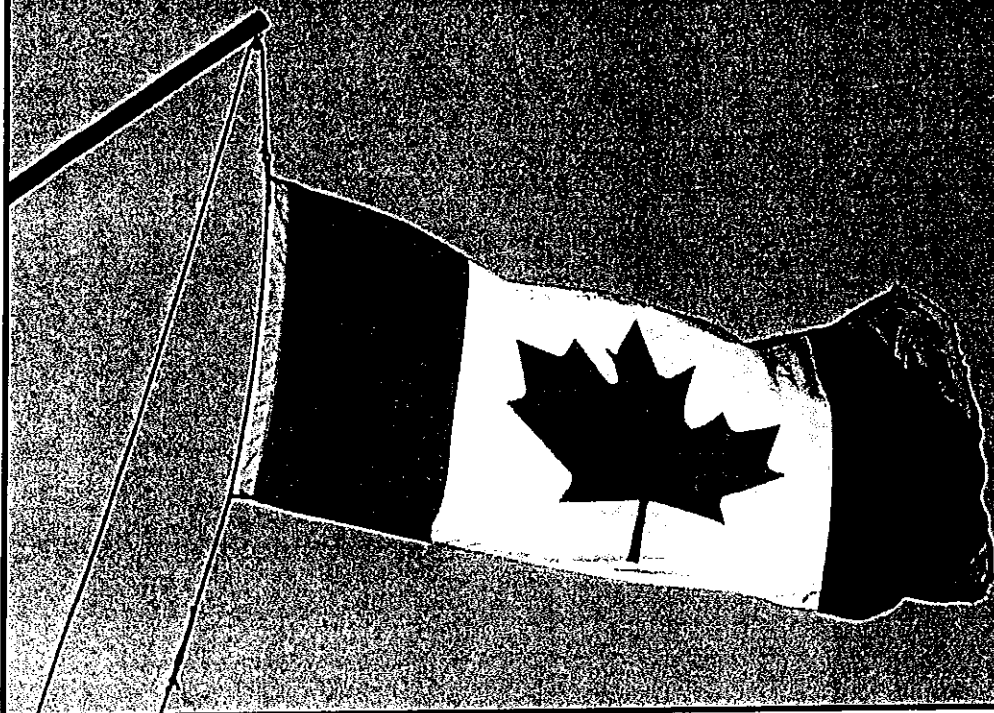


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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

Canadian Flag at LMYC

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club 2001 Officers

LMYC Web Site: http://www.geocities.com/lasalle_mariners/LMYC.htm

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From the Commodore & Vice-Commodore



The boating season is quickly coming to an end and the long cold winter is before us. Some reminders: Many members still do not have their required work hours for the year. Check the work log in the galley. If you are looking for work hours then make sure you contact the Vice-Commodore for job assignments. The Awards Banquet is coming. Be a participant and join the event. Darts are beginning the first week in November. Be a part of team. Our tenure as Commodore and Vice-Commodore are quickly coming to an end. We would like to thank the club members at this time for their cooperation in assisting us in many projects. The new elections will take place on November 4th.

Commodore Bob Reaume and Vice-Commodore Bob Ferguson

The Currents is published monthly. While The Currents has researched and inquired to assure that information contained in The Currents is accurate, we recommend to double check to assure complete accuracy. Not receiving The Currents? Call the Editor to get your copy.



News and Information

New Arrivals

Proud parents Bradley and Jo-Anne Blackton are happy to announce the birth of their third child Molly Blackton weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces on October 2, 2001 at 4.38 AM at Metropolitan Hospital.



Doris & Ralph Kepran are Grandparents again. A baby boy Jack was born October 10th at 10:00 AM to proud parents Heather Kepran and Dave Sills.



Jack Sills

For Sale

One Man Overboard Pole. Complete System. Excellent condition. \$150.00
Call Richard Parchoma @735-6533

One dodger for a 35 Mirage. Stainless Steel frames. Blue Cover. Excellent condition \$250.00
Call Richard Parchoma @735-6533

Laser Sailboat for sale.
\$800.00. Call Carol Ferguson
@ 736-5606



Club Newsletter

Attention club members. Please pick up your copy at the clubhouse if possible. The newsletter will be at the clubhouse between the 1st—10th of each month. Picking up the newsletter will save on mailing expenses.

Dart League

The dart league will officially begin the first Wednesday in November. All members are welcome to attend. Darts begin at 8:00 PM. For more information contact Phil Smith or Ralph Kepran

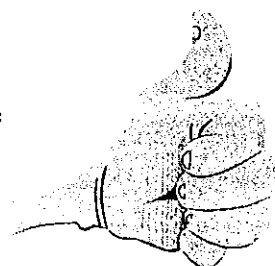


LMYC Web Page

Our LMYC Web Page is still going strong. The Web Master Nick Maroukis is still waiting for club members to give him stories, pictures or information that could be of interest to this club. If you have any information please forward to his Email address. Nick's address is as follows:
maroukis@earthlink.net

Rule of Thumb

Before thermometers, brewers would dip a thumb into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot and yeast would die. This began the phrase 'rule of thumb.'



Up Coming Events

Haulout Breakfast

9:00-11:00 AM

Saturday November 3, 2001

Keep the tradition alive with our annual haulout breakfast. This year on the menu is bacon, ham, sausage and eggs, toast, muffins, coffee etc. Good chance to reacquaint yourself with other club members.



Awards Banquet

- Cost is \$30.00 per person
- November 17, 2001
- To be held at Fox Glen
- Cocktails at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm
- Dinner this year will include chicken Cordon Blue, roast beef, with mushrooms, roasted potatoes, baby carrots, salad, crepes for dessert, red & white wine.
- After Awards, entertainment provided by a D.J.
- For additional information contact Mary Nantais (Social Director)



New Members



LMYC welcomes Doug Warford & Janet Williams as new Associate Members.

Last Day for Haul Out Nov. 18

Highlights of Club Meeting



Commodore Bob Reaume, Vice Commodore Bob Ferguson, Social Director Mary Nantais

The annual haul out meeting was held on October 21, 2001

- House Director Steve Kepran the House Director is hoping to resurrect the Sunday Morning breakfast at LMYC/ If you are interested in assisting, please contact Steve Kepran.
- Grounds Judge Mangile of Grounds reported that the work to the power lines should be completed by the end of October.
- Roads & Parking Lot Rick Worr of Roads & Parking Lot reported that gravel was spread around parking and trenching area to eliminate the standing water.
- Social Director Mary Nantais reported that the club will be holding the haulout breakfast on November the 3rd which is a Saturday and that the Award Banquet will be held on November 17th at Fox Glen.
- Harbor Master Ralf Fiedler reported that club members are leaving their engine oil by the dumpster or putting it in the dumpster. This is not allowed. If our club continues in this practice and is caught we could lose our rights with this company for dumping. Please take your used oil home.
- Last day for Haul Out will be November 18. No boats will be haul out after that date. Water to the docks will be shut off earlier. If you are planning to wash the bottom of your boat please be vigilant of the date.
- Spreader Rack is a mess. No mast should be put on racks with spreaders attached. It makes it difficult for others to use the rack. To date there are three masts with spreaders. They must be removed. **NO EXCUSES.**

- Do not wait too long to haul out your boat if you wish to wash it in the slings. If the lift becomes busy then you may have to wait until your boat is put in the parking lot to complete the job.
- Please make sure that all valuables are removed from your boat. Example outboard engines and please lock your ladder.

The following are the sanctioned operators for haul out. Contact them when you wish to have your boat haul out.

Lift Operators

1. Carl Durham	734-1550
2. Ralf Fiedler	776-4501
3. John Murphy	977-1771
4. John Metcalfe	734-8244
5. John Amyot Junior	254-6079
6. Jim Beaudoin	734-6820

Treasurer Report

The use of the dingy dock was discussed in detail. The policy now in effect is as follows:

- If the boat is on the property for three consecutive days the member will then be responsible for the yearly fee of \$25.00. If you just launch and take your boat off the property there is no charge.
- Only members are allowed to bring their boats to the club. Non members are NOT ALLOWED TO LAUNCH AT LMYC.
- Amount owing will be posted three times or more a year indicating what members owe. You may prepay by submitting 12 checks handed in at the same time.



Proposed Executives

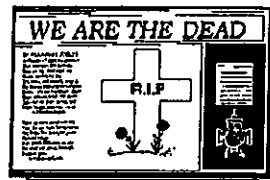
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Secretary	Alan Prettyman
House Director	Steve Kepran
Social Director	Denise Melanson
Race Director	John Vandereerden

Last Day for Haul Out Nov. 18

Remembrance Day

"In Flanders Field" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in Ypres in the spring of 1915.

How many of us can recite this from memory? There was a time when everyone knew these words, when parents made the effort to teach such things to their children. Times change, priorities change, people change. This year since September 11th., November 11th becomes even more important.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.



Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



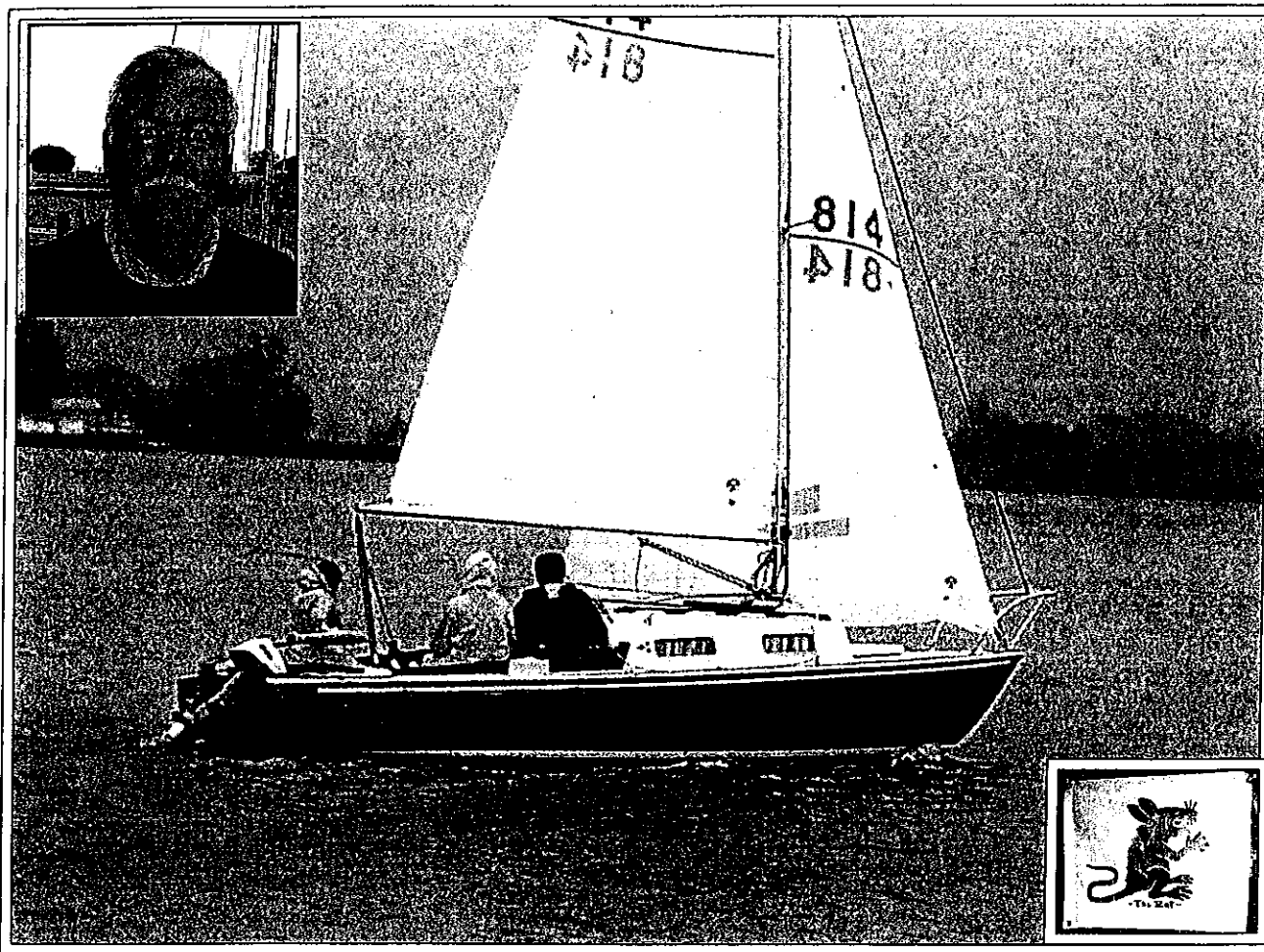
From the Social Director

Windy and Wet, sounds good if you are a Rat,,
Well we had a great turn out for the race and everyone enjoyed a nice gathering in the Clubhouse, Warming up with hot soup & Bratweurst on buns with sauerkraut and lots of other dishes that were provided by our members. I would like to take this time to thank everyone that came out and for all the generous food items that people brought. I had a great time, I hope everyone else did too,,,,,

See you Next Year,,,,,,Rats.
Mary Nantais (Social Director)



River Rat Race 2001



Bob Ferguson on Gringo — 2001 River Rat Winner

The River Rat Race held Sunday October 14, 2001 signifies the end of the sailing racing season. Over 15 boats were entered for this event at LMYC. The skippers meeting was held at 11:00 AM to inform racers of the course and any last minute changes. The race started at 12:00 noon with two starts and three divisions. PHRF "A" PHRF "B" and Jog.

The weather reports for this day was to be 30-40 knot winds with gusts up to 50 knots with heavy rain at times. The day began with heavy winds but by race time the river was almost dead calm and Ralph Allen on the committee boat was contemplating delaying the start until the wind picked up.

The wind did pick up. During the course of the race the wind went from about 5 knots to almost 25 knots with heavy rain at times. During the race spinnakers were flown and taken down due to changes in the wind. By four o'clock all the boats were in. One boat ran aground and one pulled out.

When the committee boat with (Ralph Allen, Carl Durham, Connie Buliga) pulled in the festivities were already under way. In the clubhouse food was everywhere. There was soup, sauerkraut, sausages, salads, and an abundance of pastries.

Three club members celebrated birthdays during the month of October (Bob Ferguson, Bob Bingham and Carl Durham)

The Rat Trophy this year was presented to Bob Ferguson who will proudly carry it during the 2002 River Rat.

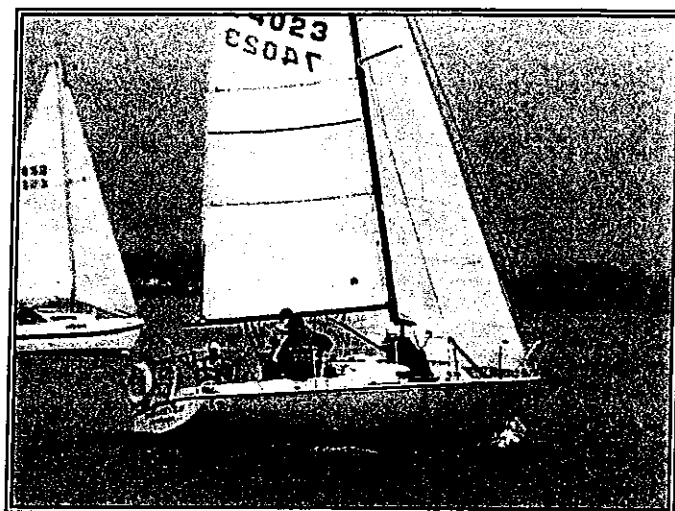


River Rat Race



PHRF "A"

Position	Boat	Skipper
1	Mad Max	Alex Buliga
2	Rakaia	Jurgen Hendel
3	Special Delivery	Bob Bingham
4	R-Escape	Bob Reaume
5	Ratso	Dave Evans

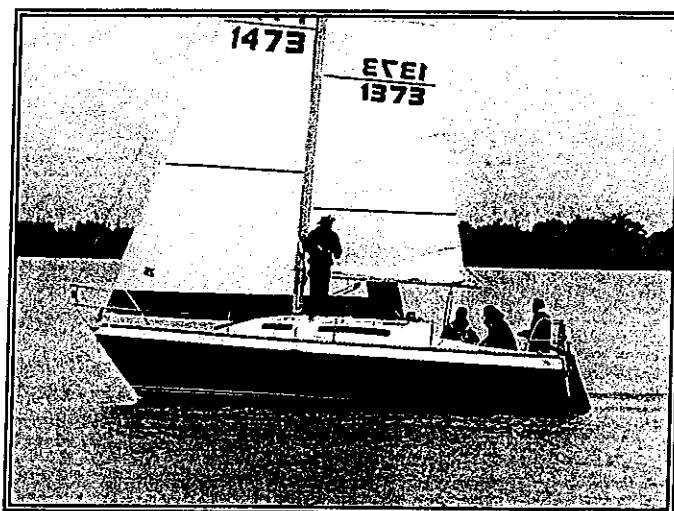


Whatever – George Mooney

PHRF "B"



Position	Boat	Skipper
1	Gringo	Bob Ferguson
2	Quattro	John Metcalfe
3	Whatever	George Mooney
4	Indigo Lady	Judge Mangile
5	Dragon Fly	G. Meseck
6	Breakaway	Rob Ferguson

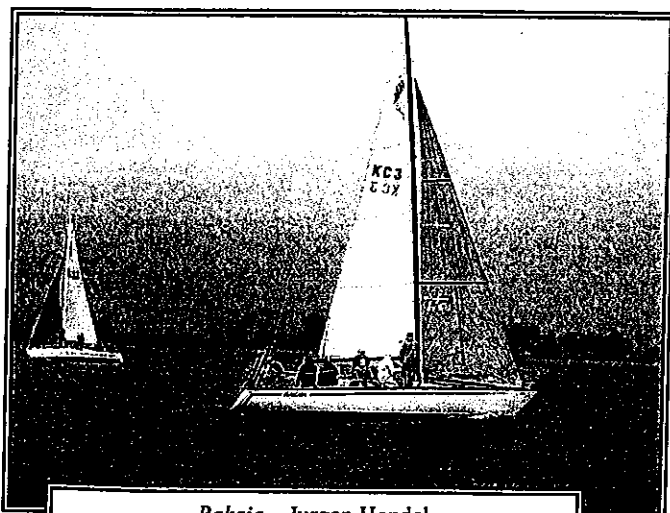


Midnight Lift – John Murphy

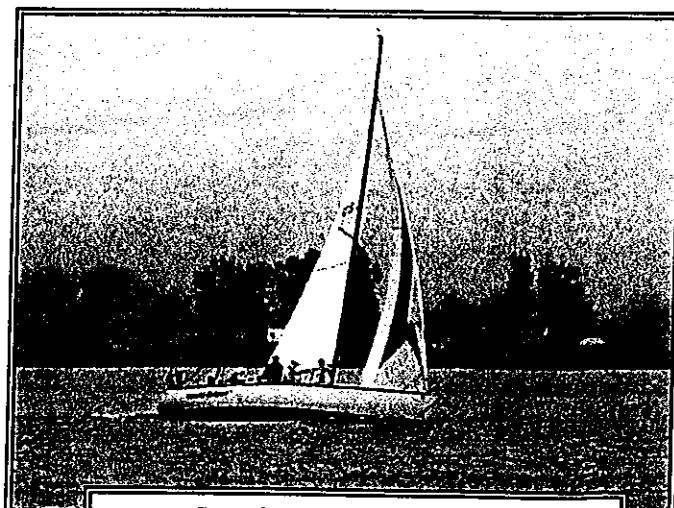
"Jog"



Position	Boat	Skipper
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2	Dove	Roy Oliver
3	Gale Force	Rick Worr
4	Abegweit	Rob Dorion



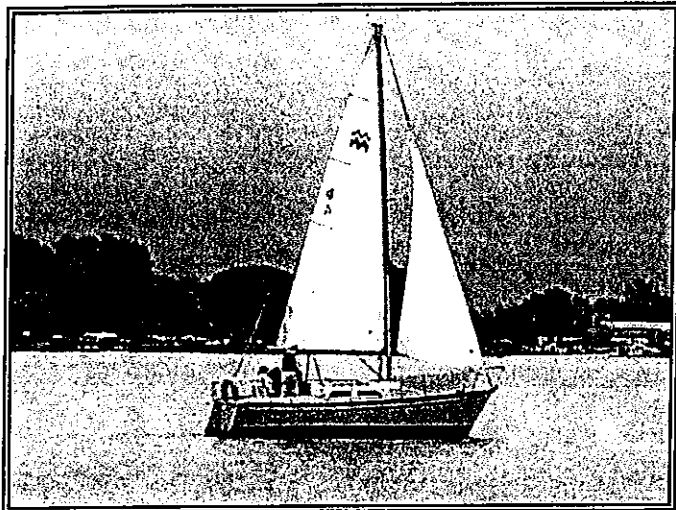
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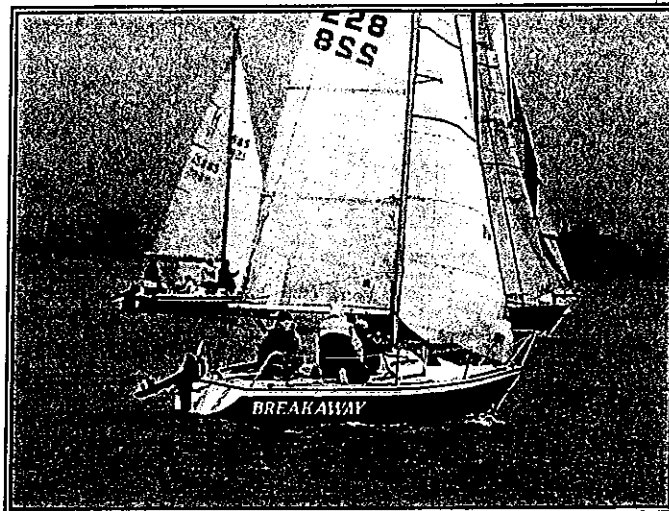
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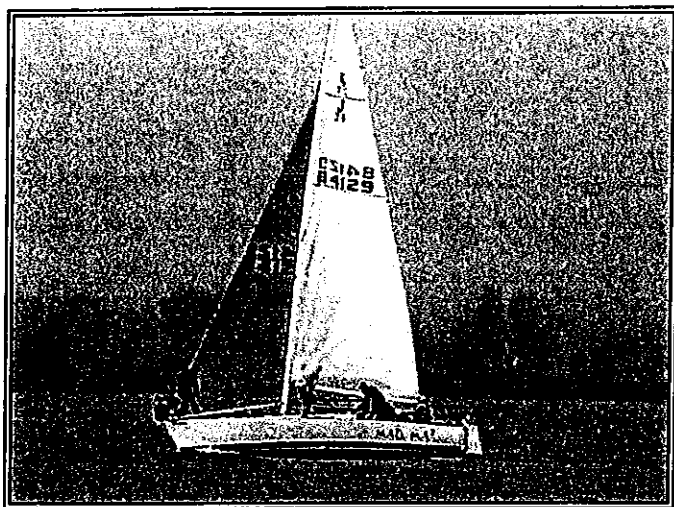
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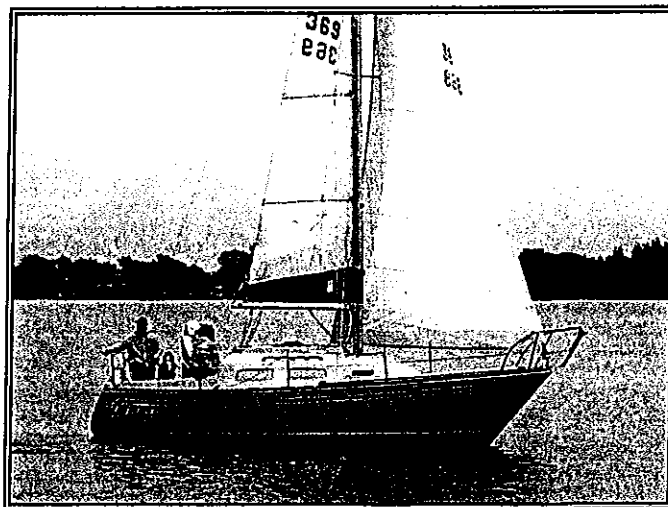
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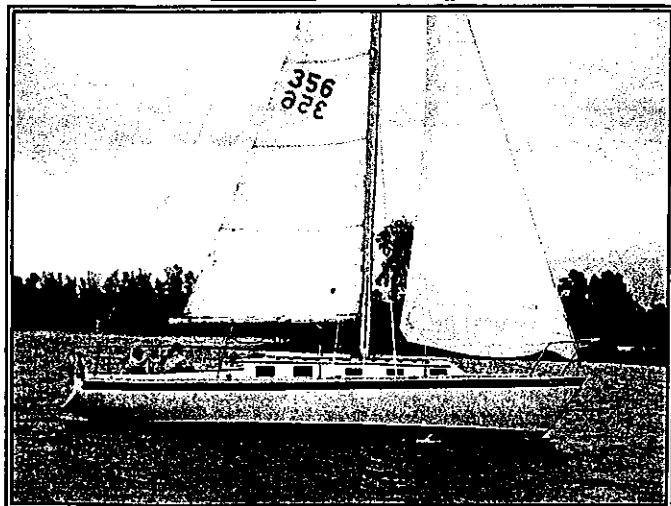
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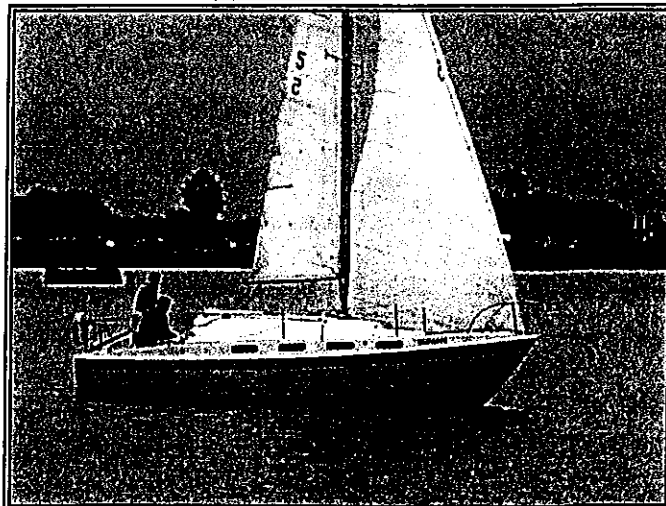
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Gale Force– Rick Worr



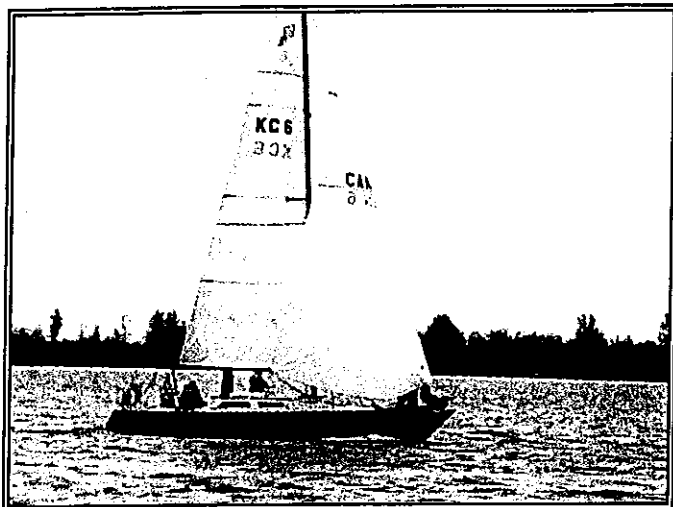
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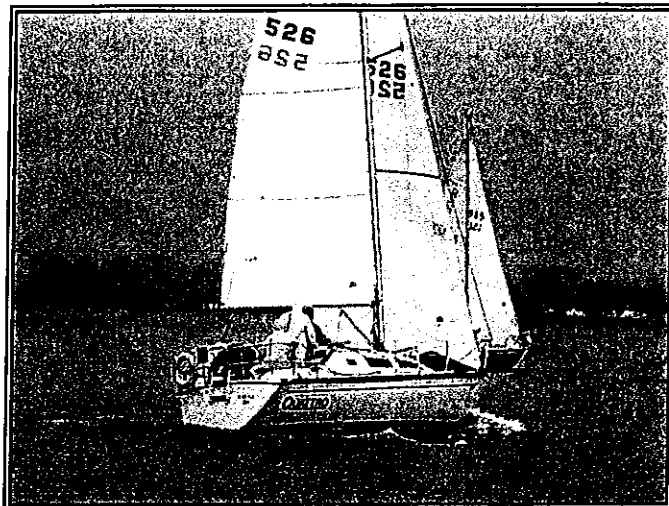
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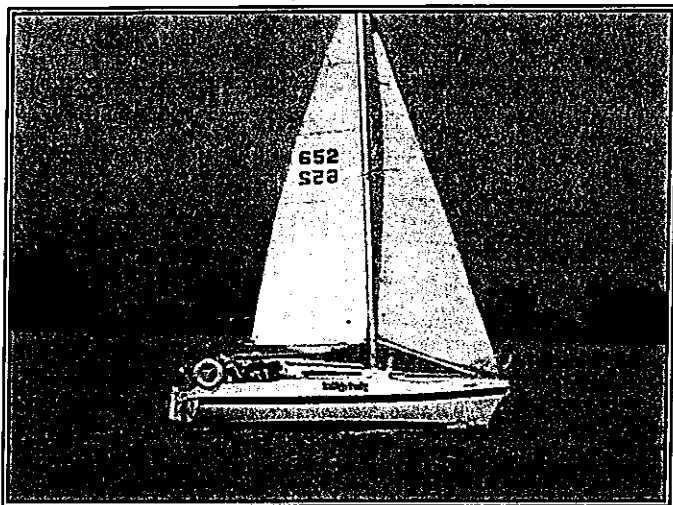
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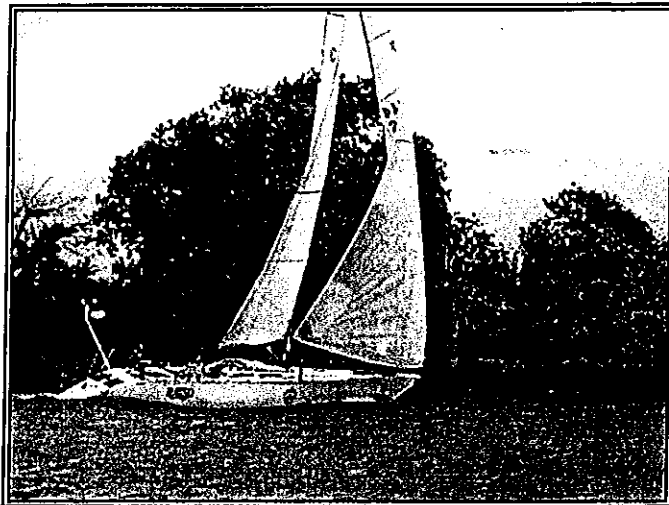
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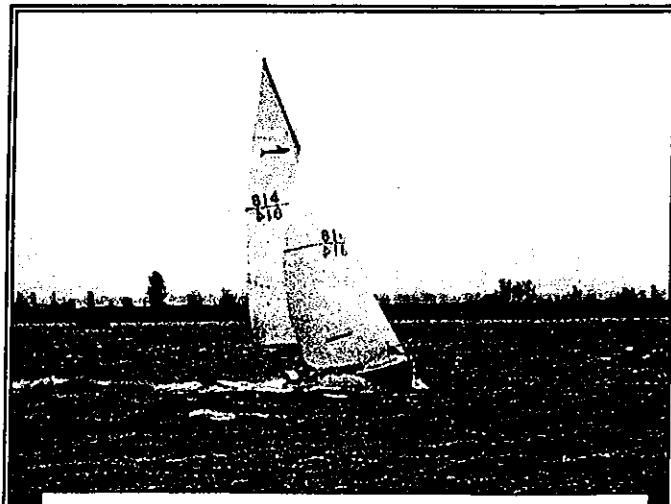
Indigo Lady – Judge Mangile



Ratso – Dave Evans



John Metcalfe, Herb Colling & Charles Schindler



Gringo – Bob Ferguson



River Rat Race



Barbara & Dennis Pare



Terri & Judge Mangile



Race Committee - R. Allen, C. Buliga, C. Durham



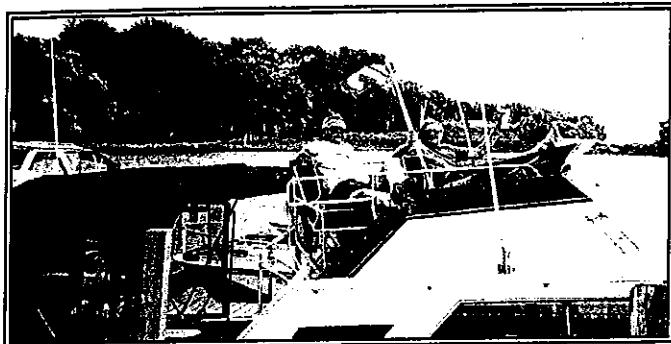
Cooking - Jerry Angus



In the Kitchen Preparing for River Rat

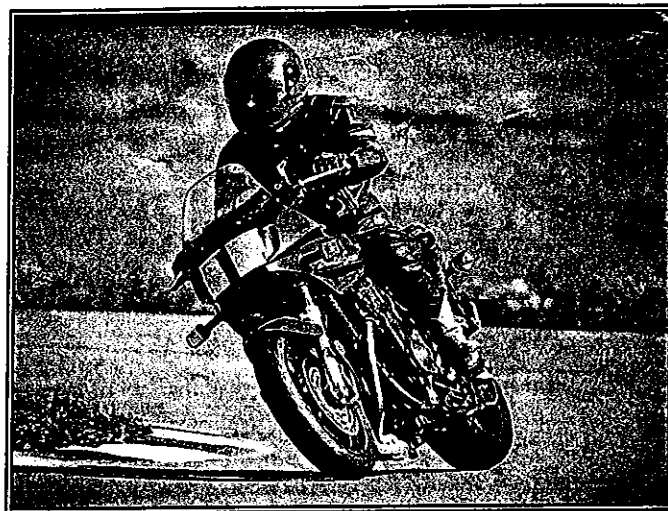


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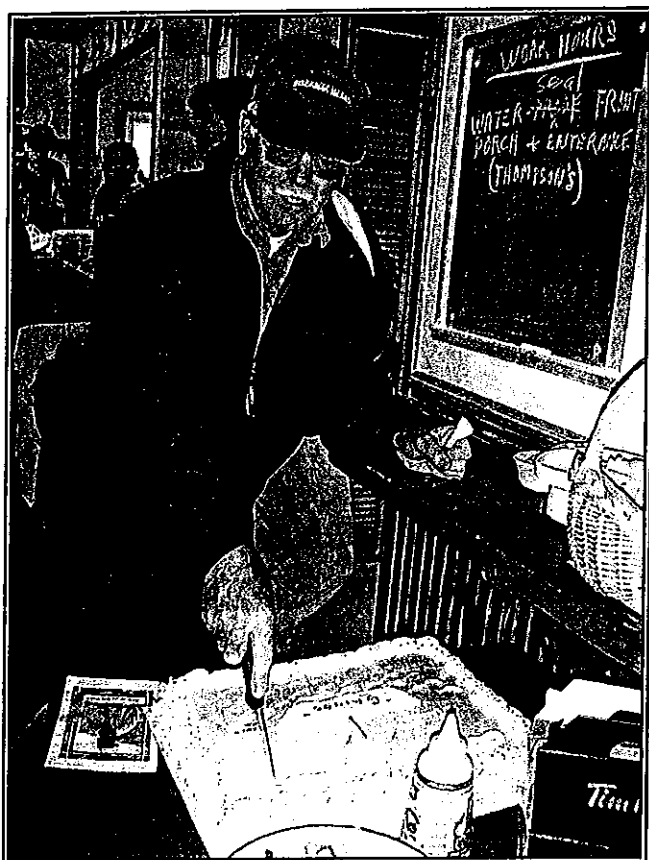


Colchester Harbour – Single Handed Race
Your Single Handed race committee “HARD AT
WORK”

Craig Morrison & Dennis Douthart



Dave Evans – Starboard or Port Tack



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Bob Ferguson cutting birthday cake at River Rat Race.

Right

Bob Bingham about to blow out the candles on birthday
cake at River Rat Race.



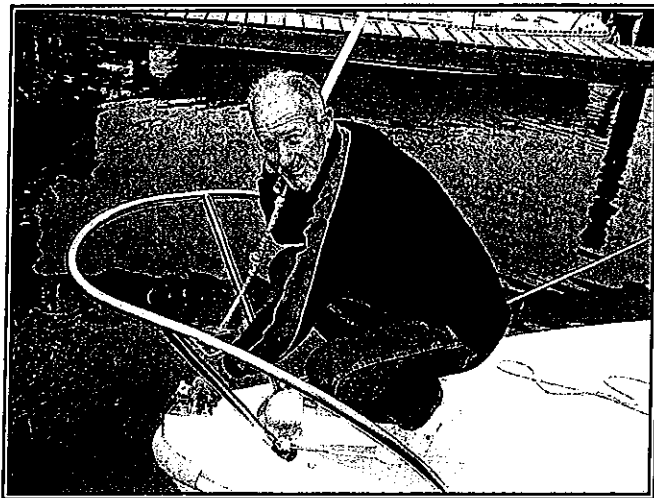
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Judge Mangile, Dave Evans, George Mooney





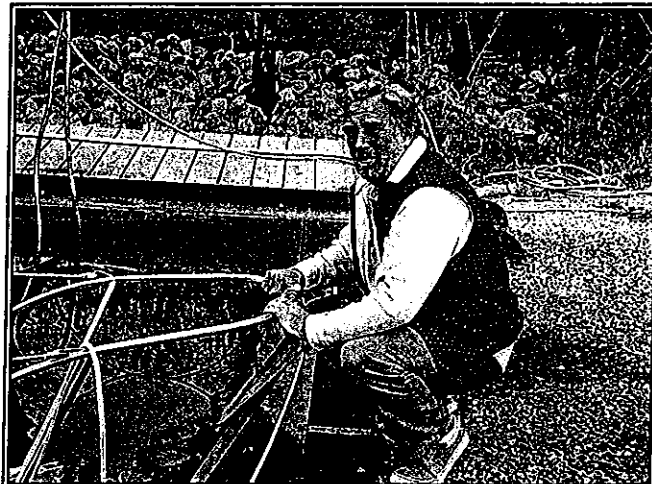
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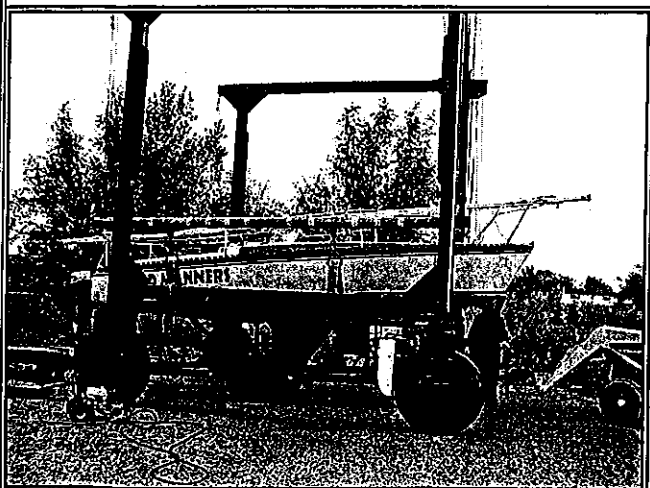
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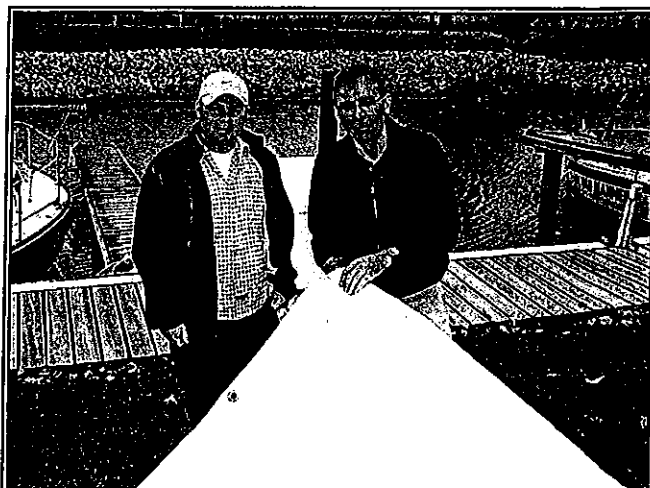
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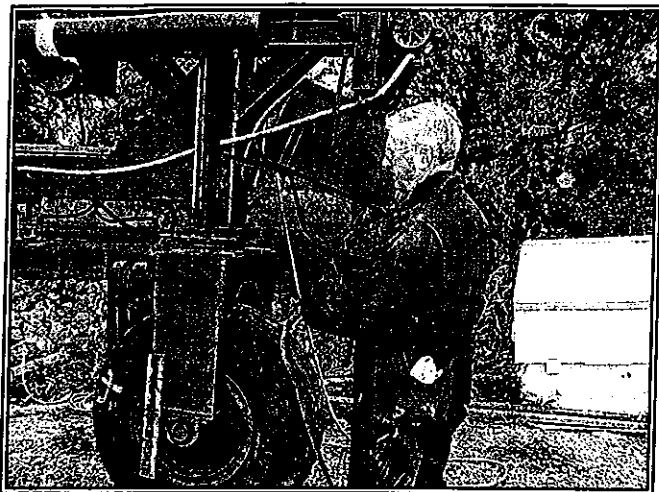
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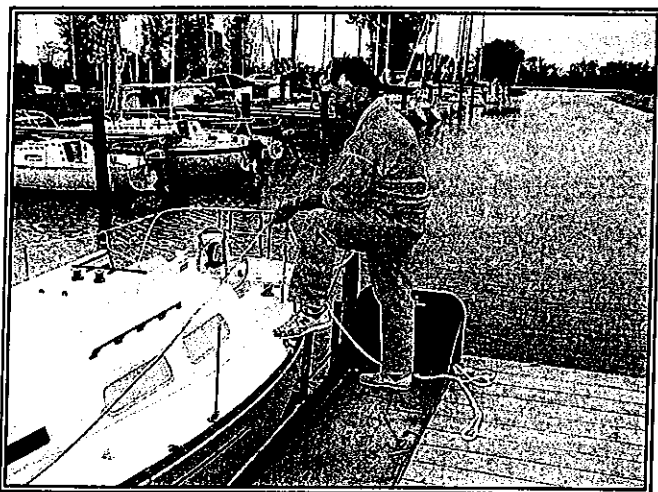
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Carl Durham



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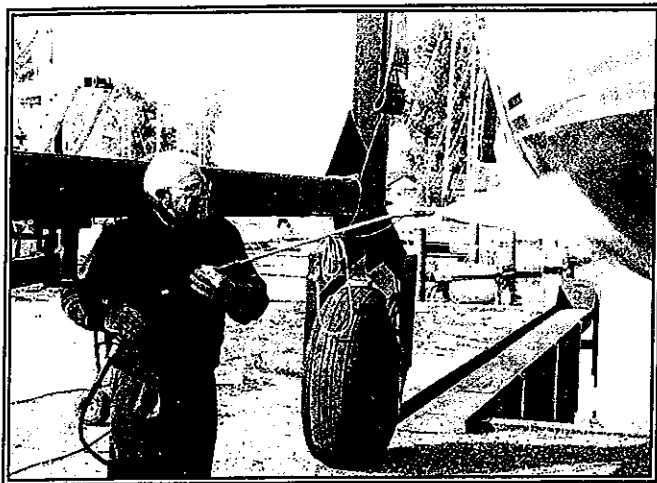
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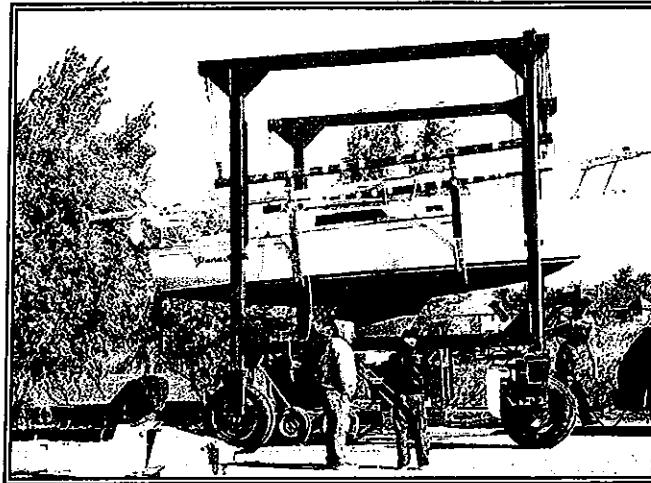
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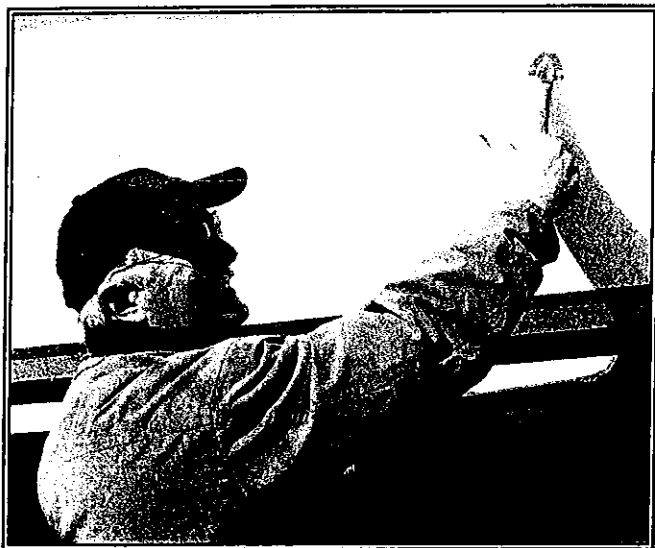
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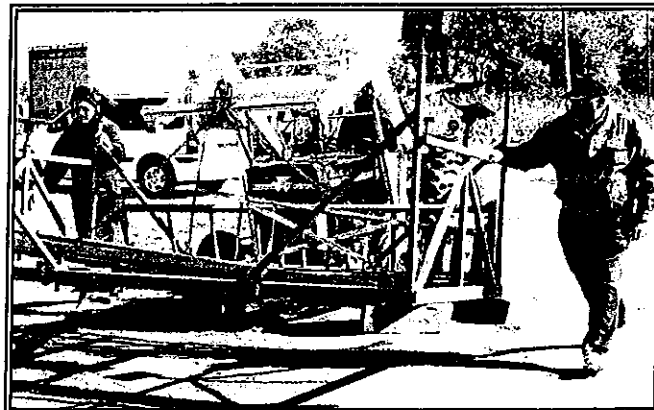
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Boat Lift - Panache



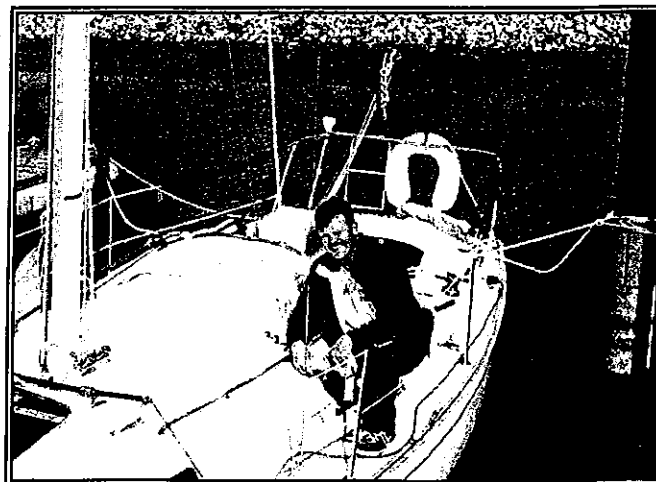
Inspecting Hull - Gord Freeman



Cradle Moving - Carl Durham, Bob Bingham & Jerry Angus

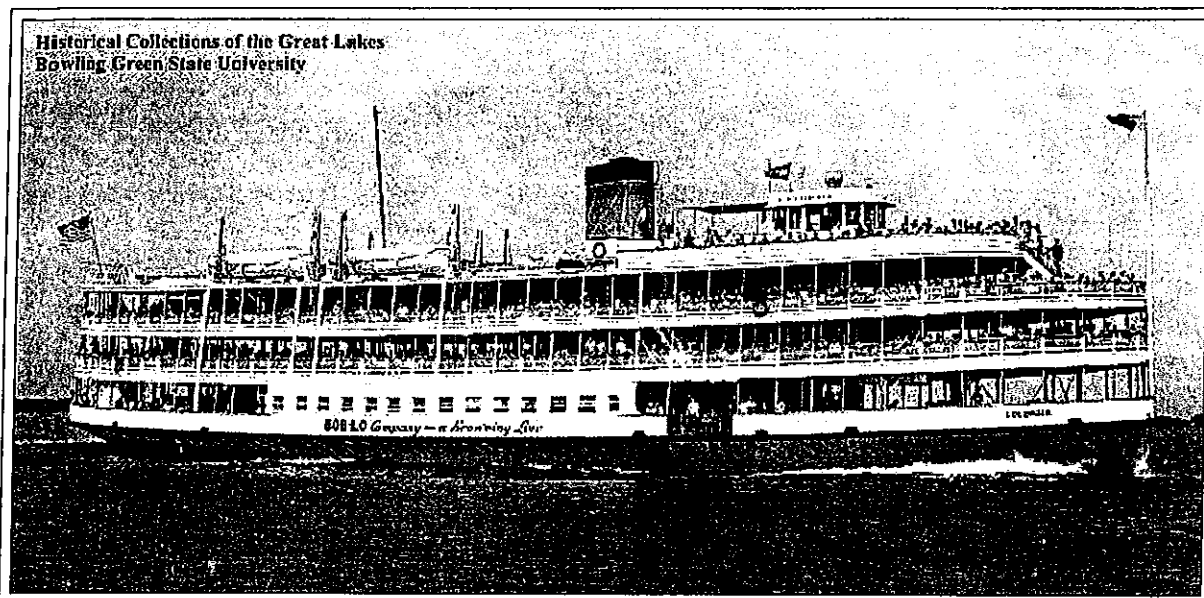


Folding Sails -- Connie Buliga



Preparing for haul out - John Vandereerden

Bob-Lo Boat Columbia



Detroit's beloved and historic "Bob-Lo Boat" is coming back to the river! The Columbia is the older of the two Bob-Lo boats, built in Wyandotte and Detroit in 1902. She is a National Historic Landmark, the highest status the US government gives to historic resources. She is 216' long overall, and was last licensed to carry 2,500 persons.

Since the fall of 1991, Columbia has been idle, her condition slowly declining. Now, she's coming back!

The Steamer Columbia Foundation, a non-profit museum organization, has acquired the Columbia and intends to restore her for excursions on the river. Bob-Lo Island may be gone forever, but the fun, excitement, and beauty of a trip on the river aboard a turn-of-the-century steamboat will be available once again.

Once again, she will offer moonlight cruises, all-day trips to places like Port Huron, jazz and big-band events, and charters for churches, social clubs, and business functions. Once again, you will be able to enjoy the cool breezes on a hot day, see Michigan's waterways as they can only be seen from a ship, and lean over the railing on the main deck to watch the historic triple-expansion steam engine as its connecting rods flash and its valve gear rocks to and fro. There'll be hot dogs and ice cream, broad decks, a big dance floor, and a deep, loud whistle!

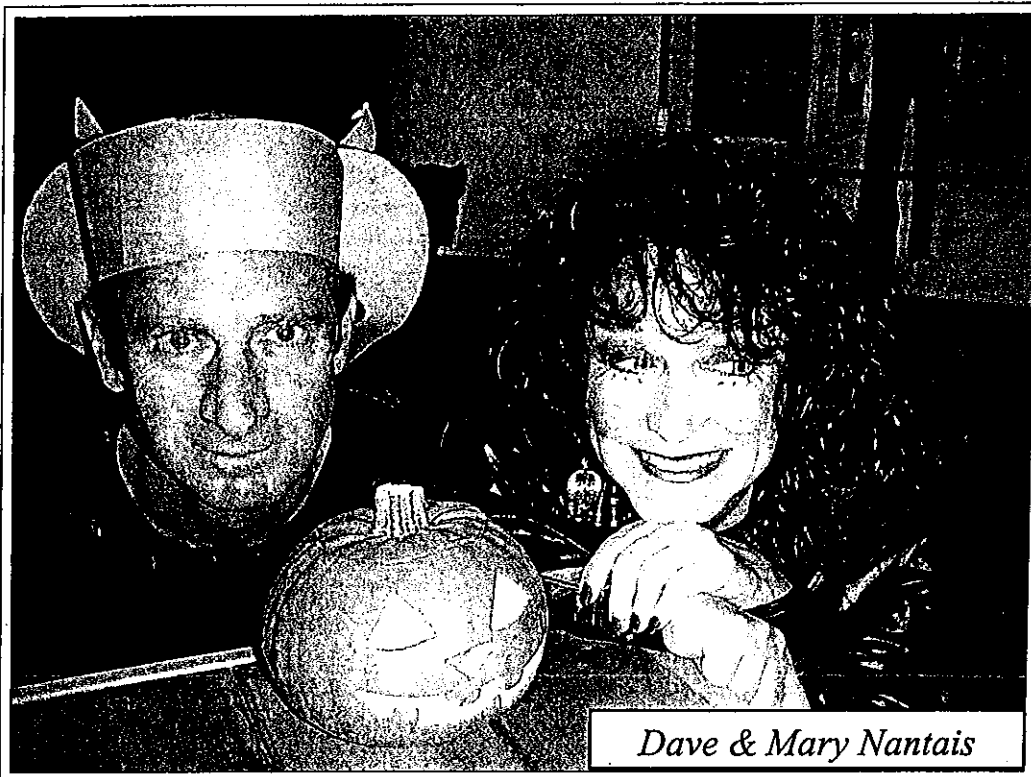
The first priority is to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements so the Columbia can return to service; that could cost as much as \$500,000. When that work has been accomplished, the ship will return to part-time active service for charters, excursions, and events.

Columbia is an historically important vessel. She was designed by Detroit's famed Frank E. Kirby, who also designed the big D&C side-wheelers and the fabled Tashmoo. After Columbia came a series of excursion boats designed on the same pattern, including Britannia, Ste. Claire, and Put-In-Bay of Detroit, Americana and Canadiana at Buffalo, and Peter Stuyvesant on the Hudson.

Columbia's machinery survives almost intact from 1902, and is now very rare in operational condition. Originally, Columbia had elaborately decorated public spaces with mahogany and oak paneling, carved decoration, and gilt. Those features will require extensive restoration. When Columbia returns to service, she will be the last classic excursion steamer in service in the United States and the last operating ship of her type in the world!

Vessel	Columbia
Type of ship	Passenger
Hull number	#148 US.127665
Builder	Detroit Ship Building
Year built	1902
Entered service	July 8, 1902
Length	216' 0" loa
Beam	60' 0"
Depth	13' 6"
Capacity	2566 passengers
Tonnage	968 GRT. 549 NRT.
Engine	Triple expansion steam
Horsepower	1217 ihp.
Bollers	2 Oil converted Scotch
Architect	Frank E. Kirby
National Register	November 2, 1979
Historic Landmark	July 6, 1992
Laid up	September 2, 1991
Current status	Being restored

Halloween at LMYC

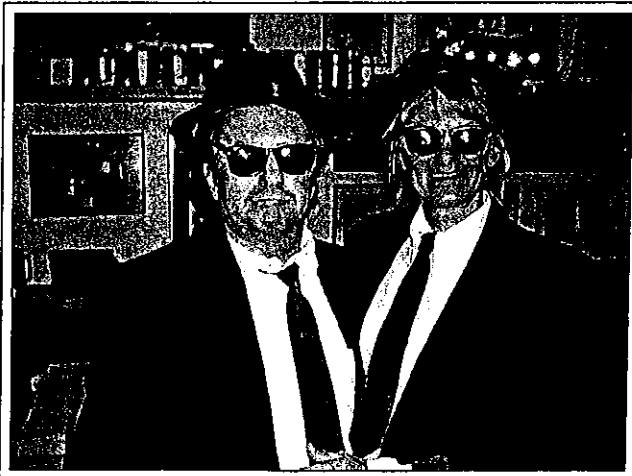


Dave & Mary Nantais



Top Linda Schreiber

Far Right — Bob Reaume & Sue Ouellette



Halloween is a scary time for LMYC members. The party organized by the Social Director Mary Nantais was held Saturday October 27, 2001. The turnout was light but the members who were there had a great time. It was a good time to enjoy each others company with food and refreshments.

