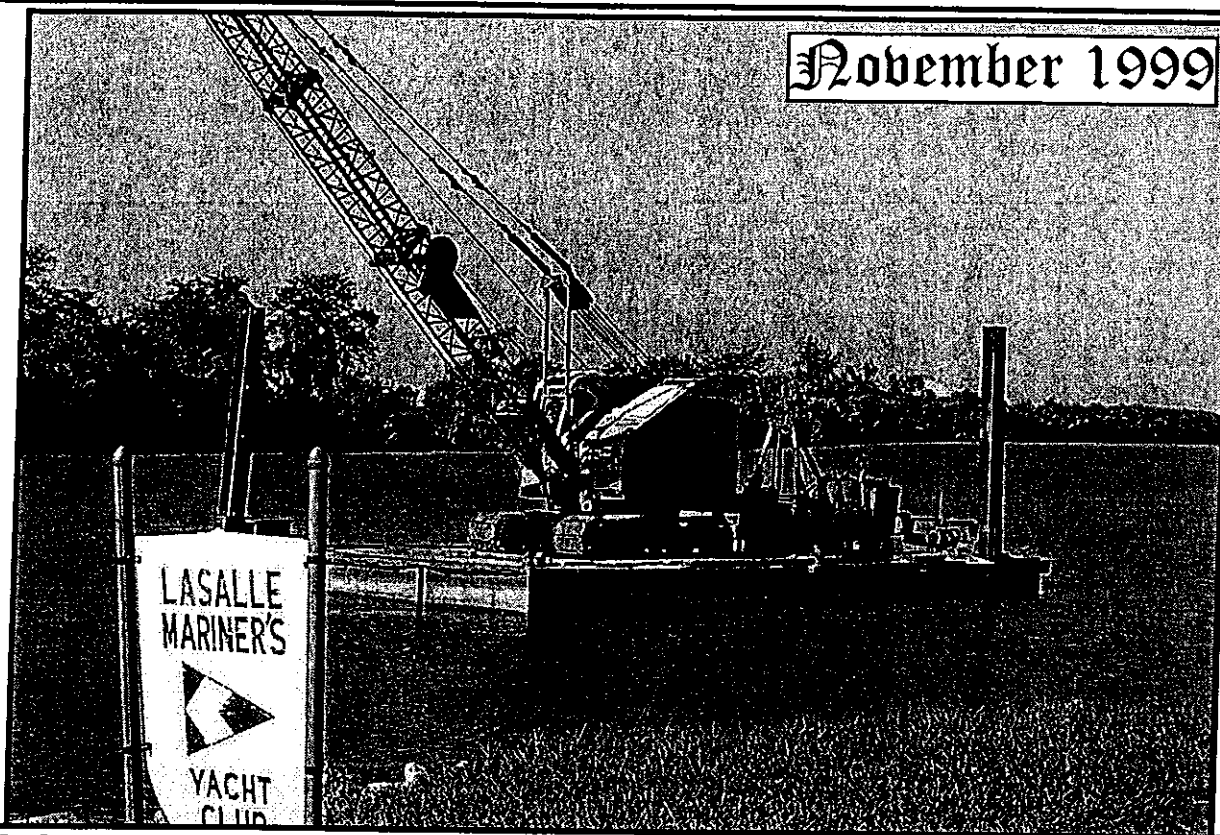


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From the Commodore

Fall has arrived and we are in the process of hauling out boats and readying them for winter. This is also the time for the 1998/99 Executive to account to the members on its stewardship and to pass the torch to the new Executive.

The Club has successfully taken on several projects over the past year, some major and some not quite so major but all very important to the Club. The lane way entrance at Front Rd. has been upgraded with a concrete apron and very nice landscaping. The club house front entrance has been reworked to vastly improve wheelchair lift operation. The south harbor board walk is well underway and maybe completed weather permitting. We have a new (to the Club) storage building complete with concrete pad and electricity. A dry fire hydrant for pulling water from the north harbour should there be a fire was installed this past summer. Water and electric service has been extended to the east boat storage area. And, of course, the travel lift

with all its supporting facilities of a lift well, shoreline erosion protection, yard trailer etc. was THE major undertaking for the Club this year. The lift is operational and boats are being hauled out. We are ironing out the kinks, establishing operating procedures and training operators. I've heard a lot of positive feedback not just from our members but from other clubs.

LMYC's race program enjoyed another very successful year culminating with our Regatta. Monday night races are becoming more popular and have developed into "fun race" events drawing more of the feminine gender into sport. Social events continued to be strong, increasing our members' participation in club events.

All in all, its been A GREAT YEAR. Be proud of yourselves. Be proud of your Club.

We also need to reflect on a couple of sad events, and that is the passing of two of our members-Ron Stuebing and Sherman Ruether. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Executive not only for putting up with me but more so for their dedication and untiring efforts to make this year so successful. But beyond that, I want to thank all those members who worked so hard and gave so much of their time to take our plans and make them a reality.

OUR CLUB IS ITS PEOPLE and OUR PEOPLE ARE THE BEST!!

Commdore: *John Amyot Senior*



From the Vice-Commodore

It seems like yesterday that we were all scurrying about getting ready to put boats into the water, and now all too soon - out they come again! Congrats to all those who helped make the boat lift a reality. Remember to have patience. We still need to come up with the best way of making use of the new equipment. George Mooney is doing a great job with putting the sections together for the walkway.

Special thanks to Perry and Gloria Basden who prepared the luncheon for the River Rat Race. Your effort was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Please remember that work hours should be completed by the time your boat is hauled out of the water - OR - Madam Treasurer will be looking for you to pay up! Thanks to everyone for all their hard work this year - especially the Commodore.

Vice Commodore: *Elaine Prettyman*



News and Information

Haul Out Meeting

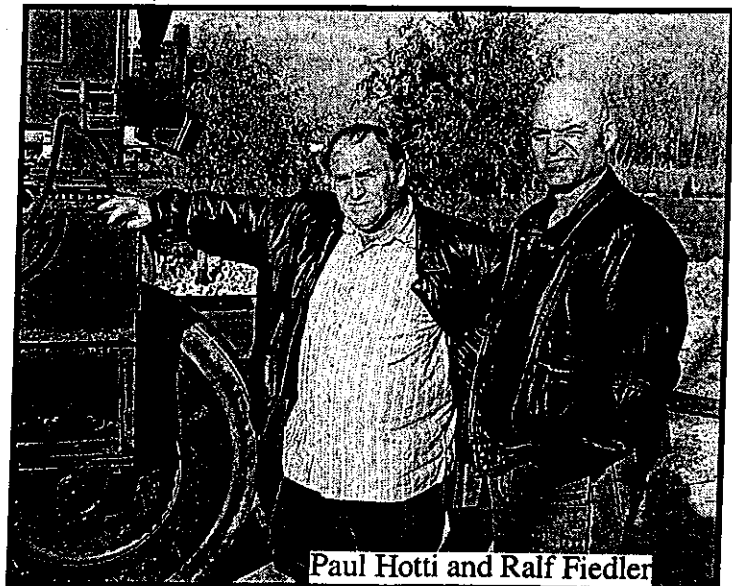
The haul out meeting held Thursday October 21, 1999 was very well attended. The main purpose of the meeting was to bring club members up to date on the Launch Well project and other concerns since the last club meeting. I will just dwell on the Launch Well Project.

The harbour master stated that most:

- haul outs will be on the week-end on a first come first serve basis.
- It is advisable to reserve a time by calling Ralf Fielder and guaranteeing a time for your haul out.
- Boats will only be hauled out during daylight hours.
- At the present time only trained personal will be allowed to haul out boats and the club member must be present at their boat's haul out
- Carl Durham, Sam Irwin, John Metcalfe will be the trainers for the haul out personal. If you are interested in being in this select group, please contact Ralf Fielder.
- It was estimated that it will take approximately 1 hour to haul out each boat.
- The plan when bringing boats out will be that the largest heaviest boats will be in older part of parking lot and the lighter boats will be closest to the launch well.
- It was brought up that you are on your own for bottom washing your boats and that the water to the harbour will be shut off by November 15, 1999 depending on the weather.
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** You must be paid up and show proof of current boat insurance or your boat will not be hauled out.
- At the meeting it was stated that there is only 5 feet of water at the Gin Pole.
- It was brought to our attention by Ken Robitaille that the tractor we will be using at a fantastic rental fee is being offered by Dan Meloche Landscaping (See Page in newsletter). This tractor will be available to the club after October 31, 1999. This tractor will also be used for snow clearing at the clubhouse.

The proposed new slate of Officers was posted at the club house to be voted on at the next club meeting which will be held Sunday November 14, 1999.

Commodore: Elaine Prettyman
Vice-Commodore: Robert Reaume
Treasurer: Yvonne McRobbie
Secretary: To Be Announced
Race Director: Donald Beneateau
House Director: Steve Kepran
Social Director: To be Announced



Paul Hotti and Ralf Fiedler

Awards Banquet

The 1999 Awards Banquet will be held this year on **Saturday November 20, 1999** at **The Fox Glen Golf Course Club House** located on Howard Avenue at 6:00 pm. If you need directions Andy Kozieradzki will post a map at the clubhouse to the location.

Formal or Casual dress is your choice for this event.

On the menu for this year is chicken, potatoes, salad, dessert, snack foods, vegetables, bread, butter, tea and coffee.

This year the tickets will be \$20.00 per person and it is advisable to purchase your tickets early to be guaranteed a spot at this captivating endeavor. Tickets are available from Social

Director Andy

Kozieradzki at 258-4274.

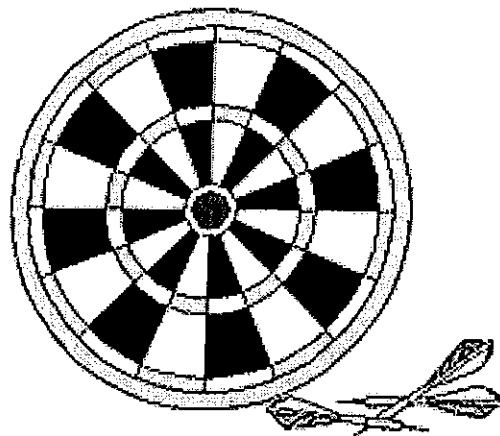
This year the music will be provided by a DJ from 8:30-12:30. If you have special requests for certain songs contact Andy Kozieradzki at least 1 week prior to the Awards Banquet so he will have time to honour your request.

Lost or Borrowed?

A white trailer for dingy size boats is missing from the parking lot. This white trailer belongs to the sea cadets. If anyone has borrowed this trailer or knows about its whereabouts please contact Shirley Beresford at 726-6806

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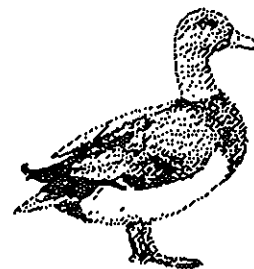
Dart Night at LMYC

Darts will begin this year the first Wednesday in November. If you are interested in this activity just come to the clubhouse at approximately 7:00 pm and you will be welcomed. If you have any questions concerning darts contact **Phil Smith** or **Ralph Kepran**.

From The Treasurer

There are still some dingy boats on the property that have not been identified. If you still owe storage on any dingy boats please contact the treasurer.

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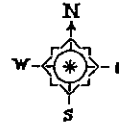
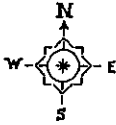


DUCK BAY CO-OP would like to thank you for using our service. Since all of our members are equally important to us, we pledge to provide you with the best possible service at all times. Our goal is to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction. Those members who have not made contributions lately are encouraged to do so. **THE DUCK IS HUNGRY.**



Le Coeur de France Leg 1

by
Kevin Hart



"Kevin, Hey Kevin" I hear my name being called and look in the general direction, but see nothing. As my eyes search and I glance down at a small green canoe. I can hardly believe that they made it on this day. Lake St. Louis is howling at thirty plus knots, but Ostienne and Mike have paddled safely from Georgian Bay to Pointe Claire Quebec. After hugs and congratulations we ground the canoe and Mike goes to call his Mom and Dad who he has not seen in two years. They live in Pointe Claire, but Mike and Ostienne live in New Zealand. We crossed each others paths along the way through the Thousand Islands and to Quebec.

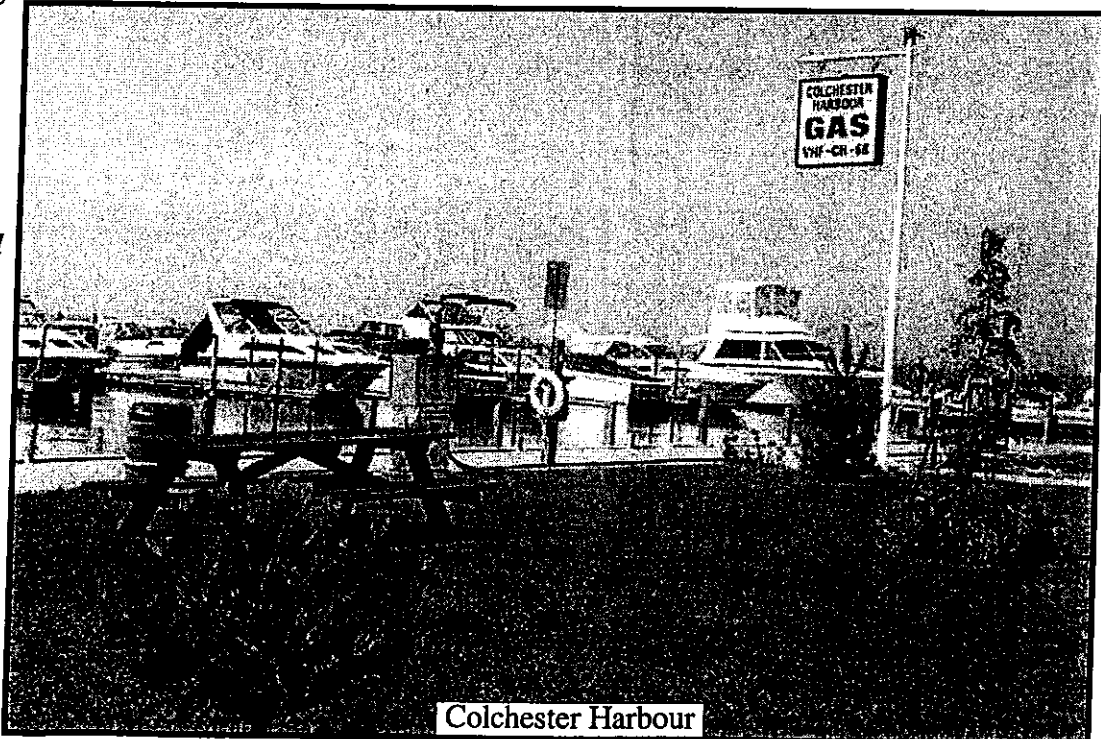
I will do an interview with them when I return to Montreal. They promised to give me the whole story of their adventure.



Kevin Hart

At first I thought how my adventure had paled upon seeing Mike and Ostienne and what they had done. After all I was aboard a very seaworthy literally "bomb proof" steel sailboat with all the conveniences of home, but in retrospect, I believe that the big picture for us aboard "Le Coeur de France" will someday reveal a more adventurous tale than this first leg. That is the adventure -- NOT KNOWING-- what lies ahead over the next horizon.

In the days closing in on the date I had chosen to



Colchester Harbour



part L.M.Y.C., my nerves were a mess. All the things that had to be done that would not; before August 30, 1999 were consuming my every thought. But, I knew if I waited beyond that date to leave I might never get away this year. It was important to slip the lines on this date. I have read so much of people who hesitated because their house wasn't sold or that they didn't have the latest electronic doo-das and because they felt the boat wasn't ready, they would end up losing another year, only to discover after they had finally left that this was totally unnecessary. To those people who had the guts to tell of the errors they've made I say thank-you.

Still when it is you making this great lifestyle change, the pressures are terrific.

MONDAY AUGUST 30, 1999

Sam Irvin and I slipped away on a blustery sunny morning. We are both reeling with the events of yesterdays regatta and the sinking of Will Lightfoots "Laughing Sally". Sam hurts a lot more than I as he and a bottle of rum tried their best to console a devastated fellow sailor at the loss of his boat the night before.

I am truly lucky to have a guy like Sam aboard. He is definitely one of a kind. Sensing my nervousness about the whole trip, he puts my mind at ease, even though he was suffering from something I have suffered for over twenty five years. As I recall a HANGOVER on a lumpy sea is not very nice. Sam also was recovering from a chest infection.

On a couple of occasions as we headed down river toward Lake Erie I had suggested we go back until he felt better. He would not hear of it and insisted we move on. That's the kind of guy Sam is.

As we approached the mouth of the Detroit River and the vast West end of the lake, I reflected how many times I had come to this point and each time there would be a feeling of great freedom as if Lake Erie was inviting me to come in and keep sailing. There is something about a horizon that becomes your soul.

We in the river perhapes are more sensitive to this because we are not in a position to observe the horizon on a daily basis. It is this pull that brough sailors to distant lands for as long as man has sailed. I never want to lose this feeling.

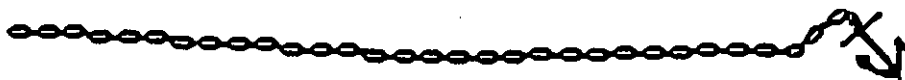


As Sam and I turn East so does the wind. We pound our way along hoping for a wind shift but by noon the wind is dead in our face blowing 15-30 knots.

Under the circumstances as the weather report was for the same until Tuesday morning, we decided to hold up at Colchester. This turned out to be a wise decision. Same would feel better and my nerves had a chance to calm down now that we finally left. After a nice visit from brother Frank and Maggie and Jacklin, a roast beef dinner and a little rest we were ready for tomorrow and a shot at Port Stanley.

PS If I have not mentioned you in this first part fear not for I shall return to thanks certain people for all they have done. I just do not want to refer to you in passing.

Kevin Hart Le Coeur de France



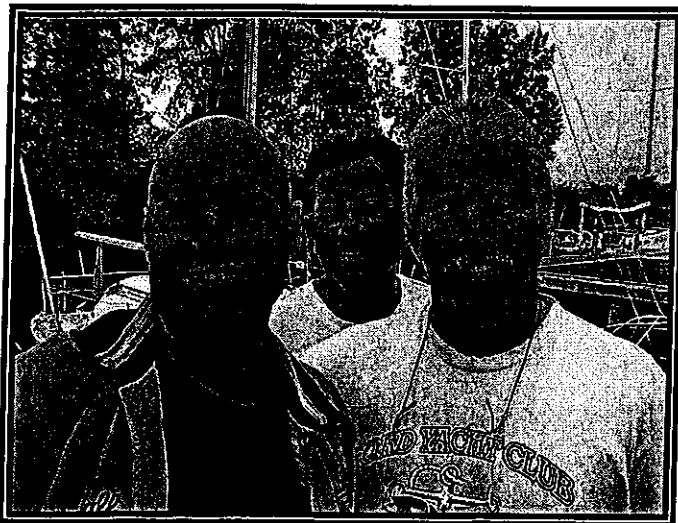
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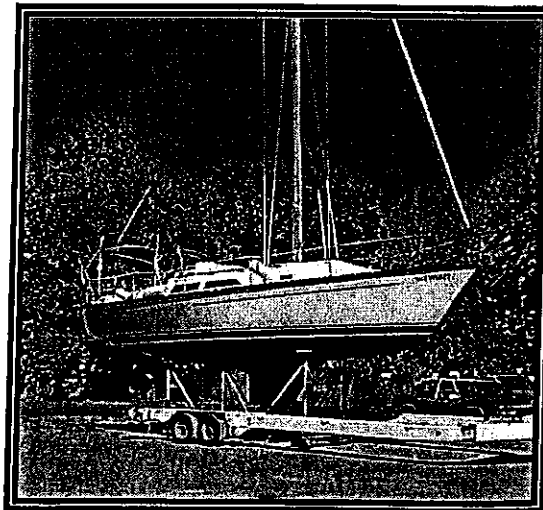
Robert Reaume, Linda Parchoma and Jurgen Hendell
on the back porch of LMYC



Nick Beaudoin working on a powerboat
at St. Clair Marina



Ralf Fiedler, Steve Kepran and Ralph Kepran



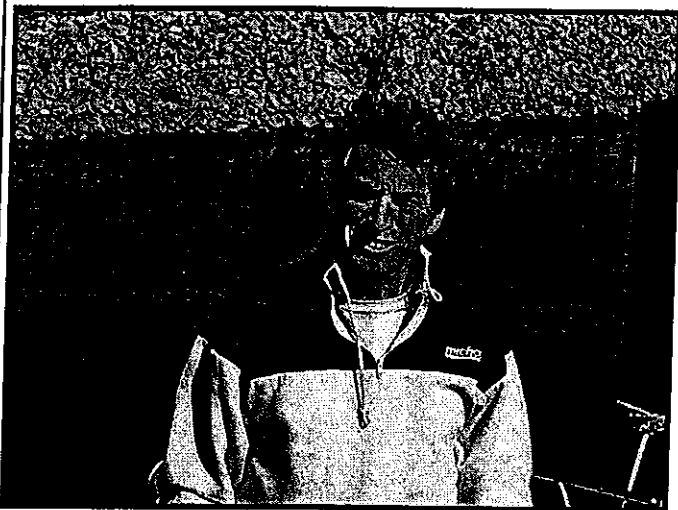
Freelife 2 first boat out at LMYC
September



Danielle & Larry Laing (Race Director



Brain Casey & Crew on 2nd Wind



Commodore John Amyot on Morpheus



Audrey Allen & Rick Renwick on Rebel Rouser



Bernie Wolter on High Anxiety



Howard and Maria Porter on Abegeweit



Bob Bingham and Crew



Jurgen Hendel and Crew



Bob Reaume and Crew



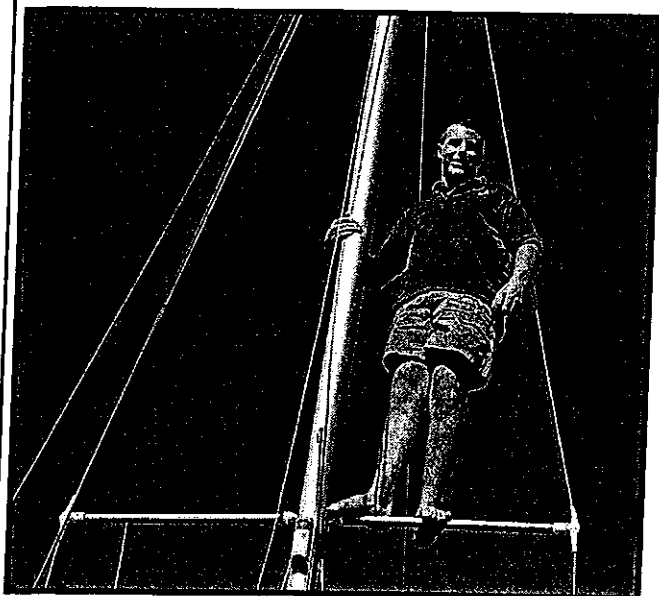
Bob Ferugson at well construction



*Rob Ferguson, Donald Beneteau and
Adam Prettyman*



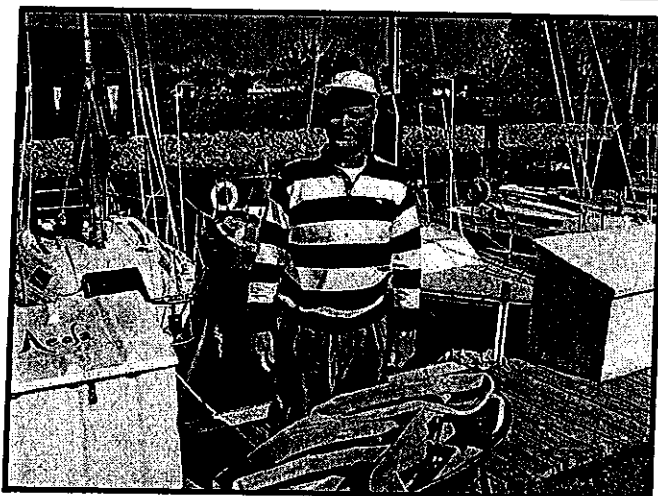
*Molly Allen, Yvonne McRobbie and
friends on Red's new boat*



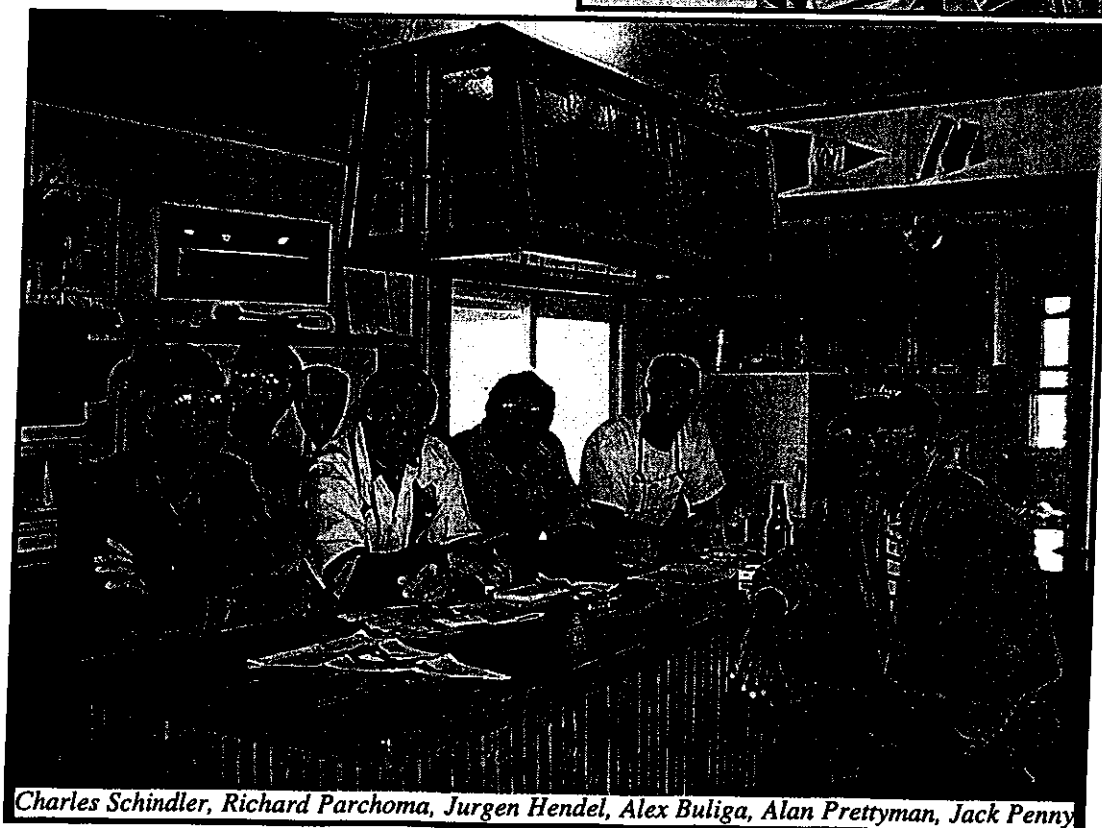
*Top Left
Adam Prettyman on Aeola*



*Top Right
Richard Beresford putting away
Sea Cadet equipment*

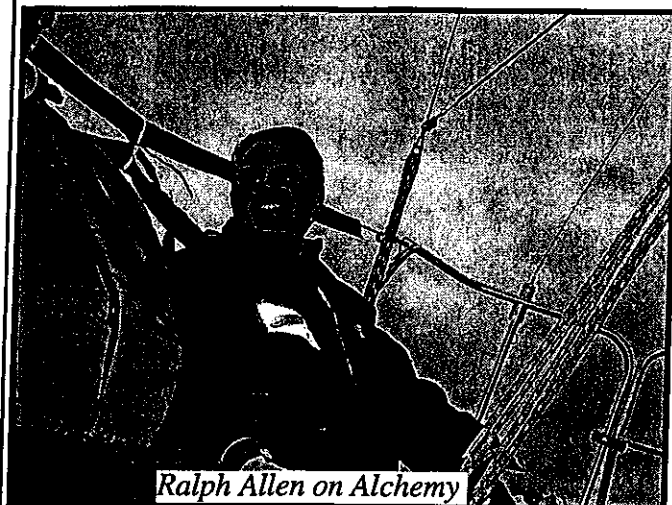


*Middle Right
Dennis Pare on Aeola*

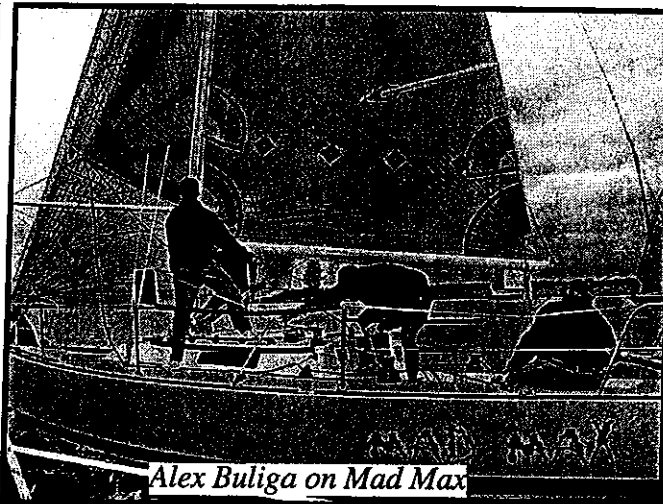


Charles Schindler, Richard Parchoma, Jurgen Hendel, Alex Buliga, Alan Prettyman, Jack Penny

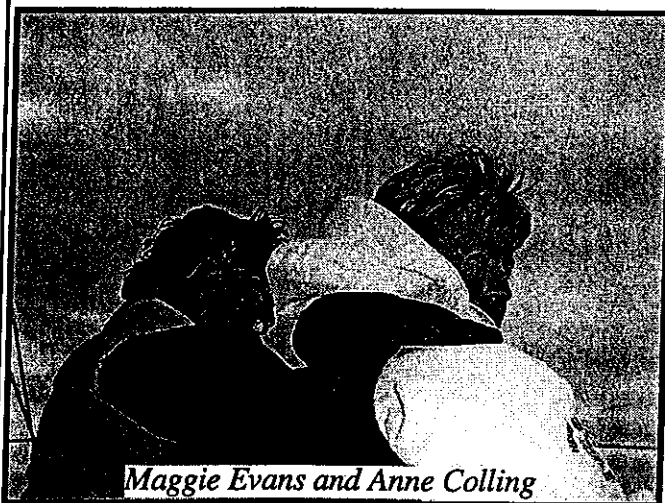
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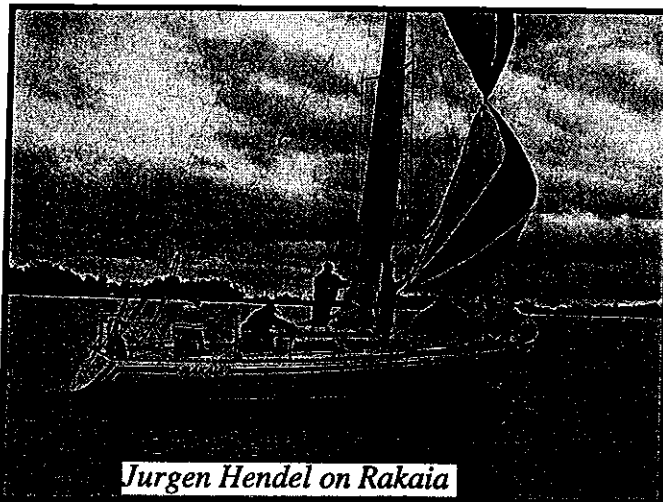
Ralph Allen on Alchemy



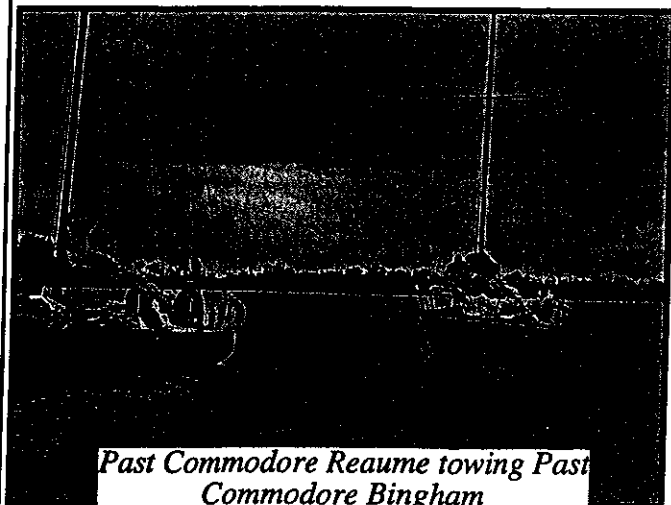
Alex Buliga on Mad Max



Maggie Evans and Anne Colling



Jurgen Hendel on Rakaia

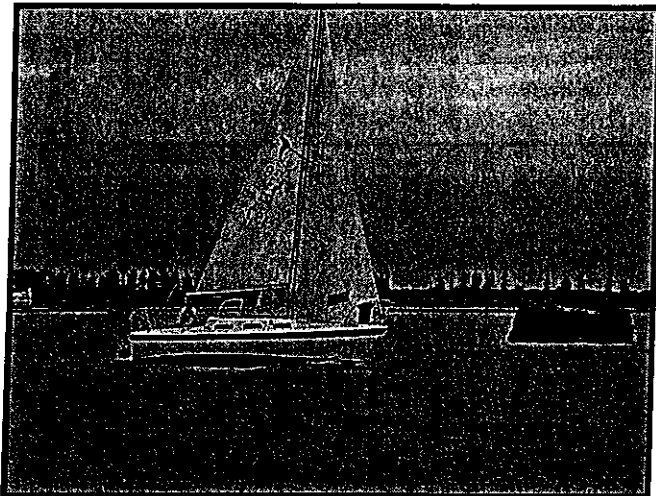


*Past Commodore Reaume towing Past
Commodore Bingham*

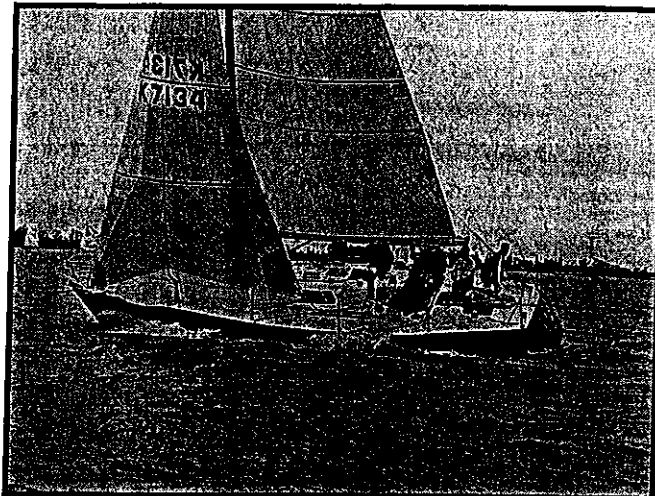


Rakaia and Mad Max

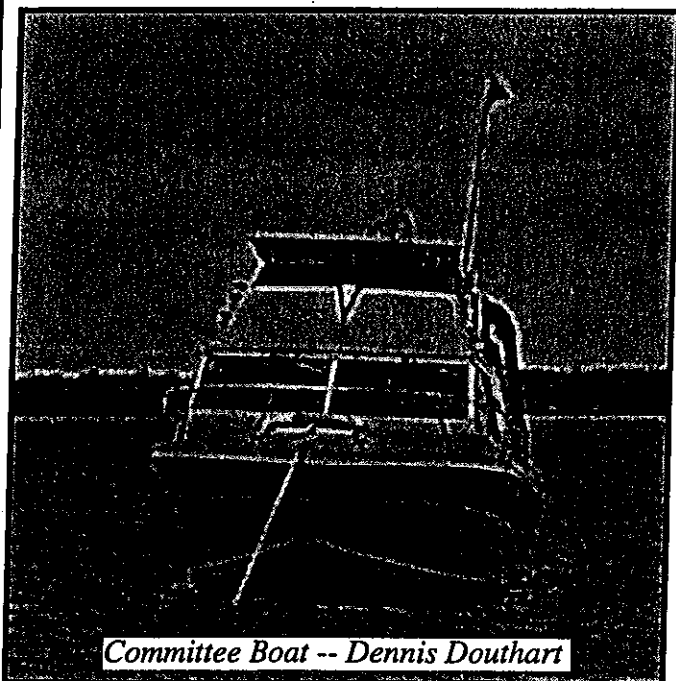




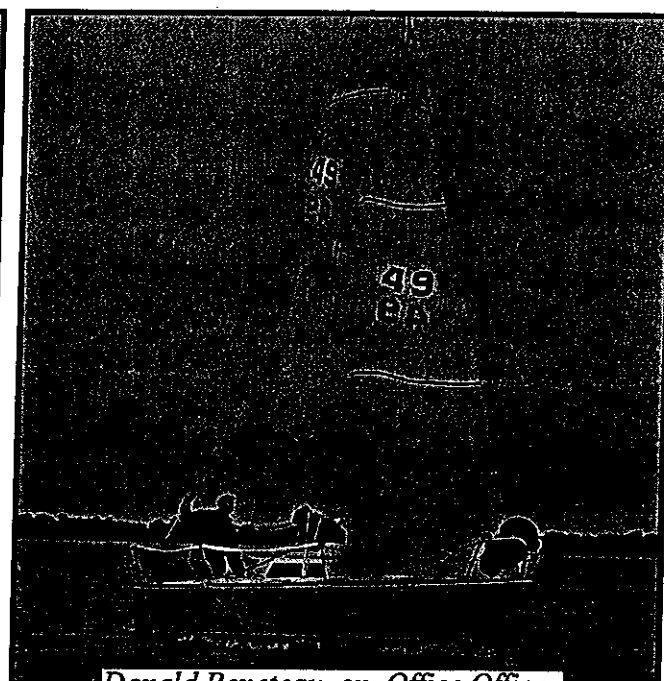
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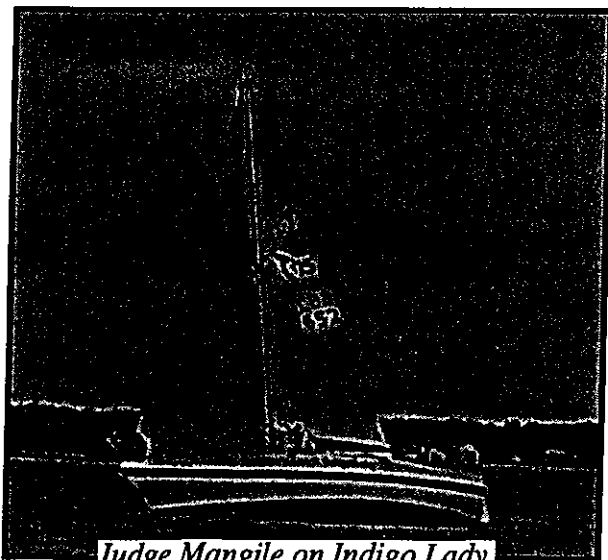
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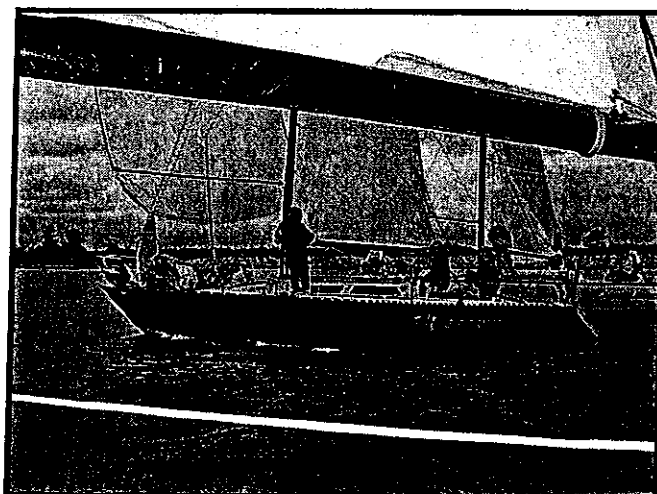
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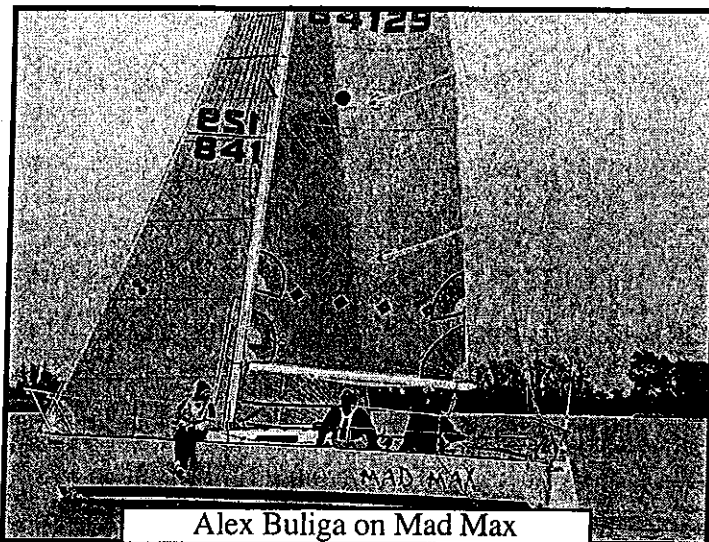


River Rat Race 1999

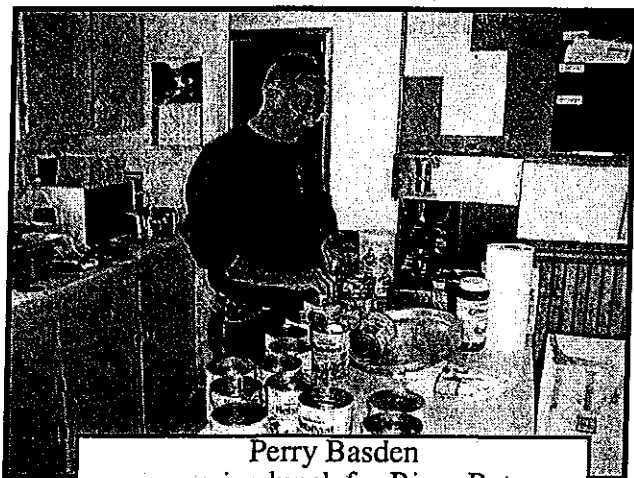
The annual River Rat Race was held on Sunday October 17, 1999. The start was at 12:00 with 5 boats in A Fleet, 6 in B Fleet and 6 in C Fleet.

It was a cold dreary day on the river and a few boats ran aground because of low water. Special Delivery ran hard aground and the Race Committee Boat with Dennis Douthard and Connie Buliga worked hard to free her. George Mooney of Trynstopus also ran aground but was able to free herself. There could have been others but that is all that comes to mind.

Alex Buliga of Mad Max had the fastest corrected time and as a result had to



Alex Buliga on Mad Max



Perry Basden
preparing lunch for River Rats

kiss the RAT. Next year Alex as a prize winner will have to carry the rat with him on his boat. Besides the privilege of kissing the rat Alex received a bottle of Rum for his effort.

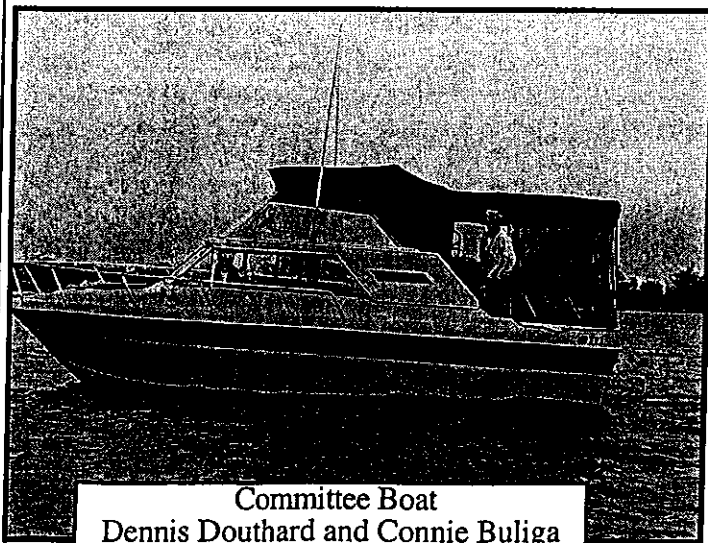
First in B fleet was John Vandereerden and his reward was a bottle of Scott. John and his crew promptly open their prize.

First in C fleet was Rob Ferguson on Break Away. His prize a case of beer.

Hard at work in the kitchen was Perry and Gloria Baden who prepared a hot lunch for the sailors. Lunch this year consisted of hot soup and ham sandwiches.

After the race many members stayed at the clubhouse and enjoyed a bonfire by the river.

Next Issue River Rat Race Pictures

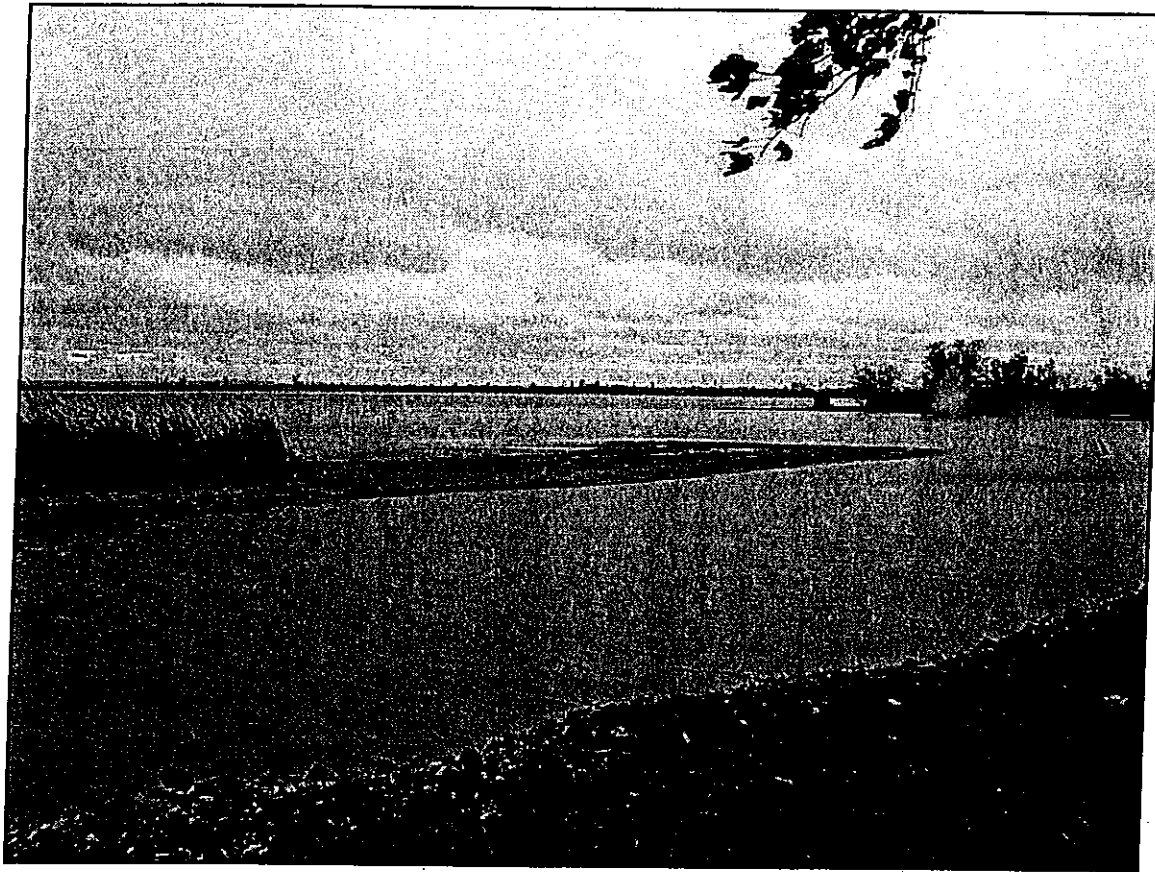


Committee Boat
Dennis Douthard and Connie Buliga



Gus Martin and the River Rat





Low Water At LMYC -- Top Photo Renwick's Reef Bottom Photo taken from Pumpout

