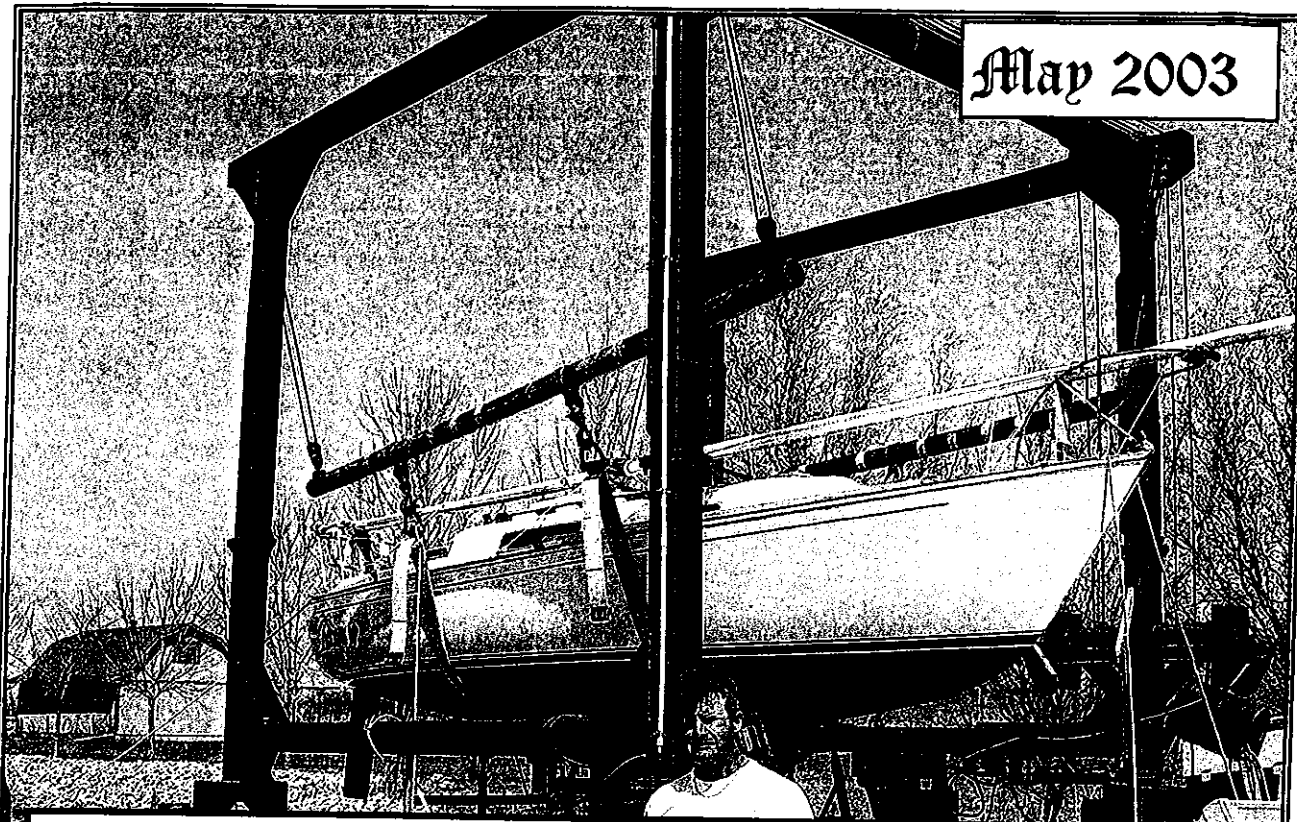


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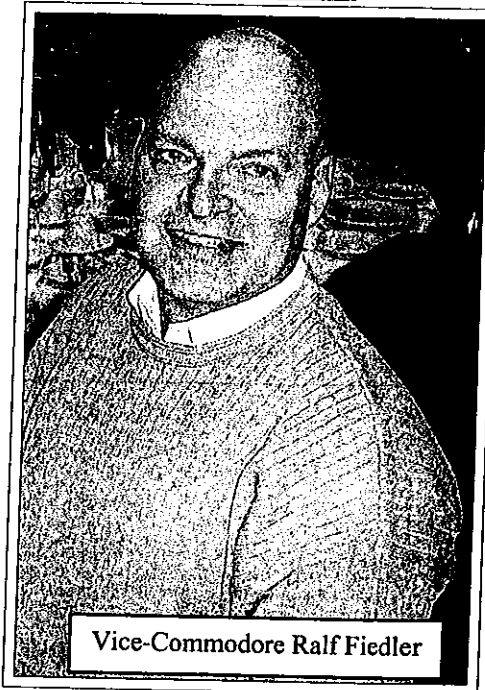
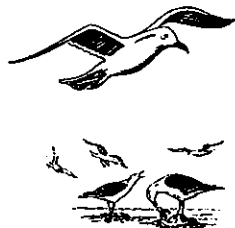
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

The boats having started hitting the water and not long from now, all will be in. Remember the May 15th deadline. Bob has informed me that the harbour will be nearly full which is good to see.

We'll have to take advantage of the good weather to get ready to go sailing. Shakedown is only a couple of weeks away, as is the Monday and Wednesday night racing so get your applications in to Essex County PHRF. See you at the starting line.

Commodore Chris Barron

Our Work Hour Program is well underway and so far it has been an unqualified success. Rick Beresford is in the lead with 21 hours with Charles Schindler a close second with 15 hours in. The results of this terrific effort are obvious almost anywhere you look. Congratulations are in order for the membership as a whole who have started their work hours, but particularly to those dedicated members who "over subscribed". These two members typify the LMYC work ethic of not stopping a job until is done whether your work hours are complete or not. Let's keep the ball rolling.

Members are reminded that there are many jobs available that are not physically demanding such as telephone committees,, assisting at club events, etc. Let me know and I'll try to accommodate you.

Finally, the dates for the Spring Work Party have not been established to this date. Look at next months newsletter or Updates on the Web Page for Work Party Dates. See you then.

Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

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News and Information



Colchester Harbour Entrance Unsafe



The following article appeared in the Windsor Star
Wednesday, March 26, 2003
Star reporter Gary Rennie
The following is a summary

Avid boaters and town officials say the federal government botched the design of the armourstone breakwall almost two decades ago, leaving the harbour entrance more exposed than protected from prevailing southwest winds.

"It gets pretty scary when you get tossed around in the entrance," says Levin LaPorte, a Colchester resident who has docked his 22 foot at the harbour the last five years. Two boats in the entrance at the same time are risking a collision in rough weather, he says

"I've never seen anyone hit the breakwall, but I've seen them get stuck in the mouth," said LaPorte.

The design of the breakwall appears to help currents along the beach funnel silt and debris into the harbour entrance, he said.

Even on a boat docked in the harbour. It's best to keep a tight grip on your drink when the winds are blowing right, LaPorte said.

"The waves will come right through the harbour"

"The entrance to the harbour basin is unsafe and therefore not conducive to attracting transient boaters and tourists," said Watsa. "It's narrow, shallow and vulnerable to the open lake."

The town hopes to convince the feral government to put some money into moving the breakwall and changing the harbour entrance. No cost estimates have been done.

The tow operates a 128 berth marina inside the harbour and has enough demand to add another 70 berths if the breakwall can be moved further out to cre-

ate more space.

The silt build-up in the entrance forces the town to do an annual dredging just to keep the harbour open. Current low water levels are another reason to move the breakwall further out.

Essex MP Susan Whelan has been asked to help in negotiations with the federal government.



Monday Luncheons At LMYC



Monday Luncheons at LMYC have been very successful this year. We have many amateur chefs who have prepared luncheons more than once, due to popular demand. The luncheons will continue into May but may turn out to be luncheons barbeques. Check at the clubhouse or check the web under UPDATES for more information.



Ralph Kepran and George Mooney at the Grill

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Racers' Breakfast at LMYC



The Racers' Breakfast Meeting began at approximately 9:30 AM, with John Murphy and Alan Prettyman working the kitchen preparing an excellent breakfast of eggs, ham, home fries, toast etc. John and Alan have been preparing these early breakfast delights for several months at an excellent price of \$3.00. Thanks again John and Alan for your breakfast contribution over the year.

THE RACERS' MEETING began at 11:30 am with Ted Popel Race Director reviewing the events calendar for race days and correcting some of the dates.

There was a discussion of whether to have 8 or 9 races for the series and it was decided to have 8 races with 2 throw-aways.

The Race Committee for the Spinnaker Class (Wednesday Night)

will be Dennis Douthard and Connie Buliga. The Race Committee for Jog Class on Monday Night for the Spring Series will be Brian Casey with the Fall Series Committee yet to be announced.

There was a short debate on the value of a Protest Committee and how it should operate. Members decided that there should be two members from each fleet to decide on whether an infraction had occurred and how to proceed. Members chosen are as follows:

A FLEET

Alex Buliga and Juergen Hendel

B FLEET

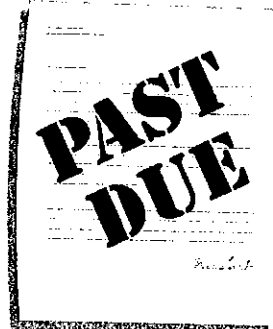
George Mooney and John Amyot Senior

C FLEET

Rob Ferguson and Alan Prettyman



Race Director—Ted Popel



There was a discussion of a protection mark for the Committee Boat and it should be in place before the race starts even if it means a late start. Committee Boat will be on the East side of the course and the West side of the course to see which is better for racing.

The cost of racing this year will be \$20.00 for the Spring Series and \$20.00 for the Fall Series and if you pay upfront for both races the cost will be \$35.00

In order to race members must be paid up but can pay up anytime during the racing schedule. (REMEMBER YOU MUST PAY TO PLAY)

Jog Fleet

May 12 (Exhibition)

May 19-July 7

July 14 and 21 as rain days,
or beginning of Fall Series

September 22 end of Fall Series

Spinnaker Fleet

May 14 (Exhibition)

May 21- July 9

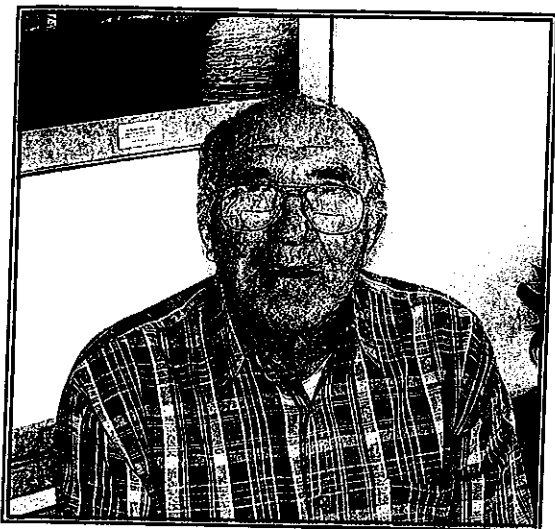
July 16, and 23 as rain days
or beginning of Fall Series

September 24 end of Fall Series

If there are any rain days or make up days they will occur in October.

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LMYC General Meeting



Tom Boyce—New Full Member

The general meeting began at approximately 1:30 pm just after the closing of the Racers' Meeting. It began with Treasurer Steve Kepran reading the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler reported that many members have been earning their work hours by cleaning up the grounds after the long cold winter. We have a rolling scaffolding which was donated by Any Kozieradzki and we are looking for members to construct several more. There is probably enough wood on the property to complete the project. If you are interested in this type of project please contact the Vice-Commodore. Work hours will be posted shortly to bring all members up-to-date.

The House Director Jerry Angus indicates that a cleanup in the kitchen area is a region that has to be dealt with. Some things to look at are cupboards, refrigerator etc.

The Social Director Mary Nantais brought members up-to-date with the social agenda. April 26 will be the fitting out breakfast, May 3rd the Past Commodore's Party and June 1st the Blessing of the Fleet.

The Harbour Master Bob MacKenzie reported that some work is required to make the lift functional for the boating season and it will be ready before April 30th. We have instituted Launch Tickets and Kevin Conrad will be the contact person for receiving this important item.

The Race Director Ted Popel brought members up-to-date on any racing news that was available to him. Most members were at the Racers' Breakfast/Meeting but check on Racers' Breakfast/Meeting report for a more accurate accounting. The Single Handed Race will be August 16, 2003 and John Murphy will be the contact person. Download from LMYC webpage the latest up-to-date Events Calendar.

Roads and Grounds director Patrick Holland reported that he has plans to grade the parking lot and move the gravel to the shed area after the boats are in the water. Patrick is looking for someone who has a Grader or knows of a Grader.

Patrick emphasized that during the boating season no member, guests or crew should exceed FIVE (5) miles per hour over this road. Seeing anyone breaking this rule should be informed of the reasoning behind this directive. (Dust on Boats)

Patrick is also looking for members who wish to cut the grass during the boating season. If interested there is a signup sheet in the clubhouse or contact Patrick for more information.

The Treasurer Yvonne McRobbie thanked Bob Ferguson for his help during her period of convalescence. Burgees are available for \$20.00 and decals for \$4.00. Launch Tickets are new to LMYC and if you do not receive one and you feel you are entitled to one please contact the Treasurer.

The treasurer pointed out the members should not have to be tracked down or chased to pay their dues or other obligations. Have the foresight to be ready and be responsible.

The Geese Barrier was discussed but concluded that nothing really could be done to curtail the activities of our feather friends at LMYC.

New Full Time Member Tom Boyce was welcomed to LMYC.

Nick Beaudoin Olympic Challenger visited LMYC and spoke briefly about his quest for the Olympics. A Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held at Fogolar Furlan Club located at 1800 EC Row in Windsor on Thursday May 8, 2003. LMYC donated \$200.00 for the Noakes/Beaudoin 470 Olympic Sailing Campaign. For more information contact Jim Beaudoin @734-6820

Essex County PHRF

LMYC is very fortunate to have Essex County PHRF executive made up exclusively of LMYC members. The executive include Commodore, John Murphy, Vice-Commodore John Amyot Junior and Secretary Alan Prettyman.

The PHRF racing awards will be presented at Put-in-

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Bay during Shakedown.

The race results for the last season were read out to the membership:

LAKE ST. CLAIR

1st Rakaia – Juergen Hendel

LAKE ERIE

1st Rakaia – Juergen Hendel

2nd Whatever – George Mooney

3rd Special Delivery – Bob Bingham

OVERALL FINISHER

1st Rakaia – Juergen Hendel

2nd Special Delivery – Bob Bingham

3rd Whatever – George Mooney

4th No-Name – John Murphy

Dingy Dock

Rob Ferguson reported that the dingy races will be held on Thursday evenings this year commencing at 7:00 pm. Races will be held in front of the clubhouse or slight variation thereof depending of weather conditions of the day. This year there will be a LMYC LASER INVITATIONAL held July 12, 2003. Rob reported that all road trailers will be removed from the dingy area and racks constructed to hold the boats.

ILYA Report was presented by Judge Mangile. See newsletter for his report

Meeting adjourned around 3:00 pm

I-LYA Report



Judge Mangile

This years guest speaker was from the US Coast Guard Cleveland branch. Topic was home land security. Since 911 the Coast Guard is now part of the Home Land Security force and many of their roles have changed. One very important duty they have is to patrol approximately 9,500 miles of shore line in the Great Lakes, and they are asking all boaters for their help on identifying anything suspicious, we may come upon during our travels.

Bay Week Entry Forms have been mailed out to past participants, any one that has not received one by now should go to the I-LYA web site and get it there, they also have a list of races for the year.

This year we will only have C Dock and possibly A Dock for overflow. There was some discussion about C Dock it seems it can get a little rough there, and we should be sure to bring extra fenders.

New racing rules were added for the cruising class, just to keep out ringers. I will post a copy of these on the board in the clubhouse also a copy to race director and EC-PHRF.

Newly introduce and highly recommended was an automatic race signaling device, which also gives the race committee warning on when to raise, and lower the flags, along with the start sequence. No more watching a timer, fumbling with the flag, the horn, and instructions all at the same time. The cost on the unit demonstrated was \$500.00 US. Information on this can be seen in the US SAIL Web Site under running races. I have not looked yet. There seemed to be a lot of interest at our club on this item, some discussions went on after our general meeting.

There were no new clubs added to the I-LYA group this year and no new applications, in the past it seemed at least one or two new clubs were added each meeting.

Judge Mangile

Windsor Power Squadron Boating Seminar

A safe boating seminar was held on April 10, 2003 at the Sportsman's Club on Dougal Avenue beginning at 7:00 pm. Several LMYC club members were in attendance

This was a good review of Boat Etiquette and Safety. The following is a short summary that some members might find interesting.

New Rules for lifejackets and PFD

- Law provides boats to be equipped with a Canadian approved PFD or lifejacket of an appropriate size for each person on board except for any infant who weight less than 9 kg or any person whose chest size exceeds 140 cm

- Lifesaving cushions are not accepted as an approved flotation device.

- Be aware that it is difficult to put on a PFD in the water. Panic can contribute to the danger. Teach children to become comfortable with their PFD, in the water.

Check the life jacket or PFDs for Fisheries and Oceans Canada approval. Note that US Coast Guard approved lifejackets do not meet the requirements on Canadian boats, except for US residents visiting Canada.

Inflatable PFDs

- Worn while in an open boat, or worn while on deck or in the cockpit or be readily available to persons below deck of a vessel with a cabin.

- Persons weighing less than 36.3 kg and children under 16 years of age are not permitted to wear inflatable PFDs

Pouch type PFDs are only permitted for rowing and paddling activities but no inflatable is approved for use in white water activities.

Canadian Customs as a Summary

Your boat is considered to have entered the United States if you have:

- Docked, moored, or tied off in foreign waters
- Anchored in foreign waters; or
- Come into physical contact with another vessel whether in foreign or Canadian waters, and either vessel requires customs clearance.

- All passengers must remain on the vessel until customs has cleared it.

- ***At the time of this meeting April 10, 2003 the US is under Code Orange and thus no I-68s, have been issued under this alert.***

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING I-68s CHECK WITH AMERICAN OFFICERS WHICH WILL BE AT DEVONSHIRE MALL DURING POLICE WEEK MAY 17

Operator Competency Requirements

This applies to operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes

- All operators born after April 1, 1983 must have proof of competency by September 15, 1999

- All operators of craft under 4 m in length, including personal watercraft by September 15, 2002
All operators by September 15, 2009

Proof of Competency can take 1 of 3 forms

1. A pleasure craft operator card
2. Proof of having taken a boating safety course prior to April 1, 1999

A completed rental boat safety checklist

The best way to get proof of competency is to take an accredited course and successfully completing the test. Experienced boaters also have the option of taking this test without first completing the course.

Speeding and Liquor infractions where discussed

- The best reminder for boater if they are able to drink on board they must follow the following criteria ESP Eating Facility, Sleeping Facility, and Potty Facility and must be at anchor or at a dock not drifting.

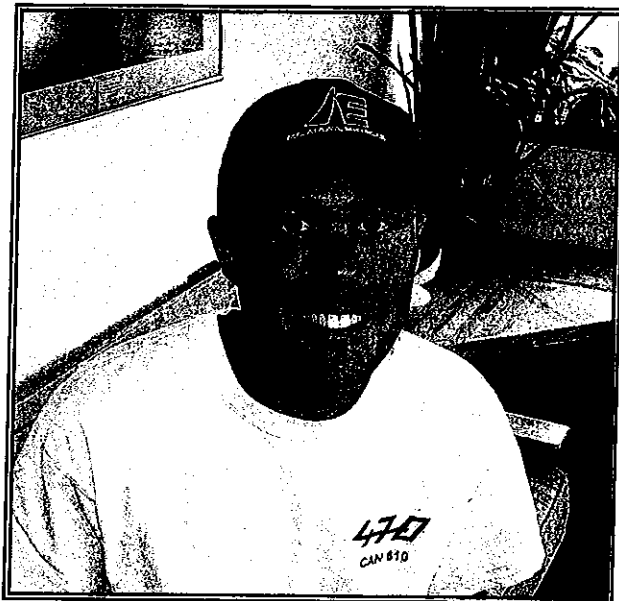
- The fine for having open alcohol on board which is not properly secured is \$205.00 and does not necessarily apply just to the captain. The fine may also be directed to the passengers as deemed by the officer in charge.

From The Secretary ***Steve Kepran***

Just a reminder to our members to be sure to submit to me any change of address or phone numbers. If you have an Email address please forward it to be so we can have our records up-to-date

From The Webmaster ***Richard Parchoma***

I am presently working on a Classified Section for our Web Page. Presently I am looking for the best and easiest format to use.



Nick Beaudoin — Olympic Challenger



Craig and I have recently returned from a two week training session in Corpus Christi, Texas. This area is a notoriously windy location which is ideal for heavy airboat handling and was great experience in preparation for our upcoming European trip. The training was going smoothly until Craig dislocated his shoulder on a particularly nasty reaching wipe out. After a few days of boat work we were back on the water, sailing a bit more conservatively. Overall it was very worthwhile training for us and our training partners from Quebec.

We are now focusing on fundraising and logistics of the Spring European Olympic Classes Circuit. We have recently negotiated the purchase of our new 470 from a top ranked British women's team. The boat will be stored in Europe while we are back home. Craig and I will be spending the two and a half months living out of a Peugeot minibus which we are leasing. This, besides the boat, is the most expensive part of the trip. The leasing alone adding up to just under four thousand dollars. We were fortunate enough to get a great deal on airline tickets to London saving us a bit of money. Things are finally falling into place and we look forward to leaving mid May. Also our website is up and running @ www.can610.ca

Finally I would like to remind all members,

friends and family about our Pasta Dinner Fund-raiser May 8th at Fogular Furlan between six and eight o'clock. Tickets are twenty dollars and must be purchased before hand. There will be door prizes, cash bar and Craig and I will be making a presentation. For tickets please call my parents @ 734-6820. Please come out and help us reach our goal of Olympic gold.

Thanks to all those who continue to support our campaign with monetary donations and participating in the Pasta Dinner.

Nick Beaudoin



Essex County PHF at LMYC

LMYC is fortunate indeed to have the executive of Essex County PHRF as members of LMYC.

From Left to Right

Vice-Commodore: John Amyot Junior

Commodore: John Murphy

Secretary: Alan Prettyman

From The Treasurer

Yvonne McRobbie

A reminder to all club members that if your boat is not in the water by May 15, 2003 a penalty of \$10.00 per day late fee will be levied



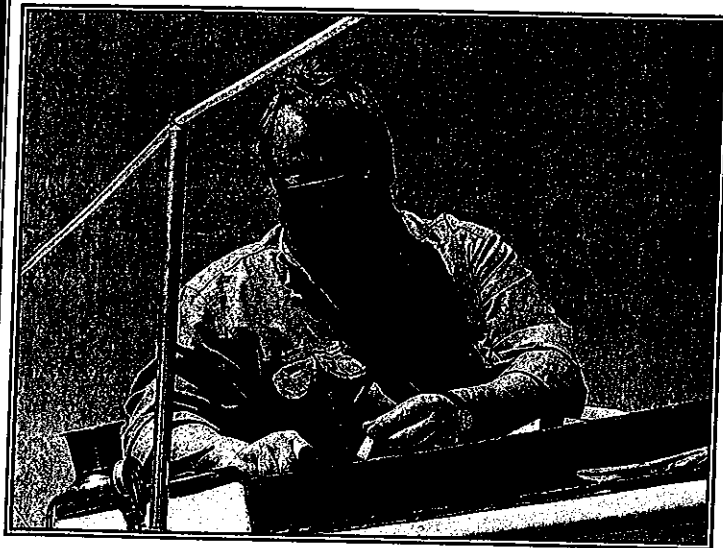
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Dave Nantais



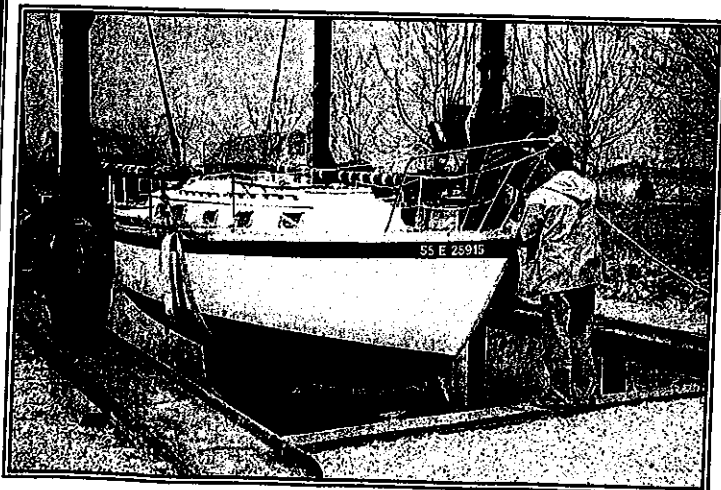
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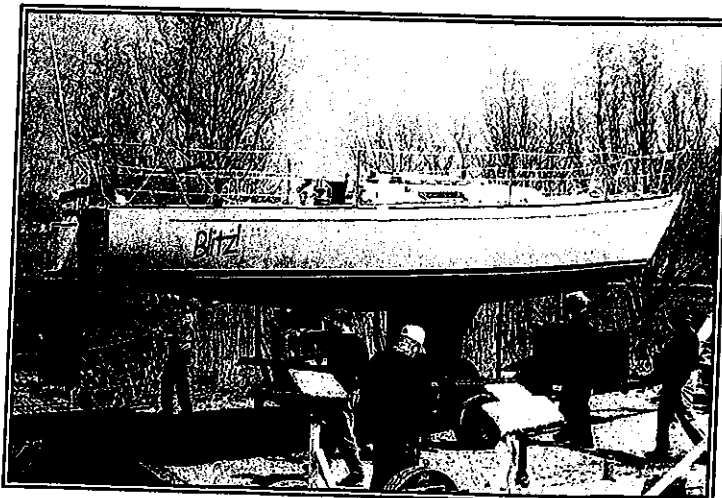
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Gord Freeman



Steve Kepran Launch



Alex Buliga Launch

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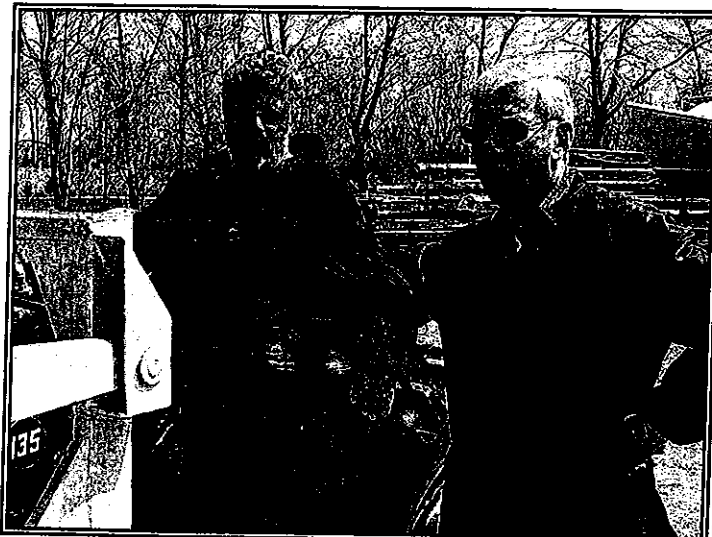
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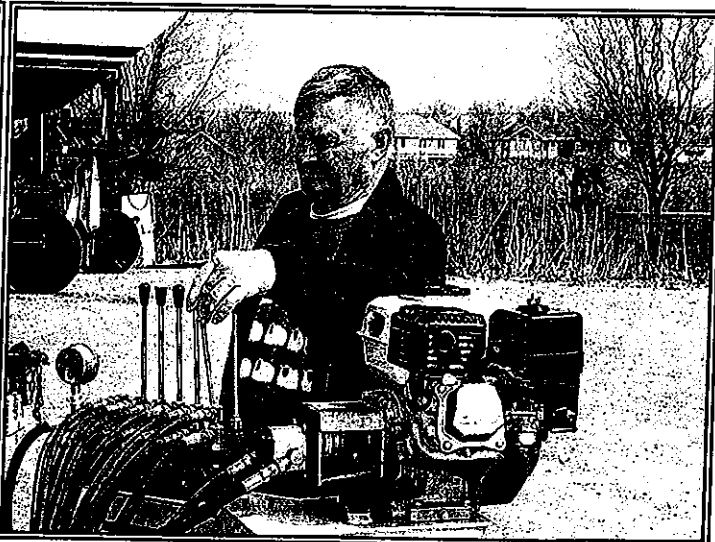
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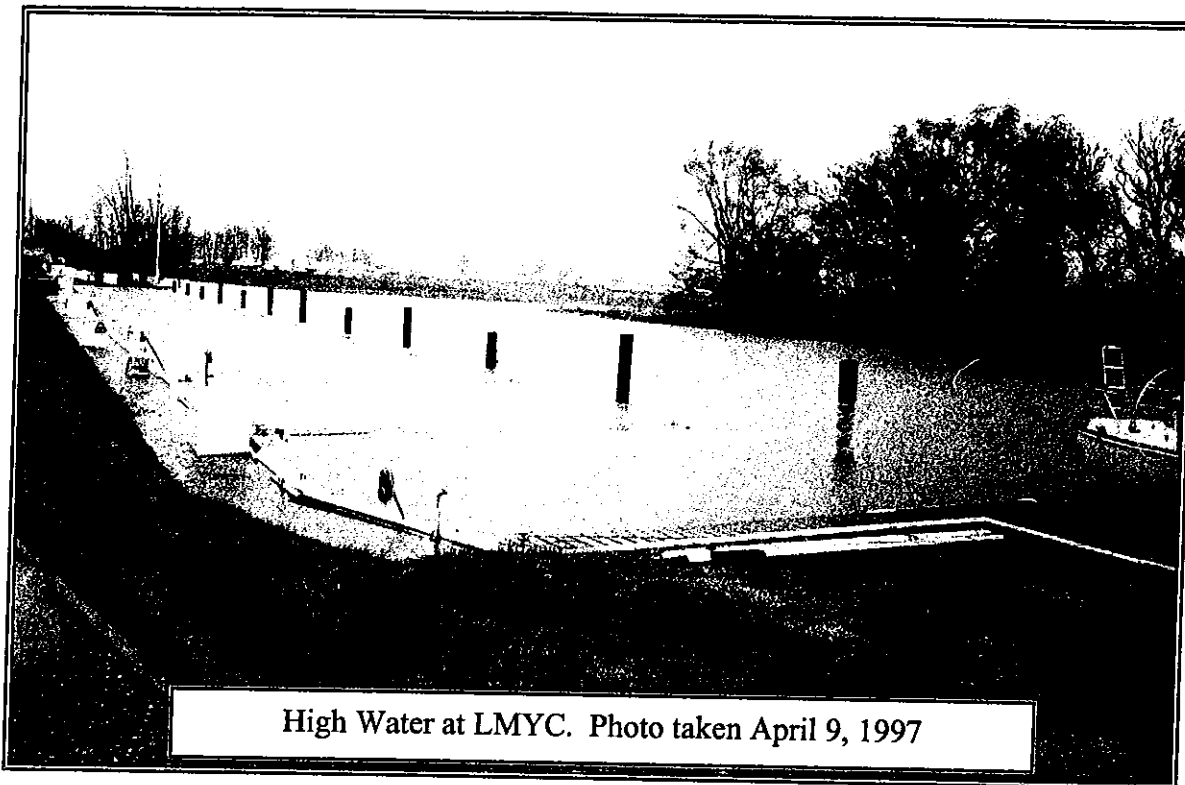
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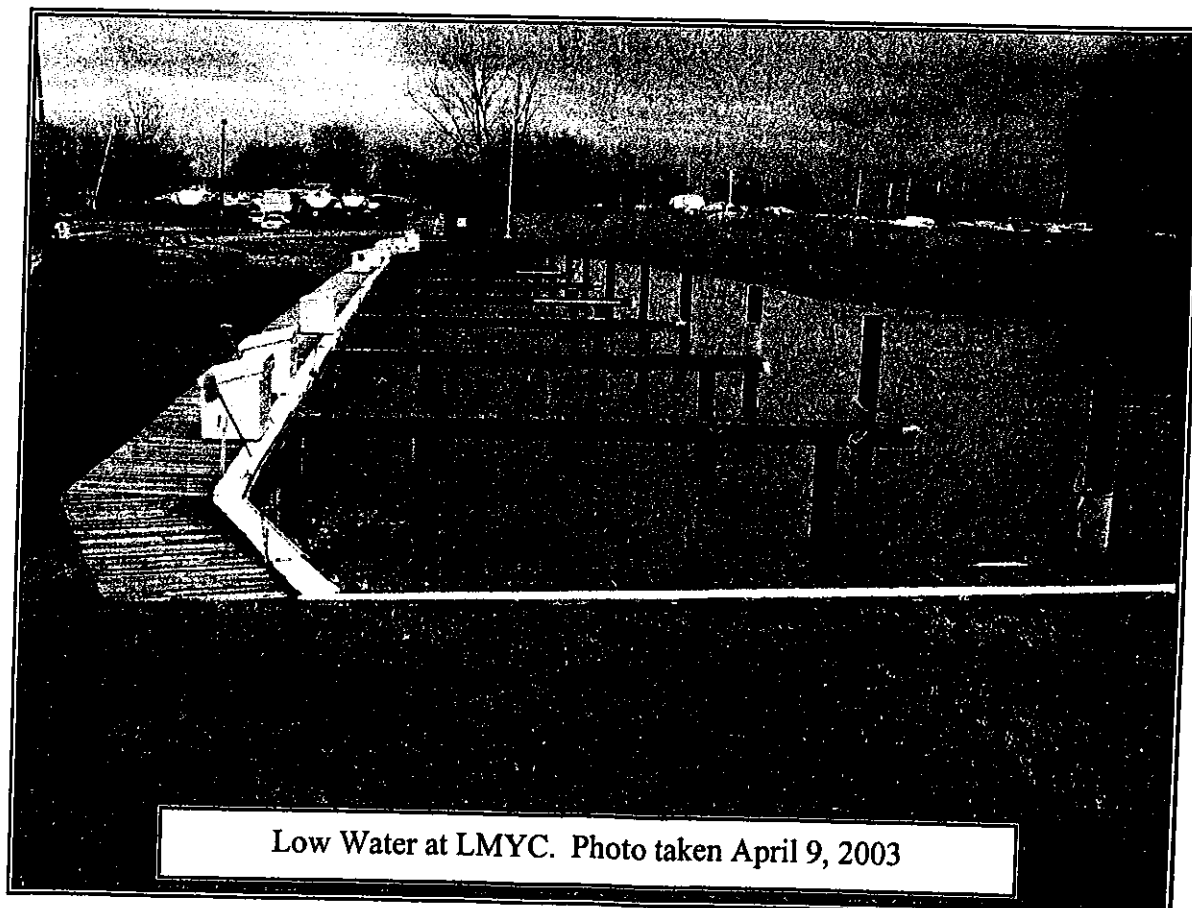
Natalie & Celso Guiang



High & Low Water at LMYC



High Water at LMYC. Photo taken April 9, 1997



Low Water at LMYC. Photo taken April 9, 2003



Fitting Out Breakfast



Saturday April 26, 2003 traditionally was Launch Day at LMYC. Each spring as the days grow longer, and the sun climbs higher in the sky and the GEESE arrive at LMYC, club members bring their boats out of storage, clean off the winter's accumulation of dust and haul out the sails and gear out of the attic to be ready for another season on the water. This usually means the application of a little elbow grease, a new coat of varnish, a new fitting to replace the worn parts from last summer's sailing season.

The members traditionally use to gather on this day, the last Saturday of April to launch their boats as a

community effort. Members would arrive early and leave late. A breakfast and usually a lunch was provided for the members in attendance.

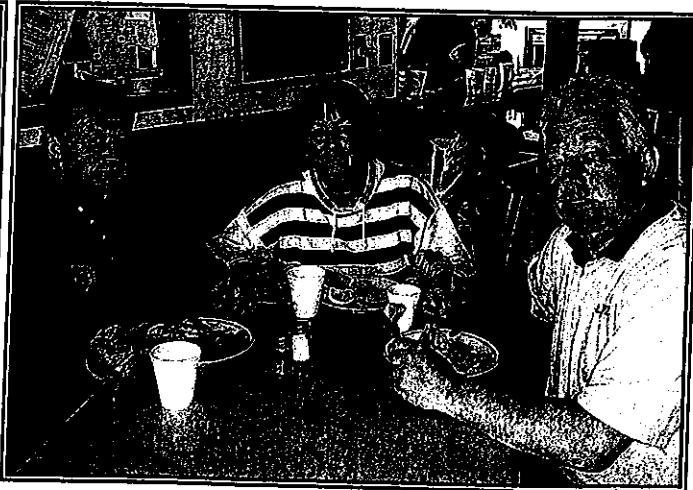
To-day members launch from early April to May 15th and the last Saturday of April has become known as the Fitting Out Breakfast. This year Mary Nantais, Social Director and husband Dave Nantais prepared a scrumptious delight of eggs, ham, sausage, toast, home fries, fruit and coffee. Breakfast started around 9:00 am and continued until 11:30 am feeding hungry members who would come in from working on their boats and assisting others members launching or hosting their masts. Thanks to Mary and Dave Nantais for their excellent preparation and for continuing the LMYC Fitting Out Breakfast Tradition.



Mary and Dave Nantais



Juergen Hendel and Craig Morrison



Denny Douthart, Doris and Ralph Kepran



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Presents



The Blessing of the Fleet

COME HIGH OR LOW WATER CONDITIONS IN THE AREA, THE
BLESSING OF THE FLEET WILL PROCEED
IN THE SPIRIT OF ALL GOOD SAILORS



Time: 12:00 Sunday June 1, 2003

Place: LMY.C.

At the point under the widow's walk we will have our ceremony of the wreath and the loaf by Father Stan Fraser with Commodore Chris Baron and Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler.

With his bagpipes to lead our delegation will be Steve Mahavelich.

Our colour guard will be Carol Frego and her troop from Branch 364 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Immediately after, Father Stan will proceed with the party and bless all the numbered boats starting at number one on the north side dock of the club and follow in order of the numbers east to the parking lot and then around to the south side to finish up with the last boat on the south dock near the club.

Boat owners and their crew and family should board their boats in their berth or be beside their boat if on the parking lot as the procession nears their boat. Each boat will bear a number including those in the parking lot to prevent any confusion of the blessing order.

The blessing of the fleet is as always, for all members & associates and their family and friends they choose to invite — the more the merrier!

Immediately after the blessing we will have our pot luck supper provided by all members contributing that something special they are handy with or sharing some essential that is so easy to overlook.

With members and our invited friends, the turnout has been increasing every year — let's continue this trend!

Next: PARTY TILL ??????????

WE ARE BLESSED WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
SOMETIMES WITH GOOD.
WEATHER. COME RAIN OR SHINE LETS JUST COME
OUT AND HAVE SOME
FUN AND SHARE IN OUR BLESSINGS.

