada Customs)

AMOUNT OF PURCHASE WHEN ABROAD

- 1 day no value
- 24 hours you are allowed \$50.00
- 48 hours you are allowed \$200.00
- 8 days you are allowed \$700.00

Rina Bodri from Canada Customs also stated what happens when you do not report properly when you are returning back to Canada.

- first non-report you will be issued with a warning letter.
- second non-report you will be issued a \$100.00 fine.
- third non-report you will be issued a \$200.00 fine.
- fourth non-report you will be issued a \$400.00 fine.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING officiated by Elaine Prettyman -Commodore

- COMMODORE (Elaine Prettyman) introduced new members who were present at the meeting. Patrick and Rita Holland, and Nick Maroukis.
- Nick Maroukis will be constructing the club's web page.
- He explained the general features of the site and is looking forward for member participation. The web site address will be posted on the front page of this newsletter. Keep it for your Bookmark.
- Once the harbour is dredged the Sea Cadets at LMYC will know their final location.
- LMYC Chaplain Stan Fraser will be formally conferred at the Blessing of the Fleet.
- Request for two members Carl Durham and Ralph Allen to bring their powerboats to LMYC for this season because of low water was granted.
- Parade of Lights - Windsor, LaSalle and area boaters are invited to an evening of good fun as they show Windsor's wonderful waterfront to the visiting delegates of the Organizations of American States and the entire world. There are

flyers at the clubhouse for those members who are interested.

- **TREASURER** (Yvonne McRobbie) reported that members who are delinquent in paying their bills are costing the club money. Member's dues, and costs owing to the club must be paid prior to launch.
- **CLUB BURGEEES** still available from the Treasurer for \$20.00
- **SOCIAL DIRECTOR** (Mary Ellen Mangile) is looking for assistance in preparing for the "Fitting Out Breakfast" which replaces LMYC annual Launch Breakfast.
- Mary Ellen Mangile also announced that she has an opportunity to take part in a sailing venture from Toronto to Newfoundland and will be temporarily handing the position to her husband Judge Mangile until her return.
- **RACE DIRECTOR** (Donald Beneteau) Reviewed information brought up at the Racers' Breakfast held earlier this month. He also stated that at this time Shakedown would still be at Put-in-Bay.
- **GROUPS** (Fred Bolton) stated that he has been holding off because of forth coming dredging, but the front area of LMYC should be addressed. Work parties will be Tuesday Evenings 6:00-8:00 and Saturdays 10:00-12:00. This is an excellent opportunity to get your work hours in.
- **VICE-COMMODORE** (Bob Reaume) stated that if members are interested in getting work hours in to please call him. There are many projects, which are in dire need to be done.
- **POLICE BOAT AT LMYC** -- The town of LaSalle has had a 26-foot powerboat donated to them from the RCMP. This boat along with others will patrol the Detroit River seeking out Speeders and Alcohol violators. This boat was in need of a home. The members discussed all aspects of having this boat at LMYC and docked on the wall. The vote was taken and passed to have the boat stay a LMYC free of charge for this coming summer and if they wish to stay for a second season a charge per foot will be assessed. This charge is the same rate as LMYC members.
- **HARBOUR MASTER** (Ralf Fiedler) a vote was taken to suspend the May 15th Launch Day for all boats to be in the water until next year. Some members do not wish to have their boats launched this year and wish to keep their boats in Dry Land Storage. Rate to be charged is the same as Winter Storage. Vote was taken and passed on both accounts.
- **ILYA ANNUAL MEETING** Mary Ellen Mangile and Judge Mangile attended the conference.

Some of the highlights of their meeting are as follows:

1. Water is very low at Put-in-Bay
2. Dredging is being done there.
3. Barges will be installed in harbour to assist in rafting.
4. More mooring balls to be installed.
5. Lonz Winery will be closed this year. The owner has died and presently Put-in-Bay is attempting to purchase the property.

A NOTICE OF MOTIONED WAS POSTED BY RICHARD RENWICK AND WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING OF LMYC.

To the members of LMYC I would like to make a notice of motion; that I move or cause to be moved a motion that the clubhouse be a "SMOKE FREE" Building at all times.

*Special Thanks to Stevens Steel Products Inc
6150 Morton Industrial who donated 3 stand
up tables for the clubhouse.*

New Members

Tami and Peter Pouget



Annette and Stewart Brown

Nick Maroukis-- New member and webmaster for LMYC. Check our new website. See cover of newsletter for internet address.



Patrick & Rita Holland (new member)

ILYA Meeting

By Mary Ellen Mangile

The ILYA Meeting was held in Toledo on April 1st. At the meeting the depth of the water at Put-in-Bay was discussed. Soundings were to be taken and reported within the next few weeks. The concern at this meeting was Bay Week. The village apparently is planning to try and accommodate the racers and all boaters, as much as possible. They are expecting to lose up to 50% of their available dockage and also expecting the water to be too low 30 to 50 feet from shore. The village has suggested the possibility of putting out barges for the boats to raft from and/or more mooring balls where there is depth. They are also considering putting out marker buoys for low water spots.

For those of you who go to Lonz's Winery, the owner has recently passed away and it is in the process of being sold. They are not expecting this to be open at all this year.

Also, Ladd's Marina is also expecting to lose approximately 1/3 of their dockage due to low water.

For your information:

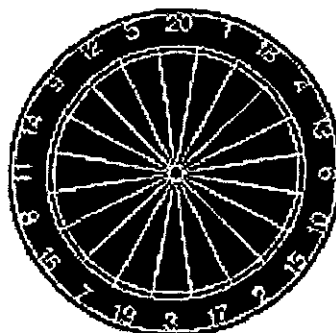
ILYA website is www.ILYA.org

Lake Erie PHRF website is www.PHRF-LE.org

Announcements

Nicole and Jeff MacKinnon would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Beth Mackinnon born April 4, 2000 weighing 6 pounds 13 oz. Emily was delivered by Aunt Danielle Laing. Proud grandpa John Amyot was reported doing fine.

Dart Season Ends



Dart Season has concluded for this season and is slated to begin again November 1st 2000. The season ended with over 25 members attending. After a final game sweatshirts and golf shirts were presented to members who attended at least 12 games.

Winners this year included Bob O'Brien, Denis Pare, Alex Buliga, Andy Bellehumeur, Mike O'Brien, Doris Kepran, Linda Schreiber and Perry Basden.

Thanks to Phil Smith and Ralph Kepran for organizing this years Dart League.

Get Well Soon

Ken Robitaille a long time member of LMYC was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident. Ken suffered a broken lower left leg and broken shoulder. Luckily no internal injuries.

Ken is recuperating at Hotel Dieu in Windsor. He is in Room #603 Bed C.

Visiting hours are from noon to 8:00 pm.

Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.





Breakfast At LMYC



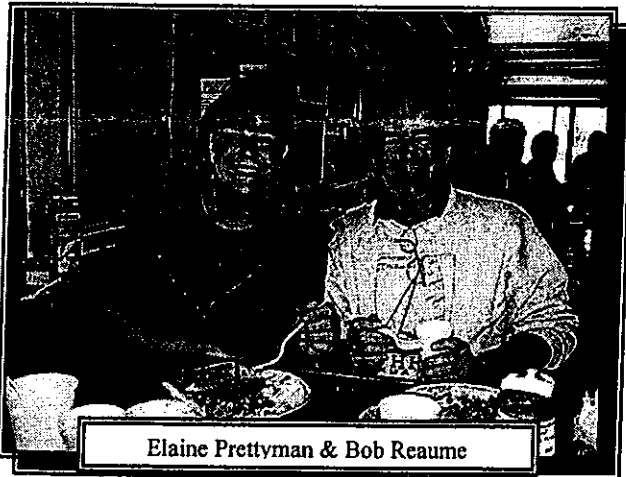
When you walk across the porch at LMYC and pass through the door, you can sense this is no ordinary breakfast experience.

The feeling that you have finally come home immediately embraces you as your nose begins to twitch with the aromas wafting from the kitchen. The cheerful faces of LMYC chefs, Lorraine Hoffman and Judge Mangile wreathed in smiles welcome you with deep sincerity.

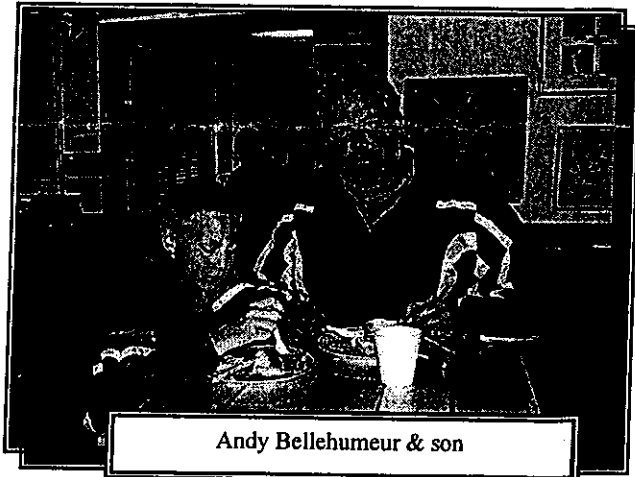
Your order is taken within minutes and shortly you are served a huge platter of eggs, ham, harsh browns and toast. You have to butter and make your own toast.

Happy chatter flows from every corner of the clubhouse. Members have congregated at the LMYC clubhouse for their annual Launch Breakfast. This event has become a LMYC tradition.

Special thanks to Mary Ellen Mangile for organizing this event.



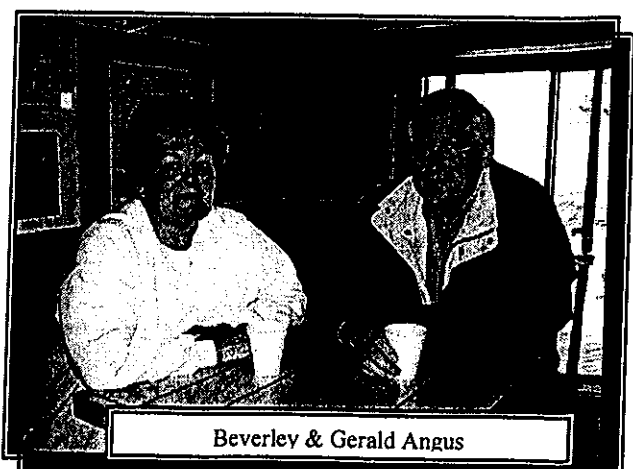
Elaine Prettyman & Bob Reaume



Andy Bellehumeur & son



Lorraine Hoffman & Judge Mangile



Beverley & Gerald Angus

Second Annual Chili Cookout

The second annual Chili Cookout held April 1, 2000 was a great success. This event was organized by Andy Kozieradzki, the event chairperson since its inception. This year over 20 members and guests attended the cookout. Chili's ranged from mild, sweet, to very, very hot.

Since 1999, LMYC Chili Cookout has enjoyed what can only be described as a "cult-like" popularity and for good reason. The LMYC Chili Cookout is a combination of "personalized" service and a unique taste sensation that's been implimented by devout LMYC competitors for two years, but never duplicated by strangers. Many participants in this years Chili Cookout used secret family recipes that have been handed down for generations.

Those participating in the event were allowed to sample the 10 chilis and then cast their ballot on their choice. After much deliberation the winners were announced.

First Prize

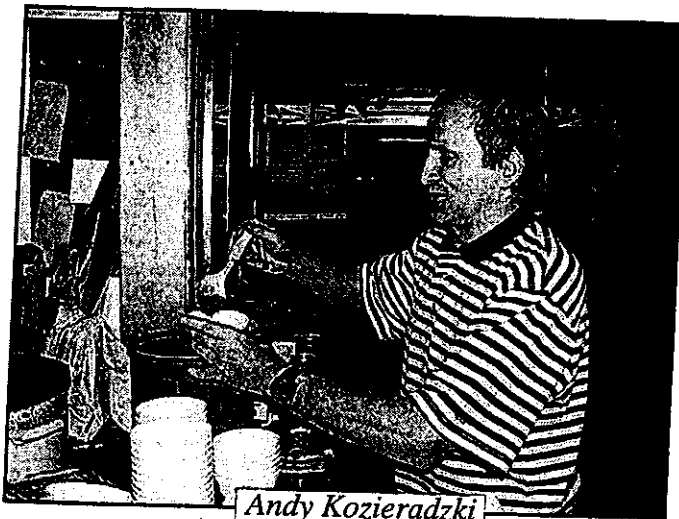
Ralph & Doris Kepran

Second Prize

Joanne McCullouch,
Kathy, Lauren

Third Prize

Steve Kepran



Andy Kozieradzki



Ralph & Doris Kepran



John Murphy & Jurgen Hendel



Steve Kepran



Denis Pare & Richard Renwick



Roy Oliver & Heidi Ziebart



Lothar & Anne Bauer



John Vandereeden, Joanne McCullough & Katie



Chili Cookout Winners

*Steve Kepran, Joanne McCullough, Melissa Vandereeden
Doris Kepran, George Klopp, Katie & Lauren McCullough, Jimmy Vandereeden*



Alan Prettyman



Annual Abbott 33 Party



BY JURGEN HENDEL

Skippers and crews from Toledo, Grosse Ile, Windsor and Winnipeg made the trek to Toronto to meet its contingents to celebrate a good season past and a new one soon to begin. The site was the Boulevard Club, and our host Bill Roscoe's home port.

Off to Hogtown! I was looking forward to another friendly bus tour ala Chicago, but it was not to be. Some made it a long weekend, others opted for a one night stay. For most of us it was a motor trip and our first get together was in the downtown Quality Inn, where one pays for the in-hotel parking. Since we arrived Saturday afternoon we had to check in with those already there and have a well deserved drink especially the driver from East of London. The pace on the 401 increases proportional to the miles left.

When we entered the big city of Toronto there was a fire downtown with a dozen fire trucks roaring to the scene Oh, Well, when you are used to living in the county.....

The weather was lovely, a little windy. We had a stroll to the harbor front and got a feel of big city hustle. After meeting the other crews in the hotel it become time to leave for the party. We opted for a shared taxi ride to the club and found out how to really handle the rush hour traffic. Mario Moustafa!

The Boulevard Club was built around the turn of the 20th century on pilings off the lakeshore surrounded by water and moored small boats. Later a peninsula was built out to it on which the building now sits. It is a very stately affair, a landmark with a rich history of rowing, canoeing, sailing and other sports like tennis, badminton, etc.. A large concrete breakway protects its harbor from the open lake. I know it was the base of a hot Shark Fleet, fifty or more, and it may still be. Bill Roscoe's Abbott is the only one there though.

Bill, his wife and crew represented the Toronto fleet numbering seven boats that are spread out over the area of the "Golden Horseshoe" and rarely compete against each other. Boy, are we in heaven here? LMYC was represented by crews of "ALCHEMY", "R-ESCAPE" AND "RAKAI".



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Grosse Ile Yacht Club by "I LOVE YOU BABY", "ZEPHYR HAWK" AND "FEISTY". KALEIDOSCOPE hails from Toledo. Peter Loewen and his lady friend came from Winnipeg. How about that? Peter sails his Abbott on Lake Winnipeg and crews regularly on various Abbots at Bayweek and other local events.

We had our own cozy dinning room and bar in this sprawling clubhouse and enjoyed a fine meal. The business end of these meetings is normally short and this year was no exception. Low water levels were a concern for this season's sailing events, but not so on Lake Ontario. The meeting ended with the Award Presentation.

For the season past, we cheered our repeat Champion Eileen and Harold Hoffman and crew of "KALEIDOSCOPE", runner-up 'RAKAIA', Rick Bohl's 'ZEPHYR HAWK' gang's received third place effort and those that competed with equal nerve which made 1999 a great season. There was time left for storytelling and boat tech stuff. The stories got better and the boats faster, but, typically a large private party occupied the Grand Ballroom where the entertainment was and the time came to thank our hosts and to say Good Bye. Rather late by now, the hotel dwellers agreed to meet in room 1008 to finish what was left of the night, which we did successfully.

Sunday morning checkout time, hugs and kisses, good byes. Off with a gang to a nearby spot for a Sunday breakfast, more goodbyes and ready for the journey home. Ah Hogtown. The ones with more time had enjoyed the view from the CN Tower, the bustling markets, out of the way bars, interesting shops, historic buildings and quick pace but it is still the same place where you spend more for less in the shortest possible time:

By the way, our cabby, Mario Moustafa, who also drove us back from the club to the hotel along the Gardiner Expressway through some late hour traffic jams at Indy-500 like speeds proclaimed that these jams are simply caused; only by "PART TIME DRIVERS" namely tourists, who clog up these vital thorough fares.

Our return route saw us leave 401 to travel on Hwy #3 through countryside and little towns at a more leisurely pace. A good time was had by all.

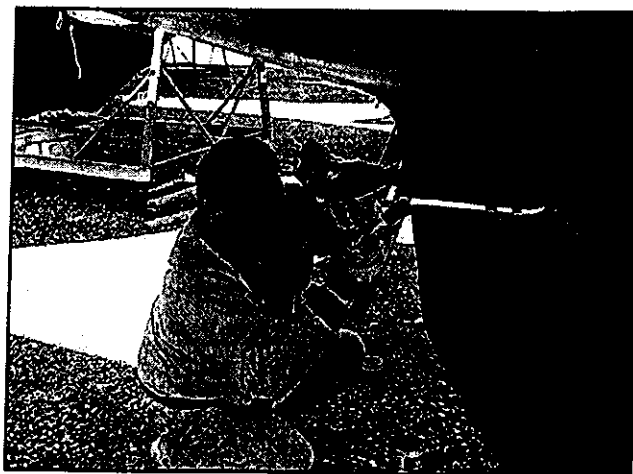
By acclamation Bob Reaume will convene the party of 2001 and the site will be Windsor. PS Thirteen abbotts are presently moored within a radius of 50 miles of Windsor. A total of 43 have been built. We of course are proud of Abbottville.



Preparing For Launch



John Murphy & Ralph Kepran



Gus Martin



Local Boat Services

Many member of LMYC at this time of the year are thinking of boating and perhaps repairs to their boat. For this month's issue of *The Currents*, I would like to profile **William Machine Tool located at 1415 Janette Ave., in Windsor.**

The Williams family has been incorporated in the Windsor community since 1972. Building on his father's tool making and area business experience Chris Williams and his staff are looking forward to serving you with professionalism, accountability and an eagerness to perform.

I found this to absolutely true. I had a broken stanchion base with no replacement readily available. Chris was able to make one for me better than the original.

Williams Machine Tool is able to provide all general machining services including the following:

- Fully Licensed Toolmakers
- Accurate machining
- Welding & Fabricating
- Sandblasting
- Pickup & Delivery

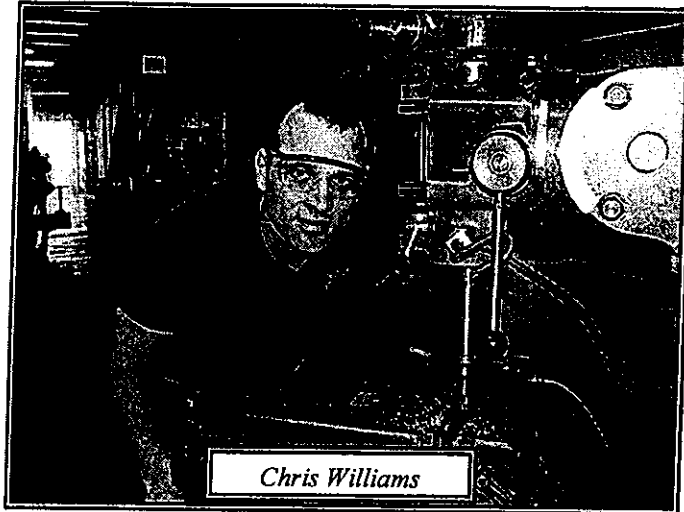
- Boring Mill & Lathe work
- Milling & Bridgeport
- Drilling & Assembly
- Arbor Press bending & straightening

Two members of Chris Williams's family are members of LMYC. Jeff Williams with his C&C 24 (NEVERLAND) and Bob & Jean Williams. Chris has a personal message directed to our members.

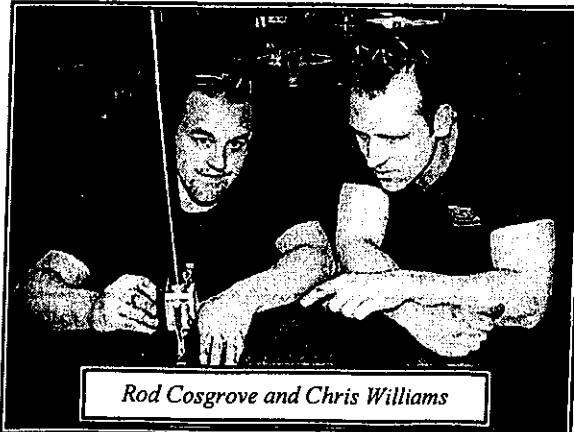
If your vessel is in need of some T.L.C., I would like to help. I have worked on boats many times and I am familiar with all types of metals including aluminum, stainless steel etc.

I am able to help with any metal working repair, or create a one-time piece.

Phone 253-5521 Fax 977-1422



Chris Williams



Rod Cosgrove and Chris Williams

LMYC PREPARING FOR LAUNCH



Steve Kepran working on bottom



Tim McWilliams & Rob Ferguson



Bernie Wolter



John Amyot Senior



Kevin Conrad



Denis Pare