

LASALLE CURRENTS



A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

November 26th, 1980

Well, the big hook came on November 1st, and put an end to our sailing this year. Once the operator and our crews found the right rhythm the job got done smoothly and swiftly. As always, it is a good team effort that will bring these excellent results. Congratulations to all involved. The galley crew or "slaves", deserve a special mention here because unerringly they serve exactly what the guys need after a hard days work. It sure beats MacDonald's fare.

And here is the new watch coming on Deck:

COMMODORE	Tennison Mason
VICE COMMODORE	Ralf Fiedler
TREASURER	Yvonne McRobbie
SECRETARY	Robert Goyeau
DIRECTOR	Ed Gresik
DIRECTOR	Jim Beaudoin
DIRECTOR	Dale Souilliere

-CONGRATULATIONS-

A really fine racing season will be capped by the annual banquet. This is the Club's most important social gathering, with the presentation of the awards for the racers, the change of the watch and a good time for all. It will all happen at the Anderdon Tavern on November 29th with the promise of good food and dancing. You really cannot afford to miss this one! Race Chairman Dennis has us in suspense about the results of the extremely tightly contested fall series and only the recipients of the awards will know before the night of the 29th.

About twenty skippers, crews and guests attended the R.I.Y.A. awards banquet at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Dennis (Hendel) was awarded a third place in his division for the R.I.Y.A. Spring Series and "Rakaia's" crew a second place for the Fall Series. It is no great secret that the "Mariners" enjoy a good party and this one was no exception! Also, Dennis used this opportunity to award the Perpetual Best Elapsed Time trophy for our annual regatta to Gerhard Lorenz, skipper of "Kismet". This trophy dates back to the first regatta in 1964 and will be remembered as a barometer on red velvet with a gold frame and a lot of brass plaques. This was the year that the old trophy just had no room left for another winners plaque. Rather than to retire it Dennis accepted

the task to carry on with this traditional award. The barometer is now mounted on a framed teakwood base, has 13 more plaques ready for the annual winners names, and is a very handsome award indeed! If not hanging in Gerhard's home it will be on display in the Ford Yacht Club's trophy case.

An appreciative round of applause was given outgoing Commodore Art and the dedicated and hardworking executives by the membership on election day for a job well done.

The next "Currents" will give you the complete list of chairmen and members directly responsible for the many different functions of your club.

This is the season where we see most of the social events happen at the club. Most of them of the indoor variety, mostly in the club house. With this added activity the clubhouse and its furnishings need that extra little love and care! Give the regular clean-up team on duty a little break by returning empty bottles to their proper place, by washing dishes, that you used, by emptying ash trays, that you filled and simply picking after yourself before you leave. Space is at premium, you would do well to see if you have left anything behind in the hall closet because soon all items not belonging there will be removed, forever!

The Dart League has started its regular Wednesday playing schedule with six teams going at it, spirited and noisily. Some very high scores have already been recorded and we "Currents" are still looking for someone that wants to represent the league in the "Currents", write a few words, scores, anecdotes and such. Oh, the pay is also great!

Race Chairman Dennis has called a "gripe" meeting on Sunday, December 7th, 1:00 p.m. for those that felt, while things that happened are still a little fresh on our minds, we should discuss the past racing season, to applaud, criticize, improve, change, etc. But in essence prepare the new race committee and racers for the new season, because, after all, it won't be long! So, attend this one and be heard!

When putting "Rakaia" away for winter - found: 1 Red club jacket, Med. somebody must be missing it.

Up coming events:

Sunday, December 7th, 1980 "Gripe" meeting - 1:00 p.m.

*****Saturday, December 13th, 1980 Christmas Tree
Decorating Party at the Club 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14th, 1980, Membership Meeting
at the Club 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 14th, 1980, Santa Claus party
at the Club 3:00 p.m.

*****We would ask that since the Christmas Tree Decorating Party is being paid for by the Ladies Auxiliary that only Members and their wives or dates attend. We will be serving white and red wine plus an arrangement of cheese and crackers. All for free!!!

Also Santa Claus has promised to visit L.M.Y.C. on Sunday, December 14th, 1980. All parents will be contacted by the Ladies Auxiliary to give out details concerning this exciting event.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their meeting on November 24th and Doris DallaBona and Molly Allen were elected to head the committee for the year 1981. Thanks to all ladies for attending.

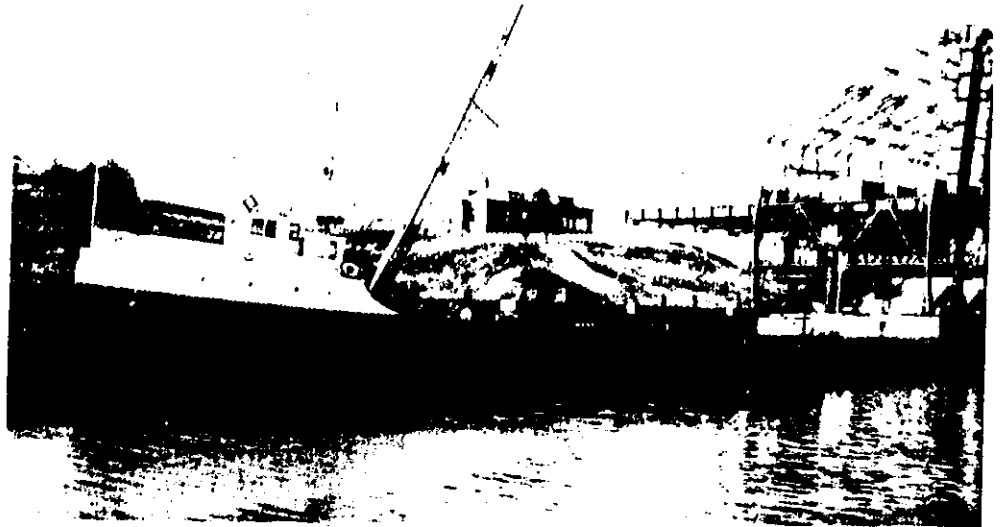
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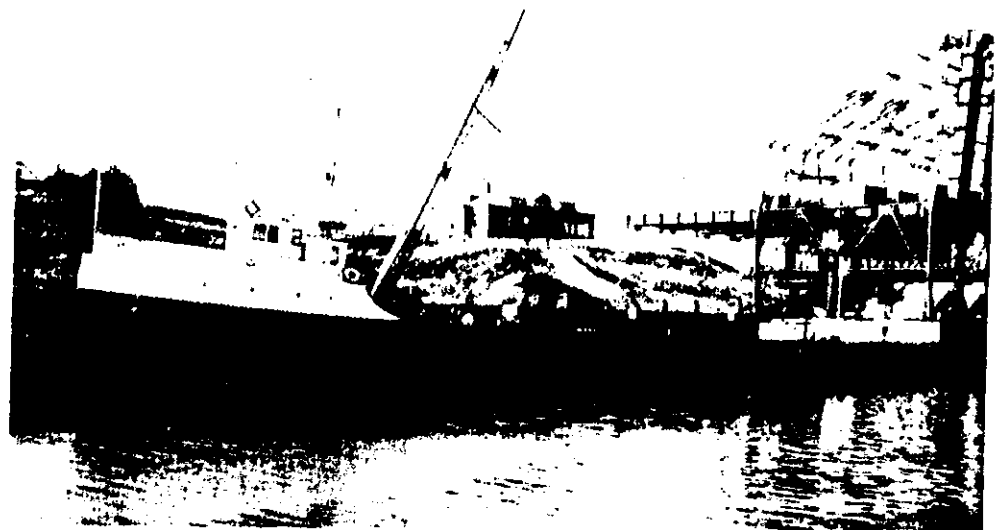
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