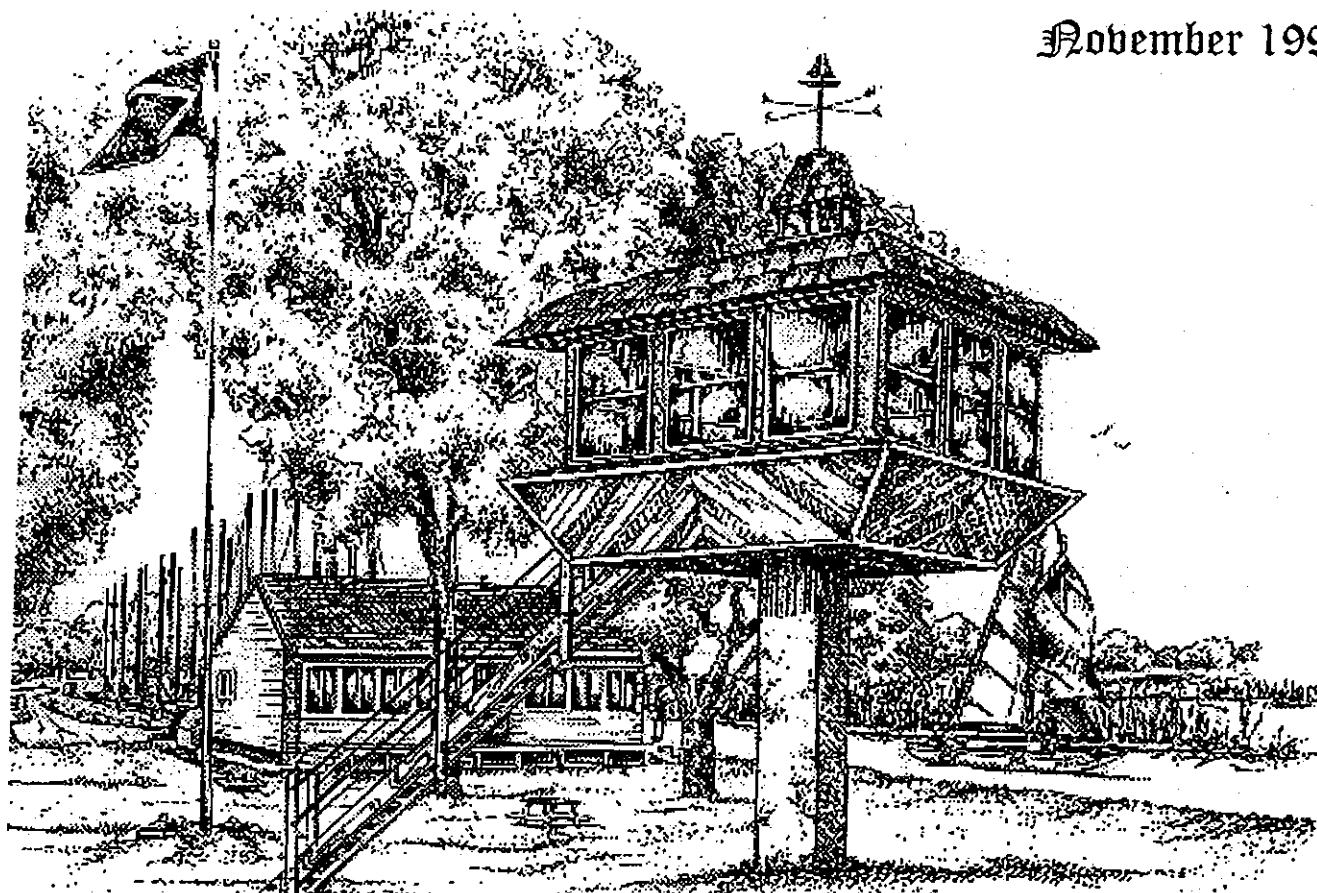


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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

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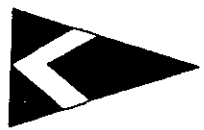
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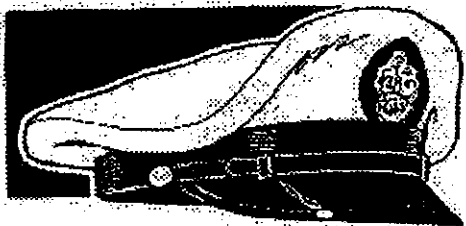
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From Your Commodore:

The "97" Sailing Season is over and the "98", if only "IDA" season starts! Maybe El Nino will bring an early spring and a perfect sailing season next year. Throughout September and October many sailing events were held across Essex and Kent County. As Commodore I would like to congratulate all the members who took part in one way or another in these activities. The last few months were a wonderful experience for me. I had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful sailors and their families who were continuing in their life long pursuit of sailing and the sailing experience.

On the negative side. This is the time of the year to winterize your engines to prevent frozen blocks.

Also, all outboards should be removed to prevent theft.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the club members who spent their work hours keeping L.M.Y.C. running smoothly all year. Thanks again

Commodore: Ralph Allen



From the Vice Commodore:

Another great sailing season has come to a close for 1997. All I can say is "bummer". We sure have had some fun though this summer, with challenging and exciting races at Cedar Island Yacht Club, Grosse Isle Yacht Club, South Port Sailing Club, Thames River, and of course our "Fighting Island Regatta" in the Detroit River.

We have been working hard the last month getting our club into tip top shape. The Widow's Walk is finished with a new roof and new steps. The walkway from the East entrance of the club to the south harbour is complete. We are still planning to put in a shelf under the window in the patio section to assist members when we have functions. Instead of a door, members will be able to hand items out of the window unto the shelf to facilitate our activities



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people that helped put together this past summer's races and events and activities. A lot of effort has gone into some of these activities to make it fun for everyone. At LMYC we have the hardest working members so don't forget to give them your thanks.

Vice-Commodore: Bob Bingham



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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Elections 97



The new proposed slate of officers for LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club for 1998 is now official.

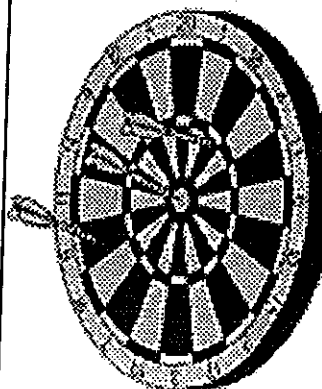
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Secretary: Elaine Prettyman
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Assistant: Jeff Williams
House Director: John Murphy
Social Director: Perry Basden

If anyone is interested in running for office this fall you will have an opportunity to submit your name during the elections in November. Remember you must be a member for at least 1 year before you can run for office.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Thanksgiving Weekend was magnificent and we hope you had a wonderful holiday. LMYC members are truly special people and it is not often enough that these feelings are put into words. Thanksgiving just seems like a good time to let you know how much our club and club members mean to us.

Darts



The sailing months are now behind us and the calming effect of being without our boats is slowly setting in.

Darts is one method of releasing our stress and frustration until the boats are in the water again.

Darts will begin Wednesday November 5th at 8:00 pm at the

clubhouse. Anyone who is interested in playing should be present for the first meeting/game.

Election Meeting

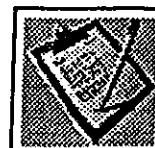
and General Meeting
 November 16, 1997

1:30 pm

Be There

From the Editor

Putting together this newsletter takes time, work, and encouragement. Many people have helped me with their input, efforts and support. Special thanks to **Ralph Kepran** who spent many hours running off this newsletter. Again **THANK YOU.**



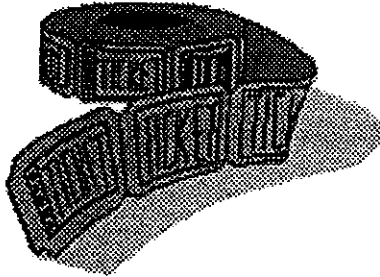
LMYC Haulout Dinning Menu

Once again this year Chef Gus Martin will be in charge of preparing breakfast for haul out. Dishes served at LMYC are derived from seasonal, market-fresh ingredients which have become the standard rather than the exception, for LMYC. Breakfast will again include eggs, ham, toast, and coffee. Service will be in the usual Gus Martin flamboyant manner. For lunch, Chef Richard, and Chef Lorraine will be preparing Krinskies for hungry club members. Year in and year out, Chef Richard and Chef Lorraine have been near flawless, with their superlative standards of service and cuisine. **Memo to diners:** Make reservations while you can.



Awards Banquet

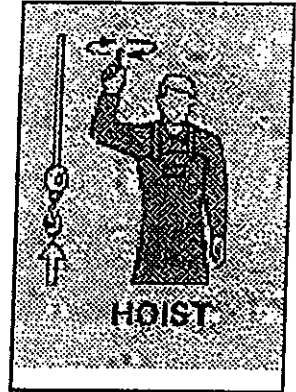
The Awards Banquet is fast approaching. Tickets will be available from the executive or Andy Kozieradski (Social-Director). The



banquet will be held on November 22, 1997 at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** on Malden Road. Cocktails will commence at 6:30 pm., with dinner beginning at 7:30 pm. Slide Show between 6:30-7:30 presented by Tony Vandereerden (Monday/Wednesday Night Races). This is a good opportunity to meet old friends and have a great time. Andy indicates that the food this year will be fantastic. Cost of tickets are \$13.00 per person or \$26.00 per couple. Andy encourages skippers to get their tickets early so that he can seat your crew together. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Andy Kozieradski. Hope to see you there.

Haulout

The sailing season is finally at an end when haulout time arrives. This year haulout is November 1st beginning at 8:00 am. All club members who are hauling out their boats are required to work on this day. Boat bottoms will also be washed for those members requesting it. **Reminder:** Yvonne McRobbie will be collecting any monies owing.



Did You Know?



That Howard Porter a L.M.Y.C. member since 1976 was part of the Colored Guard for the Official Flag Raising at W.J. Langlois Catholic School in October 1997.



HAVE YOUR SAY...

Dear Club Members,

Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "Have Your Say...".

Letters to the *LaSalle Currents* must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

Letters should be concise and to the point and fewer than 200 words. These letters are subject to editing for readability and clarity and may be condensed to save space.



First Annual Dry Dock Party

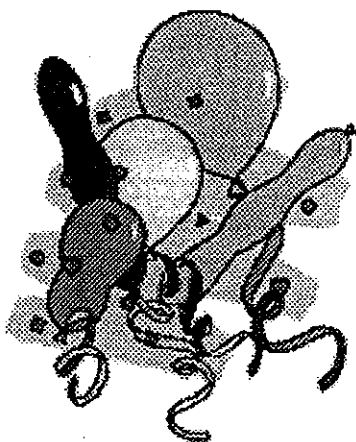
L.M.Y.C. is introducing their FIRST ANNUAL DRY DOCK PARTY.

This will occur right after all the boats are out of the water. We know that all the members will be tired after putting in a hard day and this will give them a chance to

recuperate. The social director is encouraging all party goers to

bring in a gag gift. (\$5.00) which will be exchanged with other members throughout the evening. Andy strongly suggests that you bring

a dish to pass, and your own refreshments. The exact time of the party is tentative depending when haulout ends.



Frostbite Beach Party



The annual Frostbite Beach Party hosted by Linda and Juergen was a great success. October 17 th was a great night. The temperature was about 54 degrees and there was little or no wind. About 40 club members and friends were in attendance. Food and refreshments were plentiful and everyone had a great time. I didn't get a chance to sample Linda's Chili but the aroma was overwhelming and mouthwatering. It took nine days to make and Linda is proud to say that no tomatoes are present. There was dancing in the living room and many good Dave Evan's jokes. Many club members enjoyed the campfire on the beach. It was a perfect evening with a calm lake and a full October moon. The party ended about 4:00 am. A great evening. If you missed it this year make sure to put this event on your agenda for next year.



News Update

L'Aventure was in Annapolis for the boat show. All is well. Ken Robitaille will be in Annapolis for several weeks before heading for Trinidad and Venezuela. Good luck on your voyage.

Wanted

Ralf Fiedler is looking for sailing magazines for the year 1977, which have stories or pictures of the JOE LOUIS, 3/4 ton winner for that year.

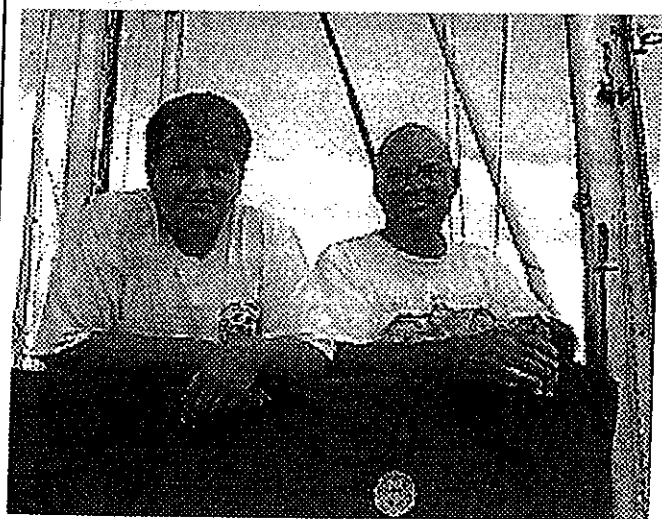


L.A.D.C. Photo Gallery

The sailing season is now behind us and winter is fast approaching. During future newsletters I would like to portray club members and their families with pictures taken during the summer sailing months. Since a picture is worth a thousand words. Need I say more.



Dennis Hendel, Juergen Hendel
and granddaughters



Ralf Fiedler and son Andrew



Danielle Laing and family



The officers and members of L.A.D.C. would like to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Jim Blackton and Sue Blackton on the unexpected passing of Jim's mother Lucile Blackton. Our prayers would be most appreciated.



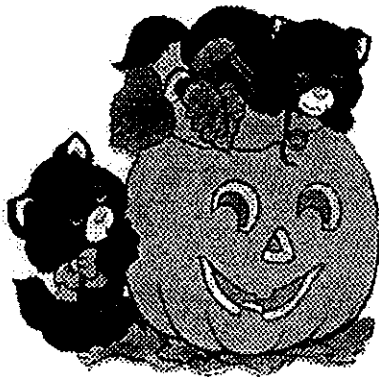
LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club Sailing Practice

This year club members held sailing practice during the month of October from October 5th to October 26th to individuals inside and outside the club. The main reason for this endeavor was to share the joy of sailing with anyone who was interested. Every sailing practice began with a club sailor breakfast at around 9:00 am. This was usually bacon, ham and eggs. For the sailing practice there were usually 3 classes with 3 equal rated boats. All the skippers and crew were invited to participate. Crew from boats were evenly distributed among the boats racing on that Sunday. During these Sunday races there was experimentation with new race courses. These courses ranged from 4-6 nautical miles. The only requirement for visitors was that you wear white soft soled shoes and you be between the age of 14 to 99. This event was a success and many new faces were seen around the club.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT L.M.Y.C.

This year the Halloween Party held at the LMYC Clubhouse was a great success. There were many club members and guests present at the party and the costumes were terrific.

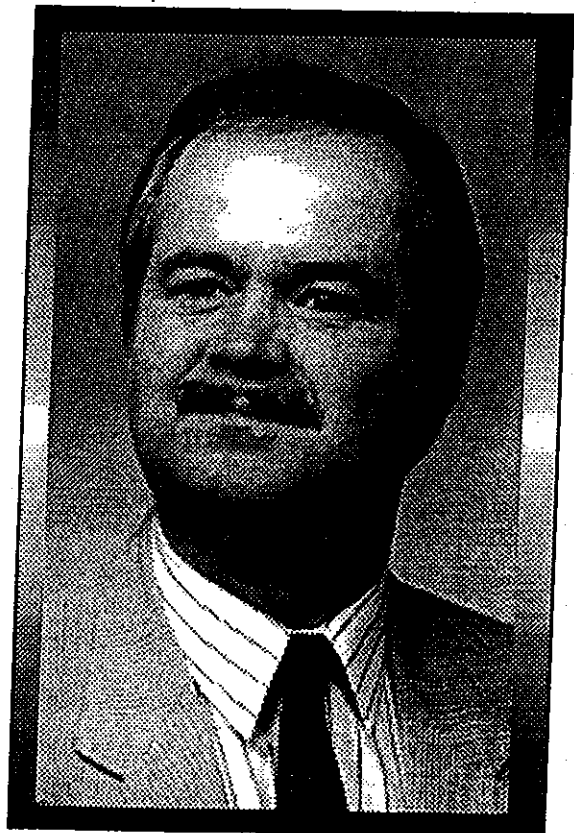
Costumes ranged from spooky ghosts and witches to the well dressed gentlemen and ladies. There was plenty of food and refreshment for everyone. If you missed the party this year, mark it on your calendar for next year as a party not to miss.



Dennis Pare - Club Member

Dennis Pare is running for Councillor for Town of LaSalle in the November Elections. Dennis a LMYC member since 1985 and life long resident of the town of LaSalle is married, to Barbara (nee Terry) with 3 children, Beth, Becky and Bonnie. Dennis has been active in local politics for several years. He was a member of the Sandwich West Parks and Recreation Committee for 6 years. Trustee representing Sandwich West to the Essex County Board of Education. Two terms as Vice Chair and one as Chairman of the Essex County Board of Education. Dennis is actively involved with the local political riding association, past Treasurer, member of the church board of management, **4 terms director of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, including Treasurer.** We wish him good fortune in his political endeavors.

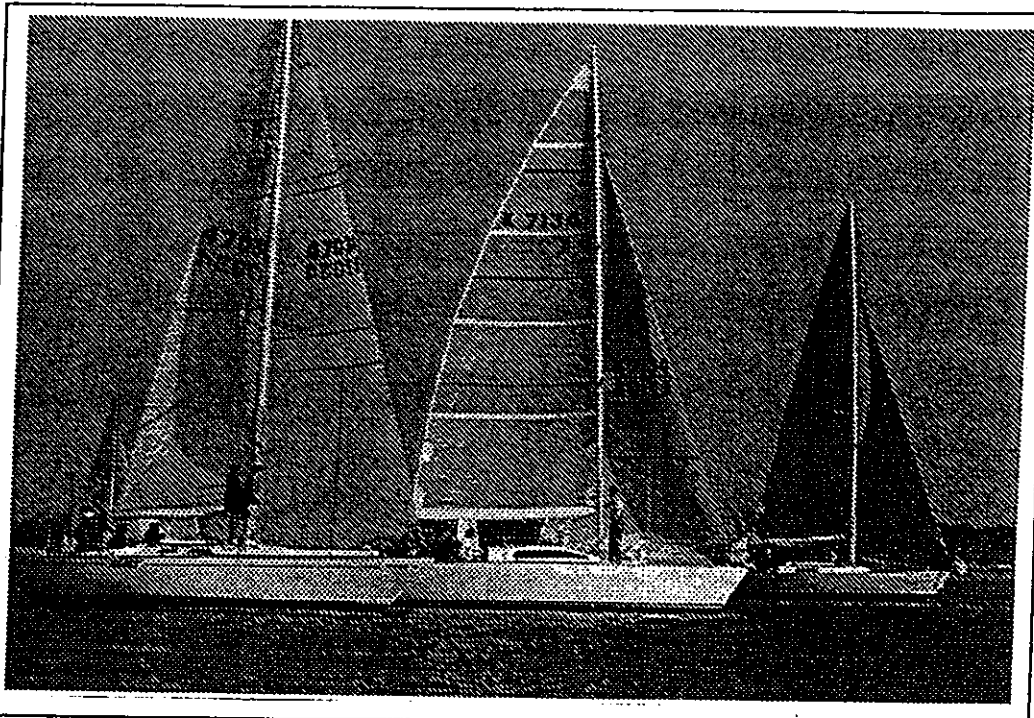
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River Rat Rally Reminiscence R R R

The Fourth Annual Rally is now history and it will be remembered as the most gentle, well, maybe not on the skippers nerves, but definitely it was the most summer like jaunt of all the four rallies. Halfway around the course, the winds settled to blow out of the southerly quadrant. It had gone around the compass several times. I bet that mother natures's wheel of fortune had the GUNG-HO racers bite their nails. Add to that a couple of freighters and boats passing port to port in the bend at Ballard's Reef and you rarely had a dull moment!

The finishing "Beep" from the ably manned Committee Boat "St. Pauli" left one feeling quite satisfied with just having had another go at the Old River in this rally of the mariners just a few short days from haulout.



The First and Second Rally saw us power

reaching with blustery westerlies around this 13 nautical mile course to establish some pretty impressive elapsed times. Last years brisk northerly winds made it a true endurance course for the crews. In all, they have all been great outings. So, "Why not years ago?" was a question raised to this writer. It became apparent that unlike Old River Rats, some of the newer ones never wandered from the familiar boundaries of the Monday and Wednesday Night race courses. They had not circumnavigated Turkey Island, let alone leave the confines of the course of the Fighting Island Annual Regatta. And all this aided by the many new and additional navigational marks that now depict these channel is better than most highways. Twenty spars alone on the east side of Fighting Island!

Old River Rats had to "explore", Gunk-Hole, find their way around, which made them quickly familiar with the wiles of this great river. Comments like "Gee, I didn't know you could sail in that channel (Trenton), or "Is it deep enough?"

Think of Mama Juda as a funny name. It certainly shows they had never been aground on its shoal! Just ask Red... Older rats spotted a large, bright neon sign marking the "Pier 500", shore side on the approaches to the Trenton Channel. In the early '60's the "Pier" was a great watering hole and night spot and was purported to be the first scene of the Wet T-Shirt Contest. And thus the western channels are quite familiar to "Old" rats. Take a serious look at your river chart.

This is an interesting waterway and you can definitely sail on it!

The course of the rally became obvious to everyone, and just two weeks before haulout seemed a logical date for rallying those that love to sail, enjoy brisk winds and weather and a good time after the "Sail" not "Race". There are no entry fees, no flags, but perhaps records and handicaps to substantiate bragging rights. So far we have had little trouble finding willing and able Race Committees.

To find the pace you choose is simply yours and it was this writers hope to attract the interest of the not so "Racy" part of LMYC, to join those that knew it would be great fun. HEH, it's OK to be called a "River Rat".

A closing note. It was nice to see Mel Mendose bring his shark, "Doser" from Lake St.-aaah-Clair to sail with us. It was nice to see John Green, a Shark Guru and elder statesman of S.P.S.C. crew for Mel. It was nice to see Ray East, elder and former River Rat crew for George Mooney. He says he will bring his boat next year. It was nice to see Wanna Be River Rats from Lake St. -aaah-Clair sail with us. May your winter be short.



Juergen Hendel



SEA CADET SAILING SCHOOL AT LMYC -- A Short History



Sailing Centres were originally started in Ontario in 1977. Sailing Centre #6 arrived in Windsor in 1979 a power safety boat, 5 aluminum Petrel class dinghies, and assorted safety gear. Under the command of Lt(N) R. Wood, it found its first home with HUNTER's boats at LaSalle Marina. During this time, sailing was an exercise in rigging boats. The heavy aluminum Petrels had to be unloaded from the trailer, completely rigged, and launched. At the end of the training day, it was all reversed. AGGIE's cadets could soon do this in record time.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Sail Centre was moved to Camp Tillicum for summer usage, and to Mississauga for one summer. When it was returned in 1983, LCdr. C. Dickson was the new Officer Commanding. He found a home for it at Cedar Island Yacht Club, near Kingsville. In 1984, due to the efforts of LCdr. R. Beresford, arrangements were made to sail from the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club. This location was much better due to its closer proximity to Windsor, and to the facilities provided. We have been there ever since, enjoying the use of their facilities and the tremendous support of the members and the Club itself. In 1987, 3 new Echo dinghies were added to the fleet.

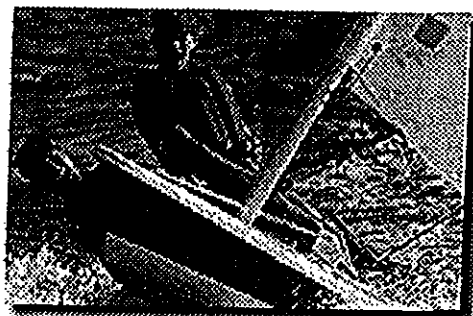
In 1988, Cdr. R. Beresford became the new Officer Commanding. Since safety is always a big consideration, efforts were made to increase the number of power safety boats. Through the support of the Windsor Branch Navy League, 2 older power boats were added, as well as 1 more dinghy, a Mistral, and through HMCS HUNTER, 2 Albacore dinghies were made available. As the skills of the cadets increased, they were able to train on the higher performance boats. For the first time in 1989, a cadet from AGAMEMNON was qualified to CYA Green Instructor, and was able to test other cadets in the Basic Sailing Levels. Since then, a total of 5 have been Instructor qualified, with 1 currently on strength as a CIC Officer at Sail Centre #6.

The storage trailer was upgraded to a much larger trailer.

In 1994, Lt(N) S. Beresford took over command. DND replaced the Petrels with 4 Echoes, and the 2 older power boats were replaced with 2 new ones, more importantly 2 new ones with new reliable motors. The dinghy fleet has grown to include a Laser, 420, and the 3 Albacores previously on temporary loan from HUNTER.

In the time we have enjoyed DND support for sail centres, the cadets from AGAMFMNON, trained by the staff at Sail Centre #6, have had much success at Sea Cadet Regattas. In the 12 Flotilla (S-W Ont.) competitions, AGGIE has placed first 9 times, and second three times. In the 10 Provincial competitions, the teams have placed in the top half of the fleet, including 2 firsts, 1 second, and 3 thirds, qualifying in the top live to make up the team representing Ontario at Sea Cadet Nationals. August '97 Nationals, our team placed 14 out of 25, with Ontario achieving a third overall. In Sept 97, our teams placed 2nd and 6th out of 11, with the top two teams earning a chance at Provincials in June 98.

In 1995, with the introduction of a new Sea Cadet Training Syllabus, achieving CYA White Sail Levels I and II will be mandatory for rank promotions. The partnership between AGAMEMNON and the Sailing Centre #6 will be more



important than ever to help the Sea Cadets of AGAMEMNON achieve their goal.

This past summer, 2 cadets earned their CYA Green Instructor, 1 Silver VI, 2 Bronze V's and 1 IV. In addition, there were 9 White Sail III's and a large number of I's and II's. In the year 2000, every cadet on the deck at AGAMEMNON should have a sailing level. A goal for the Millennium

With the increase in the number of sail boats accessible to the area cadets, the usage in number of on the water hours has nearly tripled. The number of White Sail Levels issued is 5 times that of 2 years ago. The staff at Sail Centre #6 is motivated to excel and is dedicated to passing on their training to the next generation of cadets. Sailing is a skill that builds self confidence and self esteem. And it definitely teaches patience. All of these attributes will make better citizens in the long run, one of the goals of the Sea Cadet movement.

S. Beresford LT(N)
Officer Commanding



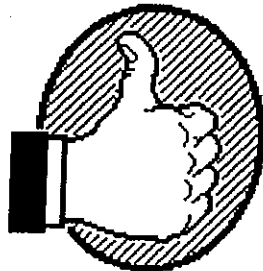
THANK YOU

A big thank you to Barbara Pare who took the club flags which were tattered and in disrepair, and made the necessary corrections. Through the magic of Barbara Pare sewing machine they look almost like new..



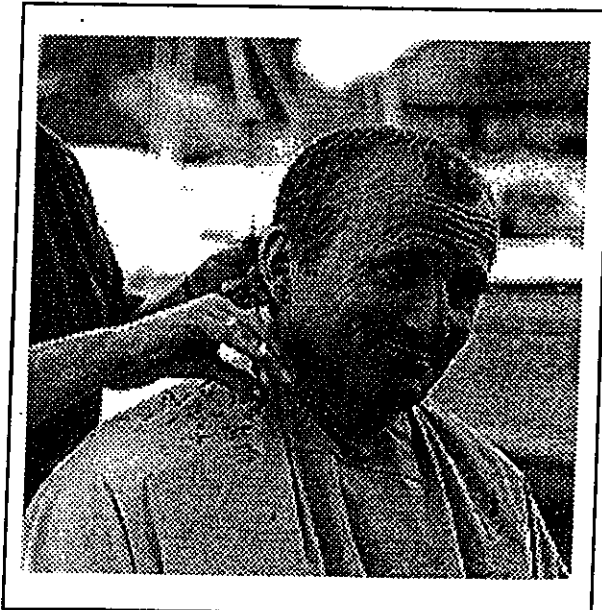
Red's Supply and Demand System

It has been two months since the establishment of Red's Supply and Demand System. It seems the Three Amigos (Yvonne McRobbie, Ralf Fielder, and Jim Blackton) have everything under control. Great Job



Nautical Definition of the Month "Full And By"

The condition of a sailing vessel when she is held as close to the wind as possible with the sails full and not shivering.



Haircut of the Month
Andy Kozieradzki

