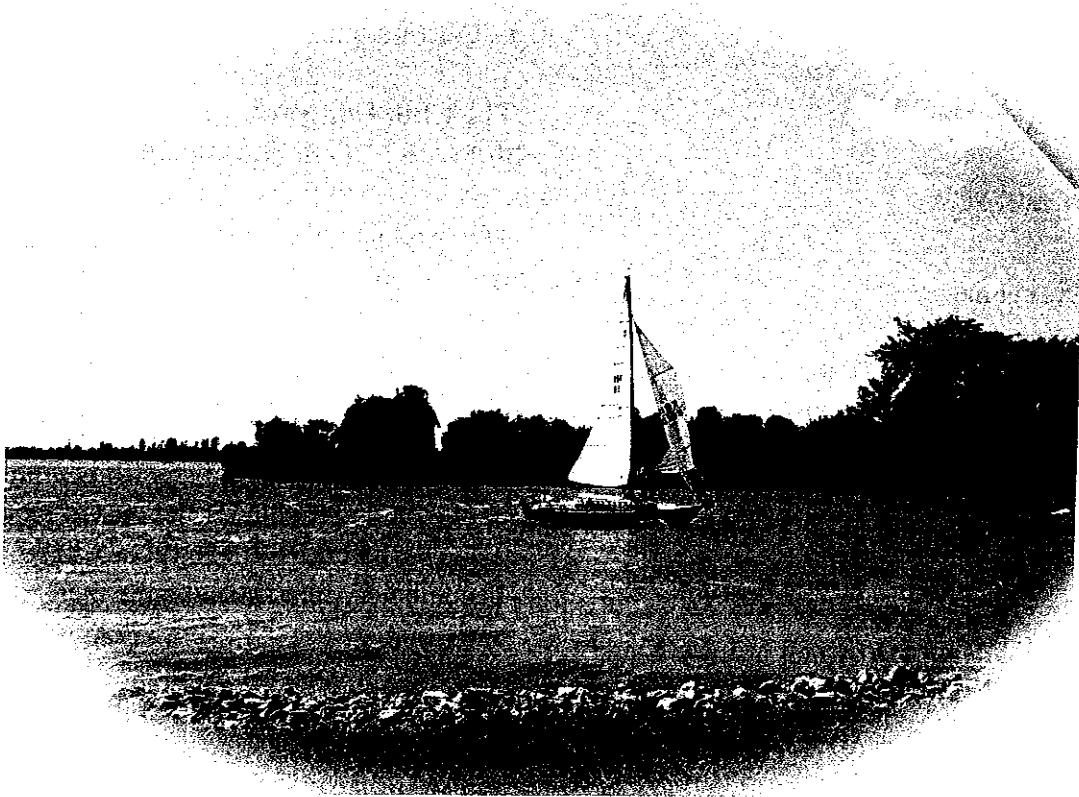


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THE CURRENTS

May 2007

Featured Boat: Brian Casey (2nd. Wind)



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From the Commodore:



Hello Everyone.

As you know having this Newsletter is very vital to the club and it has been greatly missed over the last few months. I am extremely pleased that George Mooney and Jim Ouellette have taken on doing the Currents for the Club. I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

It has been a great year so far at LMYC and I am really enjoying my term as Commodore. I feel that a lot of positive things are going on around the club. The executive is made up of a good mix of people who have been working very well together. Social events have been very well run and have been quite well attended. Also the appointed planning committee has started to meet and have started to bring forth some excellent ideas in planning for the future of our club.

The Spring Cleanup day at the club was a big success as well. The day was well organized, and the members that showed up took care of a huge list of work. As usual the Sea Cadets showed up to help with our Spring clean up. These kids worked very hard and took care of a lot of work. We really do appreciate these kids showing up and helping out.

Thank You Sea Cadets!!!

This year has also been a very busy year at LMYC. For those of you that are not in the know I will try to give you a quick update on the major events that have transpired over the last few months.

The Club Contracted Hotte Construction to Fix the North Harbour Dock Wall.

This wall had been pulling away and kicking out over the last few years. In some areas the wall was in danger of possibly falling completely away in the very near future. The wall falling away also resulted in soil sliding under the wall, filling our boat wells and resulted in our having to back fill behind the walls to compensate for the loss of land. This also caused our North Harbour walkway to become very uneven and quite dangerous to walk on.

Hotte construction did a very good job in fixing the Wall – they replaced the steel wall where the sections were real bad. Where they could get away with out replacing the wall they drove in steel pilings to pin the old wall in place and ensure the wall will not move anymore. Putting the pilings in where they able saved the club a lot of money and still resulted in a high quality repair.

They also did the job with minimal impact to the club grounds which came as a pleasant surprise to everyone.

I would like to thank Gus Martin and Bob Reaume who both worked with Hotte to ensure the job was done to LMYC's satisfaction.

Membership Dues were raised.

In order to keep LMYC on solid financial ground and allow us to continue to maintain

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and improve our club facilities - it was necessary to raise the dues. The dues had not been raised in 16 years and of course during this time our operating costs were continuing to go up. We had been finding in the last few years that we had just been covering operating expenses with our current level of income. Even without tackling any big maintenance or improvement projects we had no money left over at the end of the year. Obviously we could not go on at the club functioning in that manner.

The Widows Walk Roof is Being replaced:

This has been deteriorating over the last few years – the existing roof leaks and the Widows walk is full of spiders. The new roof will be steel and will look very sharp. Hopefully the membership will again be able to use the Widows walk.

Pending Property Purchase:

We have an accepted offer on part of the property South of LMYC. The offer is conditional of our being able to sever the desired portion of land which is the Provincially Significant Wetland. This offer has been approved by the membership during a special meeting in February. Now we just have to get through a few small hurdles and hope all the required approvals can be achieved. Acquiring this property will be a very good thing for LMYC

Hope to see everyone around the Club.

Larry Laing
Commodore

Bottoms Up

I am sure this is some kind of record at LMYC. Bottoms Up (John and Joanne Vandereerden) is shown in the water with the Stick up before the end of March.



Message from the Vice Commodore



Hi from the high side! (Soon I hope)

Well I'm sure everyone is gearing up for their Spring Launch. I can say that the warm weather at the end of March and beginning of April was well used. There are boats in the harbour and a number of other people have jumped on the chance to get an early start on the commissioning process.

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The property purchase is proceeding on target. The Commodore and myself met with the Town Engineer, the Town Planner, the E.R.C.A. Biologist, the E.R.C.A. Enforcement Officer, and our independent Biologist on April 11. After some discussion and assurances from us it was agreed that they would support our application for severance of the Bech property. It seemed like a high-powered group to gather for 4 acres of marshland. Wetland on the Detroit River is becoming scarce and as such draws attention from government. There are other steps to be completed before we take possession on June 28 but we are on track to a successful conclusion at this time.

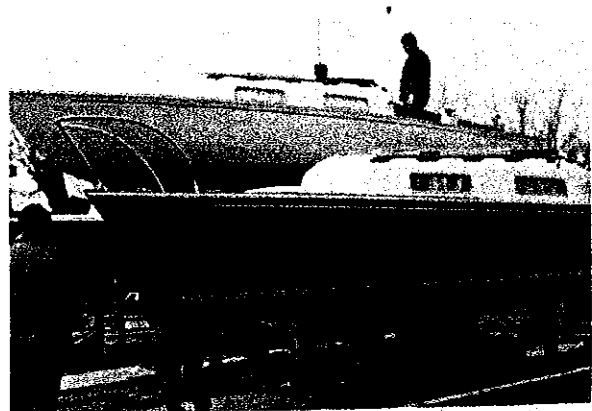
The scaffold platforms that the club has for members to use had become rather rickety. Bolts and screws were shaking out. These platforms have served us well but were becoming a safety concern, especially as they are used often in the Spring when members are preparing their boats. Phil Smith stepped up to help out. We added some reinforcing members and you should now find the scaffolds in sturdy condition. Thanks much Phil.

We are also fortunate that George Mooney and Jim Ouellette have formed a consortium to publish the Currents newsletter for us. This is a strong team and I look forward to seeing their efforts in print. Of course every member is invited to submit pictures and articles to the Currents

and for our Internet web site.

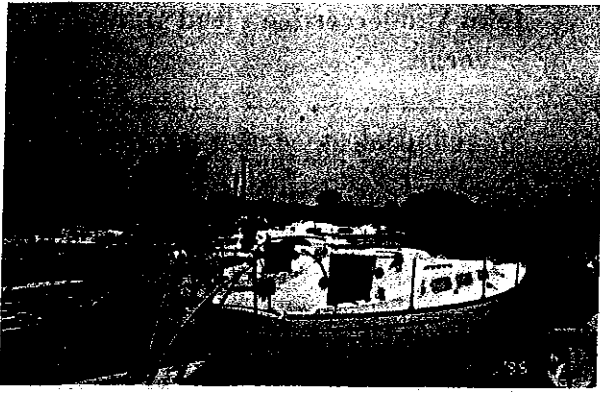
More action every day at L.M.Y.C. We'll see you there!

Pictures from the Early Days!



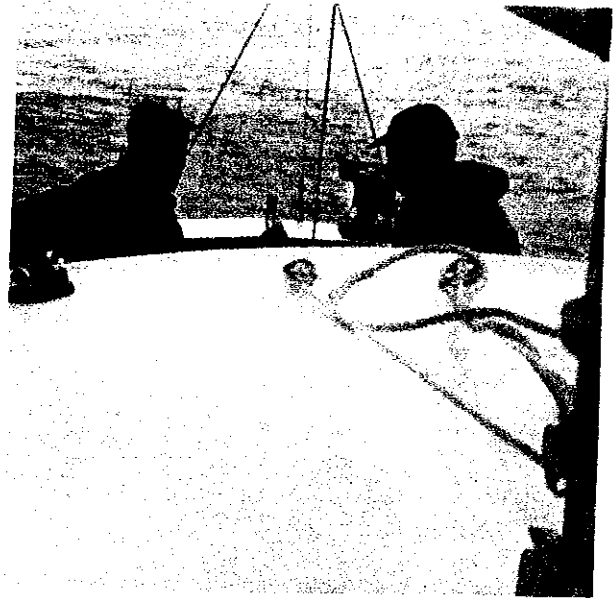
Launch Day at the Allen's riding the Sharks.

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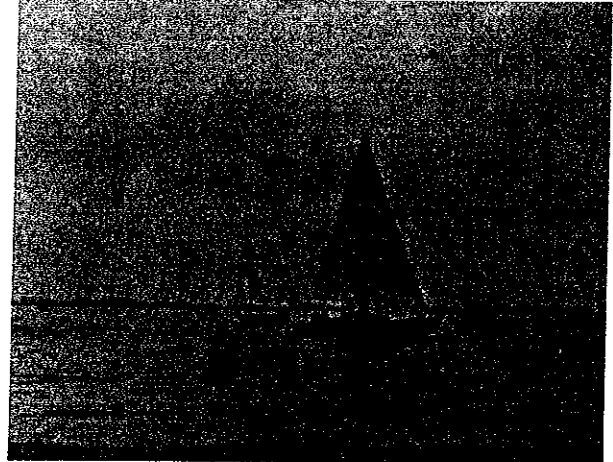


Paul Hoffman (top) (Paceship 29)
(bottom) Durham's (Shark)
off the Allen's dock

Right side 1971 LMYC Regatta —>



Bob Ferguson & Carl Durham (Mariner)



Gord's Tri (Raven)



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Launch Preparation

George is working to prepare for launch it seems that there is more talking, than any work as anyone can see.



March 31st, 2007

The 1st annual ACOUSTIC CAFE' "UNPLUGGED":

What a roaring success this event turned out to be! What a great concept, a party night, no special reason. Just a great group of people gathering together to listen to live music, to munch on some tasty, bring-your-own dishes, to dance and have a few drinks and of course, to do the thing we all do best, TALK. The party was joined by the American ABBOTT sailors. A very welcome addition to any party what with their quaint language and all! There was an unconfirmed report of someone seeing the Rating Fairy Flitting around!! Great music was supplied by a very accomplished group of musicians organized by our own John Vandereerden.

Merrill Mills - vocals and bass
Nancy Mills - percussion
John Kosti - drums
Chuck Beaumont - songwriter
extra ordinaire, guitar and vocals

John Vandereerden - lead guitar and vocals.

Special thanks to you all for creating a wonderful evening!
Looking forward to doing this again!

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

Did you know our own **Dave Evans** is an original **ROCKER!** He is an accomplished drummer - in his younger days, his Band opened for the Beatles at the Playdium in London, England. We're not sure but we think his band was called Knight Crawlers! Wouldn't it be great at the next musical gathering, if we could talk Dave into sitting in as a guest drummer? We think this would be fabulous but Dave is shy. So, if you get a chance, mention it when you next see him! (PS. Seriously, he has a full set of drums in his basement!) **Go Dave, Go!!!!!!**

Shakedown 2007

Don't forget Shakedown is on MAY ¹⁹th. and were looking to see a great turnout from our Club Members. This is the start of the sailing season, so lets show a big support for our club.

APPLICATIONS for Shakedown, in the Club House. Please 1 per boat.

Stil need a Race Committee Boat for the Finish Line at Put-In-Bay?
Call Bob Reaume