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LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Alan Prettyman winner of the 2002 River Rat Race paying homage to the RAT

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club 2002 Officers

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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore

As each commodore goes through his/her year, each one is embodied into the soul and spirit of our club. This past year for me saw a growing feeling of pride in the people and accomplishments of the LaSalle Mariners-

- We are the friendliest, most active club—bar none.
- We have the deepest, safest harbour.
- We have a popular year round clubhouse that host a Dart League in the winter months, the Grey Duck Association and numerous other social events.
- We have the best and most experienced sailors (What other club Boasts of a "Table of Knowledge".)
- Our regatta is the most popular of local clubs.
- We have the longest sailing season.
- We act as a base for the local Sea Cadets.
- And finally as our River Rat Race proves the most "Spirit de Corps".



Vice-Commodore Chris Barron & Commodore Bob Ferguson

The membership is the club. Willing and active Bridge Officers, Directors and Committee Heads made this Commodore's job easy.

I would personally like to thank Yvonne (Red) McRobbie for her guidance and just being there while I was Commodore. I leave my position feeling confident that Chris our new commodore and the proposed slate of officers for the coming years should have smooth sailing and full cooperation from the membership. See ya at the Awards Banquet.

Commodore Bob Ferguson



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News and Information

Highlights of October 6th Haulout Meeting

Chris Barron Vice-Commodore presided, as Commodore Bob Ferguson was not present.

Some highlights:

- ✓ Saturday cleanup – 75 members were called and 6 people showed up. 35 yard bin was filled. Sea Cadets helped.
- ✓ Siding is in for shed, but still needs to be done.
- ✓ Fire Department cited club for violations concerning storage of volatile materials in clubhouse. Materials now moved to shed. Club will be re-inspected.
- ✓ Judge Mangile reported that plans to put wire around the clubhouse to keep geese off the property will be implemented shortly.
- ✓ Halloween Party coming up. If call up proves that attendance will be poor, party may be canceled.
- ✓ Ralf Fiedler reported that members should check cradles and make sure you have your name on it and indicating which is bow and stern.
- ✓ If you have two cradles on the property make sure you have your name on it.
- ✓ NO BOATS WILL BE WASHED IN THE SLINGS. Area becomes too messy for haul out crew. Boats will be washed where they will be stored.
- ✓ Don't wait too long to have boat hauled out. Water is shut off for the winter approximately the second Saturday in November. Note this date may vary with weather conditions.
- ✓ Many boats indicate that they wish to be in the first row for storage, so that they can be moved for repair. Sometimes this repair does not happen. Work order may be required if abused.
- ✓ Howard Porter donated a small compressor to fill tires on trailers and club equipment. Motor required.
- ✓ Old oil has been removed from club. No engine oil, anti-freeze etc. not allowed on prop-

erty. Take your old oil home. It can be recycled.

- ✓ Burgees available for \$20.00 and decals for \$4.00. See Treasurer.
- ✓ COPY OF INSURANCE ON BOAT. FIRST PAGE. (Proof that your boat is insured) BOB MACKENZIE will be collecting. Due by the time you haul out your boat this Fall.

Proposed LMYC Executives for 2003

Commodore: Chris Barron

Vice-Commodore: Ralf Fiedler

Treasurer: Yvonne McRobbie

Secretary: Steve Kepran

House Director: Jerry Angus

Social Director: Mary Nantais

Race Director: Ted Popel

Vote on proposed slate will be held at the next LMYC meeting on November 10, 2002



Happy Birthday Bob Bingham

A surprise Birthday Party for Past Commodore Bob Bingham was held at LMYC clubhouse Saturday October 5, 2002. Bob was brought on a pretense by his wife Andrea to the boat club and was greeted by family, friends, club members singing **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**.

Many friends, family & club members were present to make Bob's 60th Birthday Party a party to remember.

Bob Reaume conducted a roast and presented useful aids to help Bob in his future endeavors.

During the evening members and friends enjoyed fine food, fine wine and fine conversation into the wee hours of the night.



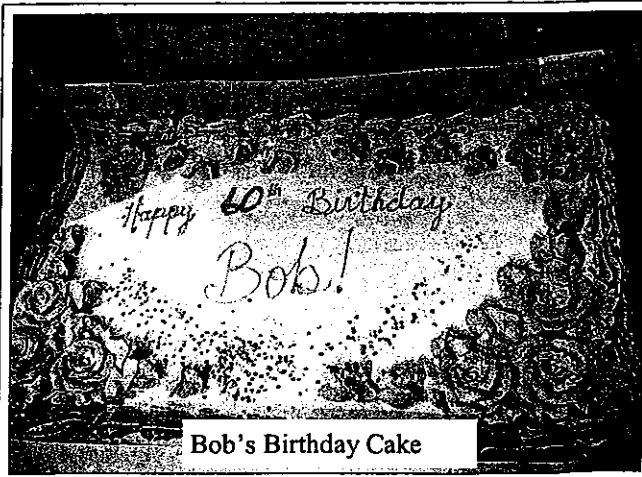
Anne and Bob Bingham (early years)



Bob and Andrea Bingham



Bob and Andrea Bingham



Bob's Birthday Cake

Dave Evans, Jurgen Hendel, Bob Bingham, Tom Boyce, Joanne & John Vandereerden



Jack Penney , Craig Morrison, Mary Ellen and Judge Mangile enjoying an evening fire at LMYC



Gosia and Andy Kozieradzki with Karolinka born September 22, 2002

Sea Cadets Update

The sailing team, which makes LMYC home competed in Sarnia against other Sea Cadet Teams from South-Western Ontario on September 9, 2002. There were 5 races and as you know we could drop our worst race for the final mark. We were victorious finishing first in all five races for a first overall, with the Sarnia team placing second.

Windsor and Sarnia will represent our area, Thames Flotilla at the Provincial Regatta next June.

PS. Our sports team competed in London against the same cadet corp on September 22, 2002 and we placed first in baseball, volleyball and pinball for a first overall.

Shirley Beresford

Congratulations



Congratulations to Charity Conrad and Bud Nagtegaal on their recent nuptials. Their garden wedding was September 7th, 2002 in Amherstburg with the reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The couple spent their honeymoon in Virginia where they experienced the thrill of bungy jumping then on to Tennessee and Kentucky where they went subterranean exploring. The couple will make their home at Bar Point in Amherstburg.

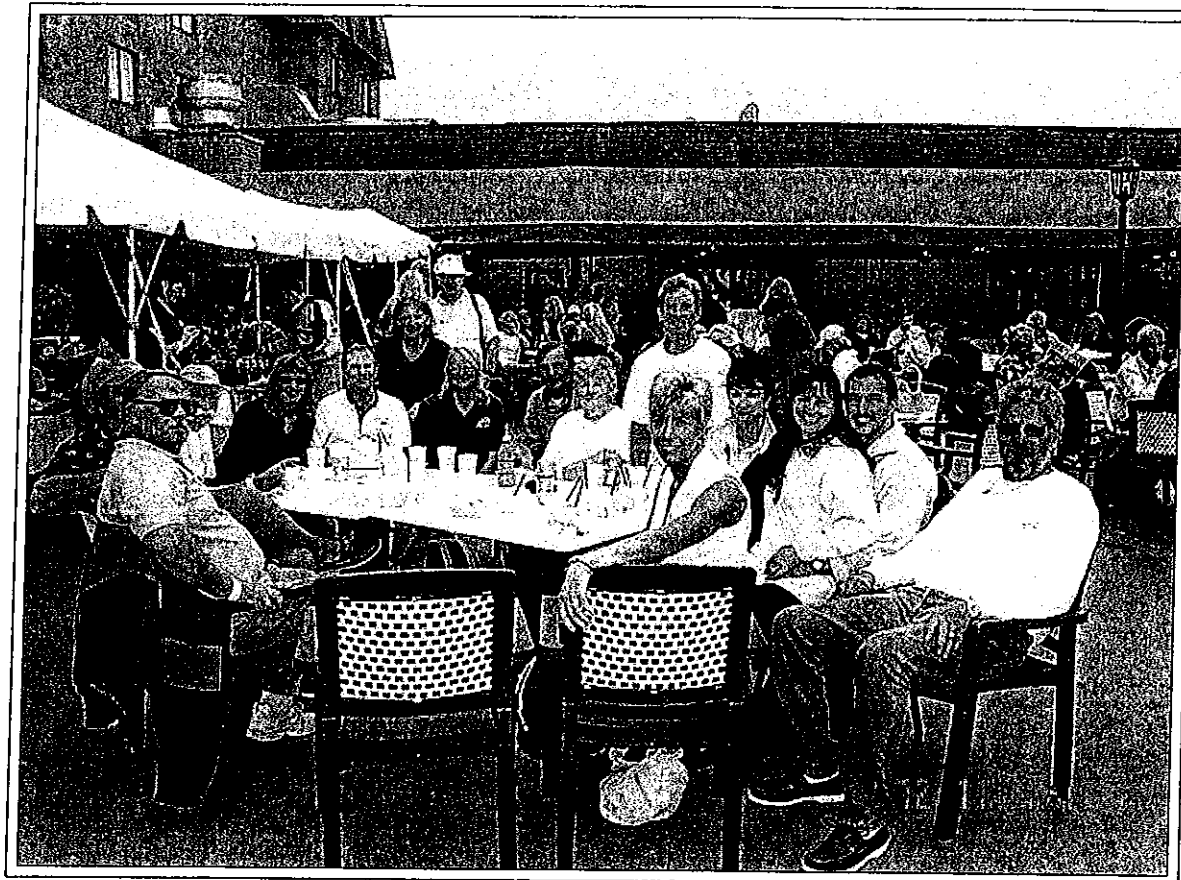
Kevin Conrad

Annapolis Weekend

This past Thanks Giving Weekend a group of 15 local sailors made the drive down to Annapolis, Maryland. The big attraction "The Boat Show". This has become a tradition for most of the group with a few new additions each year. The drive is about 10 hours.

The weather wasn't too bad. Clouds for the most part with no rain and temperatures only needing a light jacket or sweater in the evening.

Admission is \$15.00 to the show each day unless you know some other way of getting in. There are vendors from hardware to software. Sails, clothing, electronics, motors, gadgets and more. Any thing you can think of you will probably find. Boat builders from all over bring various sizes of boats to show; all in water. Multi hulls and mono's are there for your inspection. Most of the boats are available for everyone to get on and have a look. There are only a few large boats that you must make special arrangements to



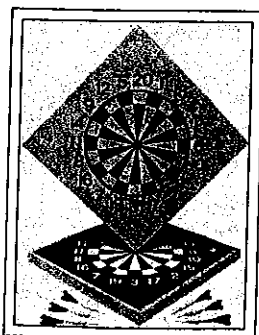
Can you pick out LMYC club members

board.

During the show the group gets together to meet for PAINKILLERS, the drink of the show. This concoction is made of Pussers Rum and other stuff. All we know for sure is that we like them a lot. The city of Annapolis is more of the town setting. With quaint shops and restaurants the main street has the look of a time years gone past. The presents of the Navel Academy also puts a distinctive feel to the area. The group camped at an AKO about 9 miles from Annapolis. Having spent the day at the show on Saturday and got together for dinner at Buddies Crab & Rib. Good food and drink was had by all. Afterwards we headed back to the camp for a fire and more refreshments. On Sunday most of us spent the day shopping on Main street. A few went for a boat ride while others checked out the boat show again. Pain Killers were on the agenda to start for some. Plans were made to meet at a bar called Middletons foryou guessed, drinks and food. Back at camp a fire was made and we re-hashed the weekend. Monday morning we broke camp and headed home on a beautiful sunny day. Everyone on made it home safely.

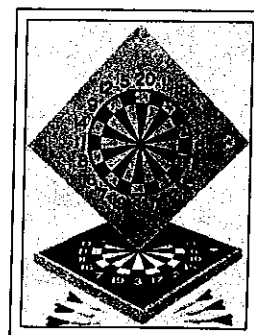
If anyone wants to join in next year, your more than welcome.

Dave Nantais



LMYC Dart League

The LMYC Dart League will officially begin the first Wednesday in November. All members are welcome to attenjd. Darts begin at 8:00 P.M. More information will be posted at the club.



From The Social Director



Denise Melanson



The River Rat Race and Potluck was held on October 20th. Octoberfest Sausage with Sauerkraut was the dish of choice for a brisk autumn sail. Thank you for all who took part and provided delicious food items for the potluck. A special thanks to Bernie for the delicious soup to warm our bodies and souls.



The upcoming Haul Out Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 2 from 9:00am-11:00am and is made for the true sailor. A hearty breakfast menu is in store.

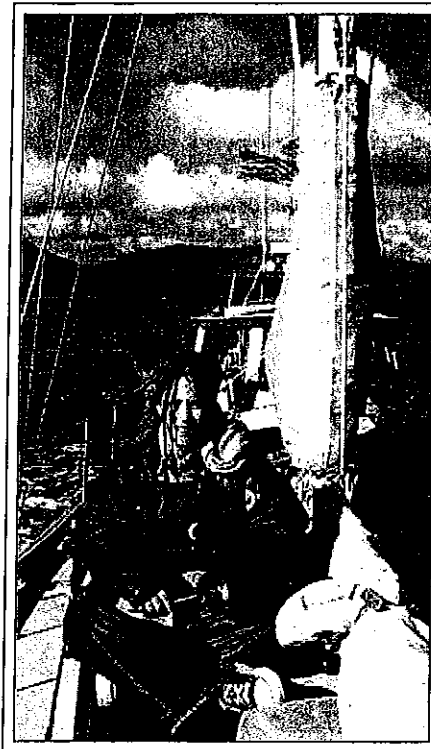
The club also holds its' annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 16th at Fox Glen Golf & Country Club. Come out and enjoy the evening..

Finally, I'd like to thank all the members who have supported, volunteered time and effort, providing wonderful dishes for a full year of events. Carl and I have very much enjoyed all your company and friendship.

Thank You,

Denise Melanson

Summer Adventure



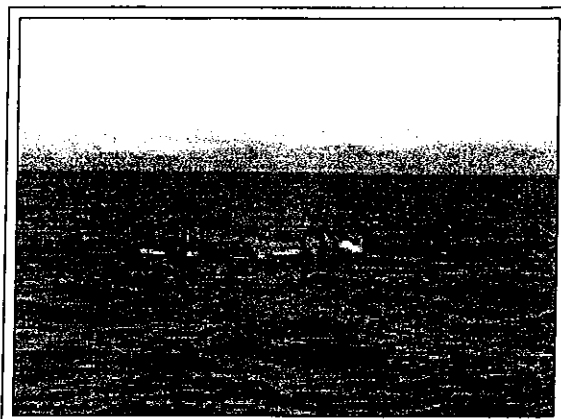
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Telegraph Cove
British Columbia

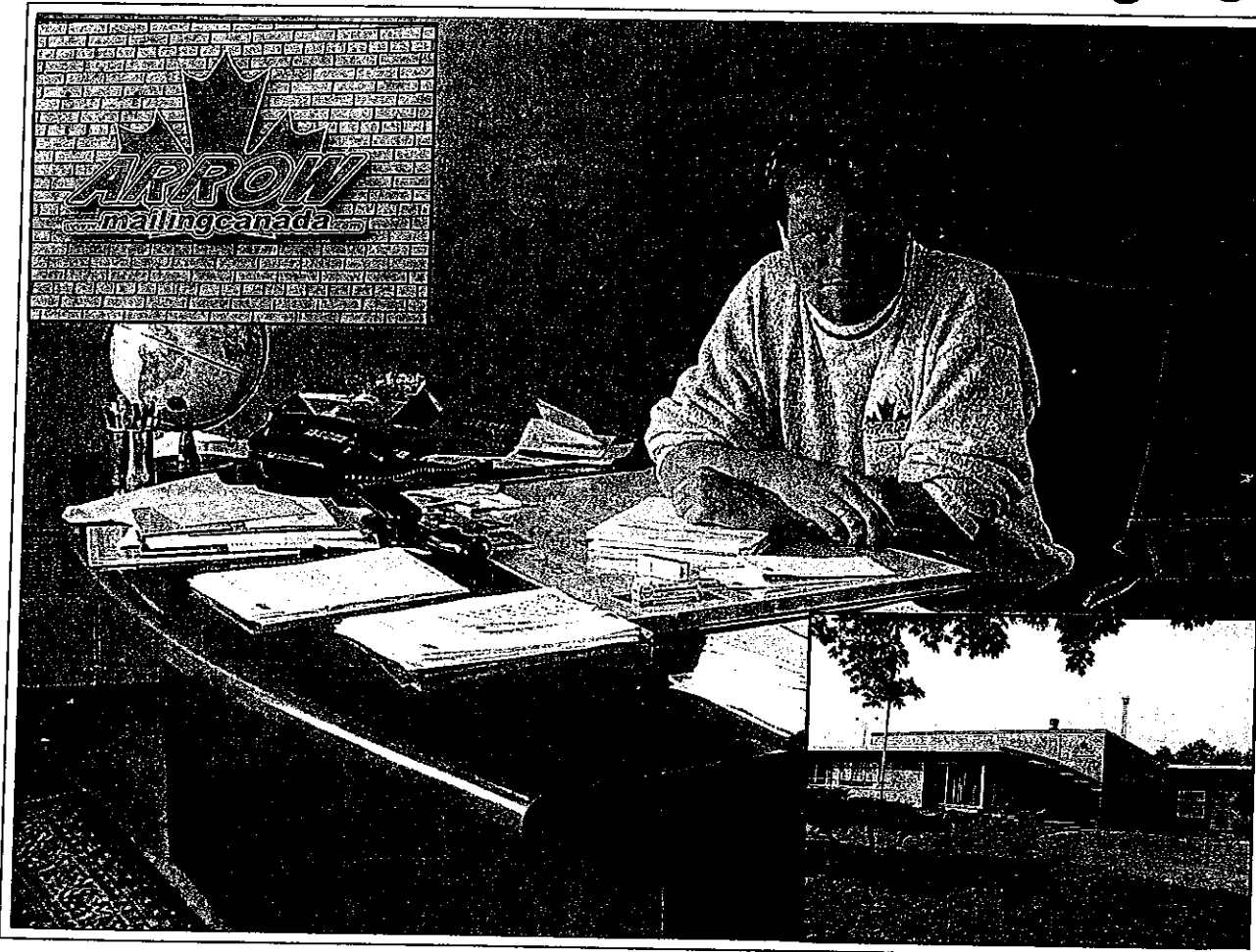
Tyne Melanson, daughter of Denise who is our Social Director and Carl Melanson is seen here aboard a 42' sloop getting ready to chase Orcas whales. Tyne and Carl spent this day sailing and learning about whales and other mammals of the ocean.

Below is a photo of a pod of Orcas that we followed for about an hour. Throughout the day, we encountered dolphins, seals and about seven different pods of these beautiful mammals.

Carl Melanson



Jeff Williams - Arrow Mailing Canada



Jeff Williams Vice-President of **ARROW mailingcanada** located on 1415 Janette Ave in Windsor Ontario. Jeff Williams joined the publication staff of The Currents and will distribute our newsletters free of charge through his company. Many club members are not aware of Jeff's business and this is an excellent time to become familiar with its inner workings. Jeff has written a short account of how this business was formed.

I hear "What *EXACTLY* do you do again'?" with regularity, only to be repeated the first time they take a tour through our plant. To be sure, our business is rather uncommon, and *rarely* involves licking stamps. In brief we run an International Mailing House. As to what this is, I present the example of any Canadian holding a subscription to a US magazine, (Good Housekeeping, Sports Illustrated, etc.). Instead of each of these publishers mailing each individual copy first class *international* to the subscribers here in Canada, our services allow them to simply palletize the entire Canadian volume for us to pickup from anywhere in the US and import into Canada. We then presort, address & post on the domestic side, through Canada Post, to recipients nationwide.

This practice allows for faster, more consistent and less expensive Canadian delivery, even when including our costs. As well, our service is not limited to publications. Anything coming or going through the mail, including catalogues, junk mail, newsletters and product fulfillment is *duriguer*. It is also worldwide. The Royal Mail, Deutsche Post & Danish Post have all been clients. Check your mail. If you see an international piece with a Canadian postmark, it's likely us.

The sheer volume of it all is what surprises most people. In addition to being a mailing house of close to 20,000 square feet and 20 to 35 employees, we are our own Customs Broker, run our own trucks across the border, have exclusive fulfillment and package tracing software and operate a myriad of mailing list correction and presort software. We average about 15 to 30 pallets per day with our largest job ever being 13 *truckloads* for one mailing for BMG Music. We once did 8 truckloads of those AOL diskettes. Our newest client is Harlequin (Romance) Publishing, actually a Canadian company but fulfilling out of Buffalo, who distributes 800,000 books & book packages to Canada per year. Other clients include Huggies Diapers, LL Bean, Disney, World Almanac, Victoria's Secret, and the Playboy Catalogue amongst many others.

The next question usually comes in the form of; "How in the (-ahem-) did you ever get into THIS?" Well, as many of you know, my father (Bob Williams) has run a motorcycle dealership since 1967. In 1988, he was offered the Harley Davidson dealership in Windsor while at the same time being offered the opportunity to take over a mailing business being abused by the then current cocaine addicted and in debt owner. We couldn't do both. Although we never did take over the existing mail house, he did decide to start his own. Things were very tough as we later found that the other shop owner was in the practice of stealing postage and no potential client wanted anything to do with *anybody* in Windsor. Eventually we did get a single, but rather large client. . who eventually failed to pay for \$ 60,000.00 US of their bills. Then 6 months later my



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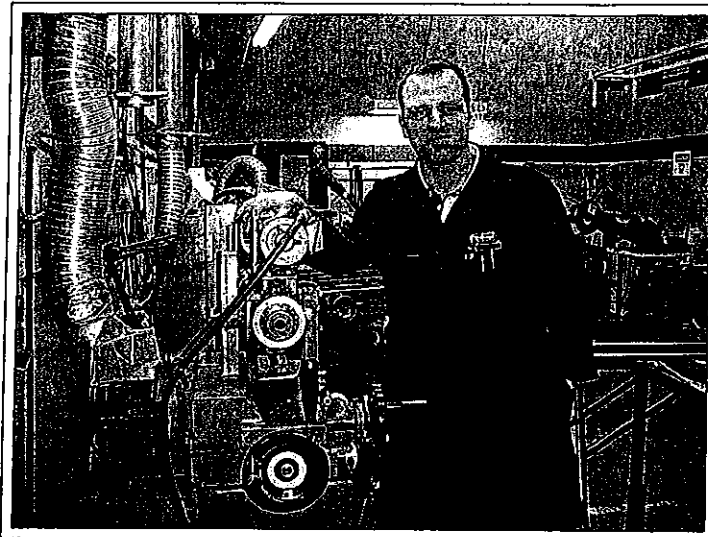
Plant Worker

father got into a motorcycle accident, which left him in the hospital for an entire year. Myself, just home from 7 months hitchhiking & sleeping *creatively* throughout Europe & the Middle East, still in University and singing for a punk rock band, got a (much-needed) haircut to take the permanent helm of a business losing about \$ 13,000.00 *monthly*. Years of scrambling, the re-mortgage of Dad's house, the sale of two duplexes and a prime commercial building and the disintegration of the dealership later, we *began* to come out the other side.

Ten years hence, we purchased our current facility @ 1415 Janette Avenue which also houses my brothers' machine shop (Williams Machine Tool) and (the point of it all...) my Dad's *TEAM ARROW* Racing workshop featuring two bona-fide Bonneville top speed racing motorcycles including a 23 foot long streamliner. Interested club members and other motor-heads are welcome by at any time with a special invitation to race bike work nights every Wednesday @ 6:00.

Interesting bar trivia; The USA has one ZIP Code for every 6,341 people. Canada has one Postal Code for every 40 people. Arrow's facility has its' own.

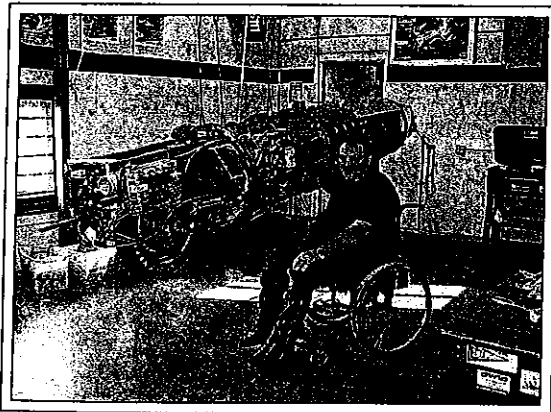
Jeff Williams



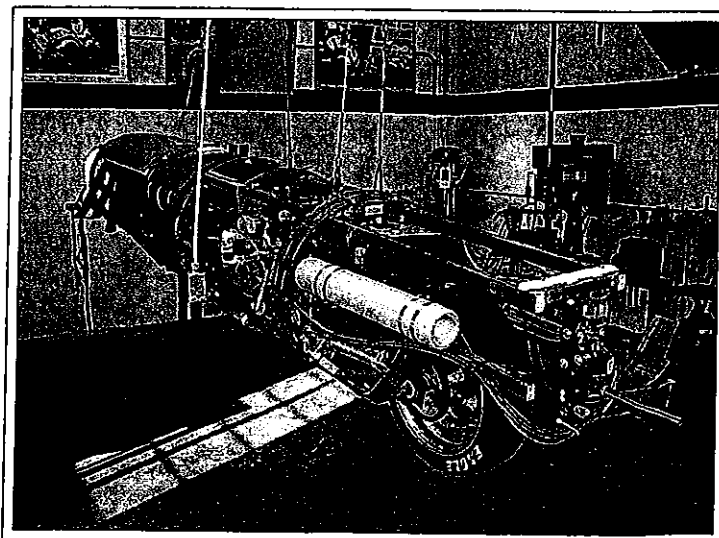
Chris Williams



Bob Williams with his current motorcycle project

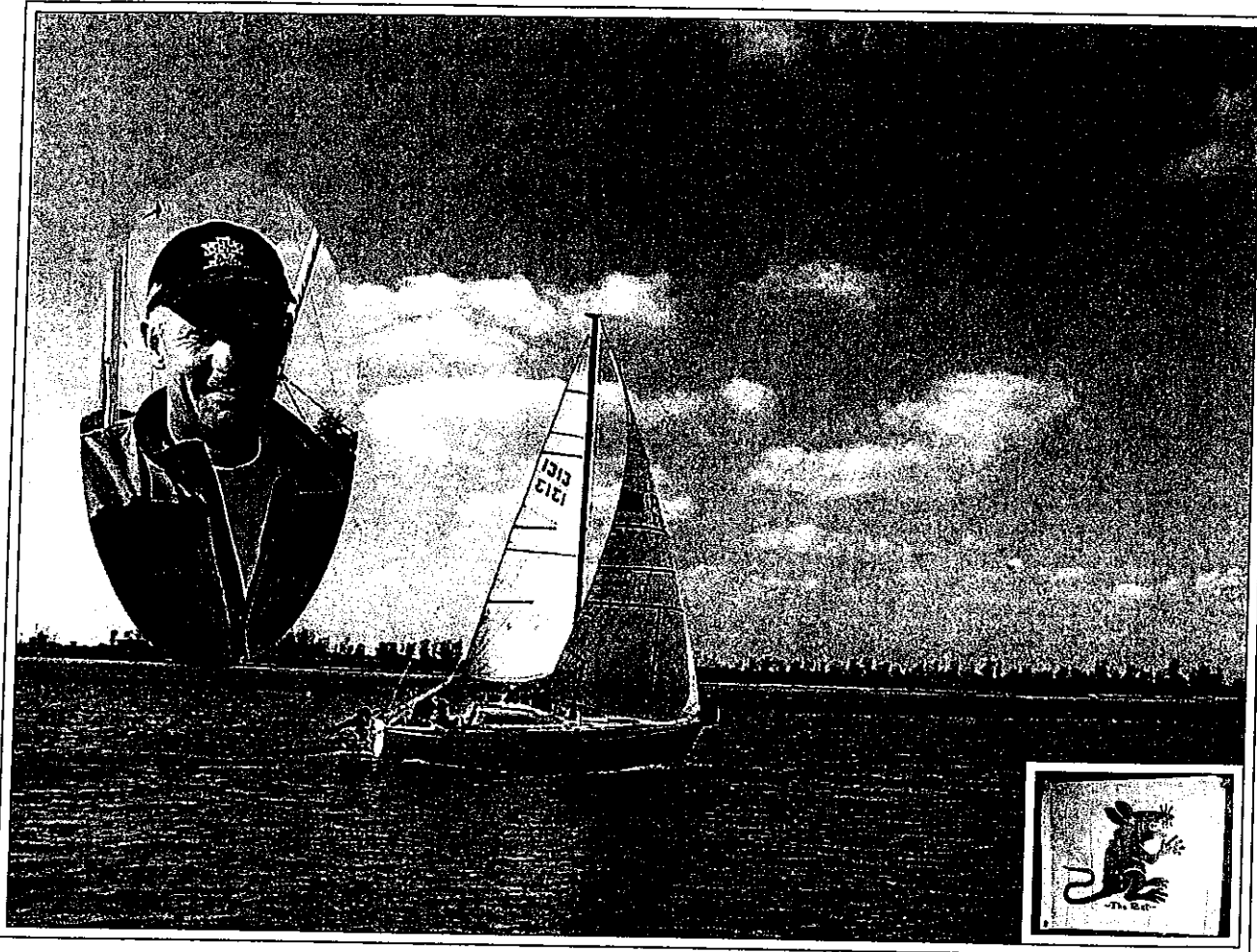


Bob Williams with his current motorcycle project





River Rat Race



Alan Prettyman on Grey Gannet — Official 2002 River Rat Winner

L MYC annual River Rat Race was held on Sunday October 20, 2002 with brisk West Winds and Clear Blue Skies. Over 19 boats entered this event which is officially the last race of the sailing season. Race instructions were given by Jurgen Hendel at the club just after 11:00 am and the race officially started just after 12:00 pm. It was a fast race with the first boat crossing the finish line just after 2:00 pm.

The race committee consisted of Bob McKenzie on Silver Heels with Jerry Angus assisting.

At the clubhouse food was being prepared by Carl and Denise Melanson and Elaine Prettyman. Hot soup and krinksis, sauerkraut, and an assortment of desserts greeted the hungry and wind blown racers. The clubhouse was filled to capacity with over 50 Racers waiting patiently for hot soup and Krinskies. Racers ate, conversed and discussed the race patiently waiting for the official results which were to be presented by Jurgen Hendel.

Jurgen Hendel presented the awards to the winners of the River Rat Race with the official overall winner being Alan Prettyman.

Winner in Jog Fleet

Ralph Kepran

Winner in PHRF B

Alan Prettyman

Winner in PHRF A

Jurgen Hendel



PHRF "A"

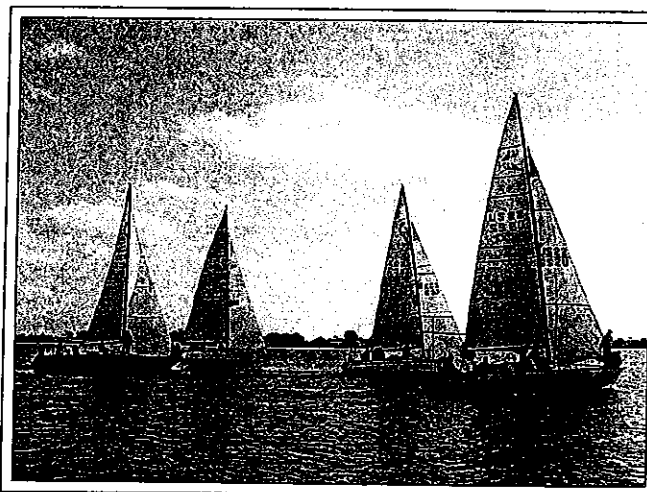
Finish	Yacht's Name	Skipper
1.	Rakaia	Jurgen Hendel
2.	Special Delivery	Bob Bingham
3.	Trilogy	Judge Mangile
4.	R-Escape	Bob Reame
5.	Mad Max	Alex Buliga
6.	Ratso	Dave Evens



Skippers Meeting — Jurgen Hendel instructing the racers on the course of the day.

PHRF "B"

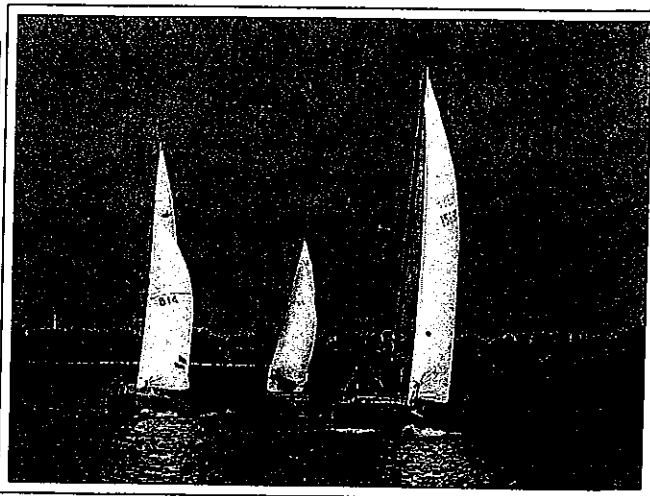
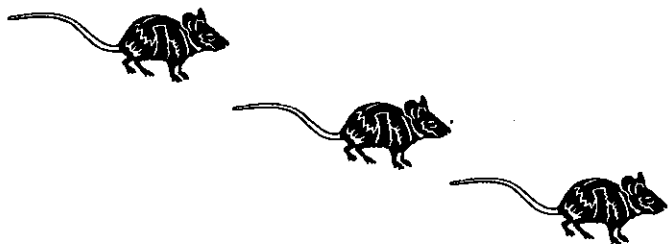
Finish	Yacht's Name	Skipper
1.	Grey Gannet	Alan Prettyman
2.	Sunkist	Trepanier/Barron
3.	Gringo	Bob Ferguson
4.	Azura	Ted Popel
5.	Whatever	George Mooney
6.	Dragonfly	
7.	No Name	John Murphy
8.	High Anxiety	Bernie Wolter



On the start line

JOG

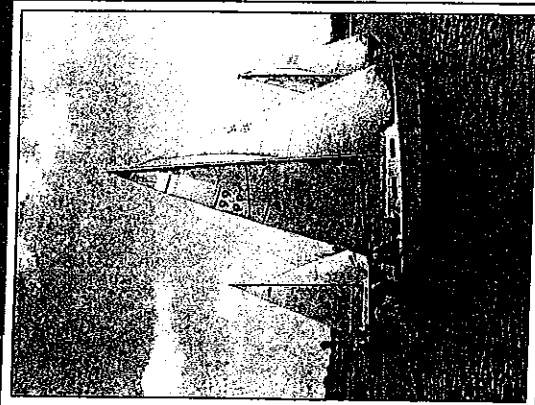
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1.	Ceilidh	Ralph Kepran
2.	Morpheus	John Amyot
3.	Mananan	Dennis Pare



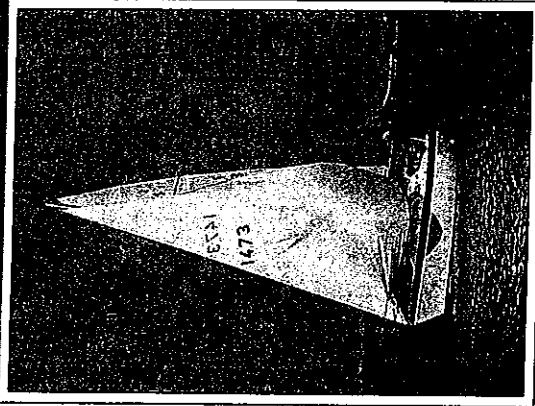
The race is on



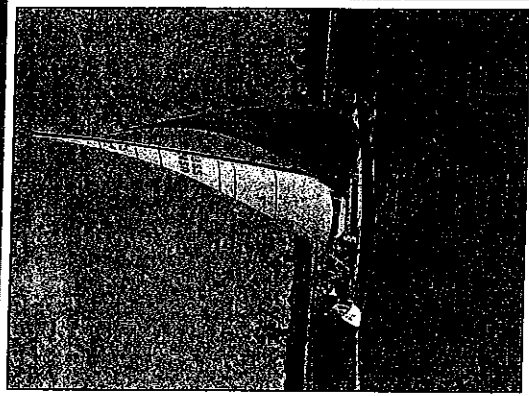
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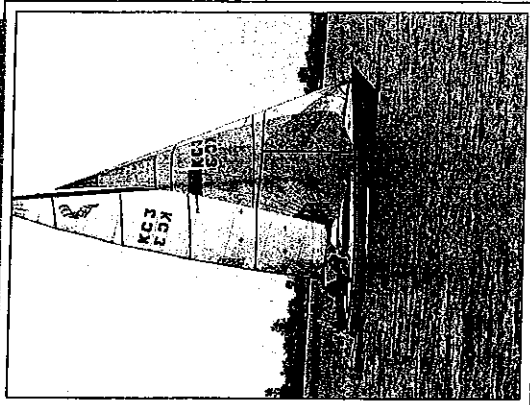
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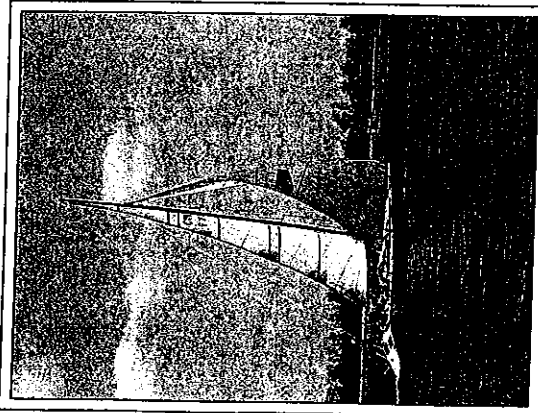
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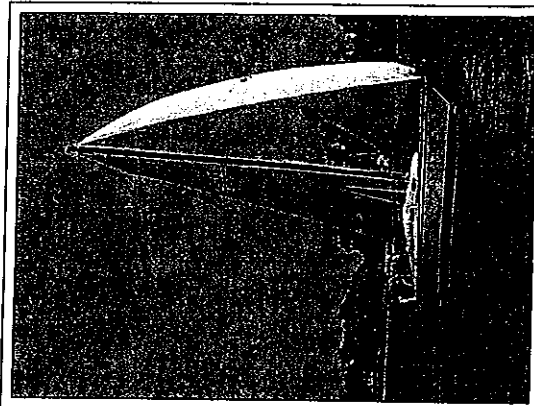
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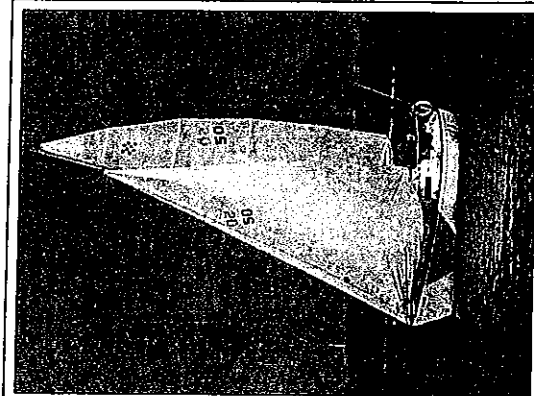
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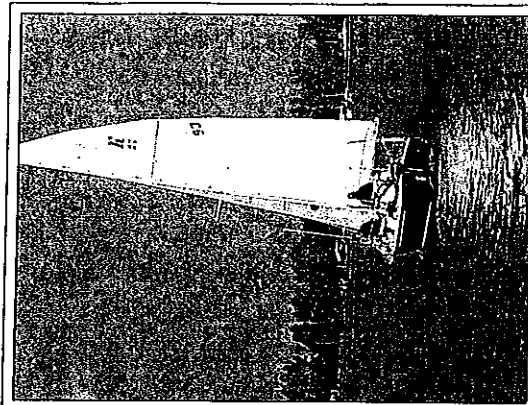
RATSO --Dave Evans



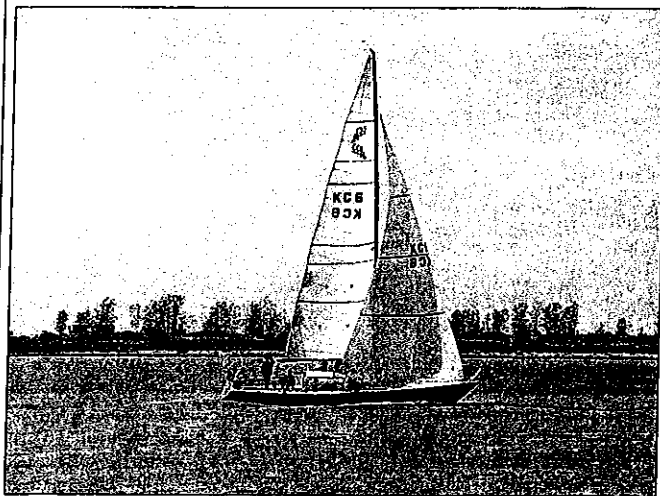
MORPHEUS —John Amyot



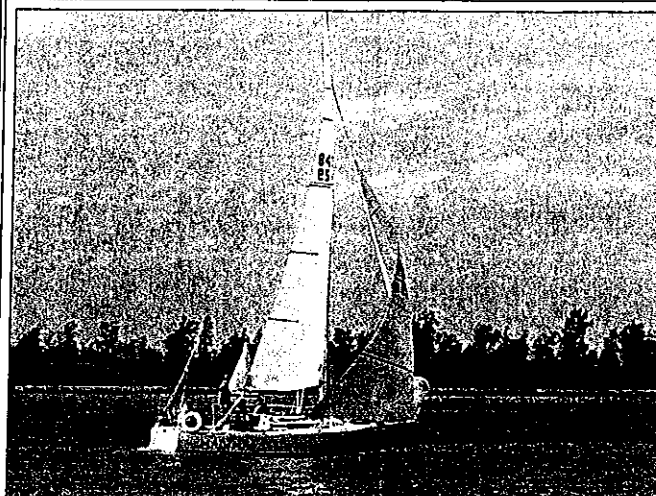
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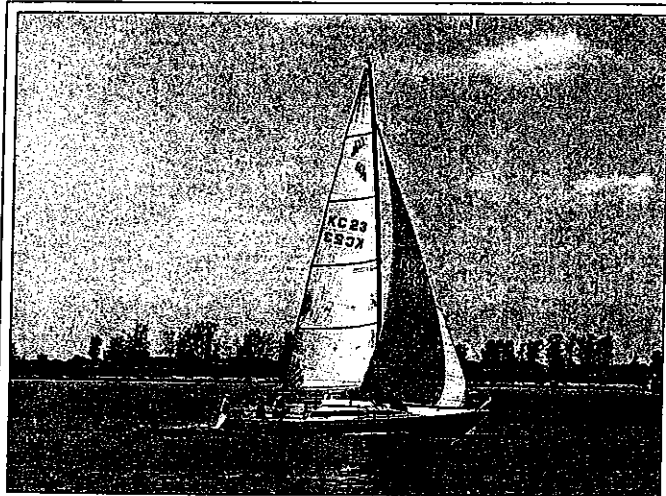
NO-NAME—John Murphy



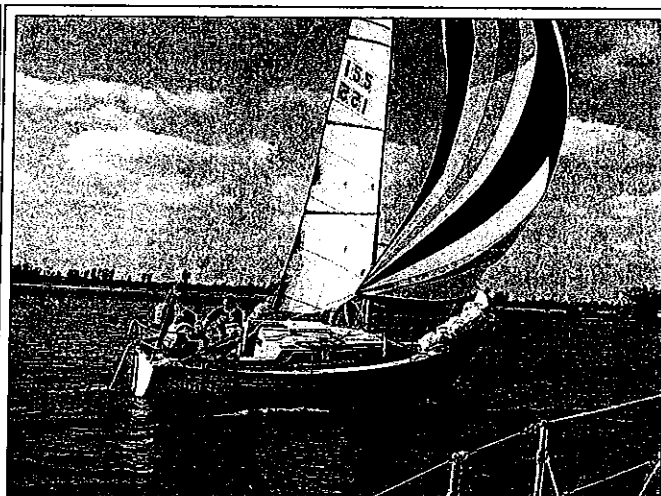
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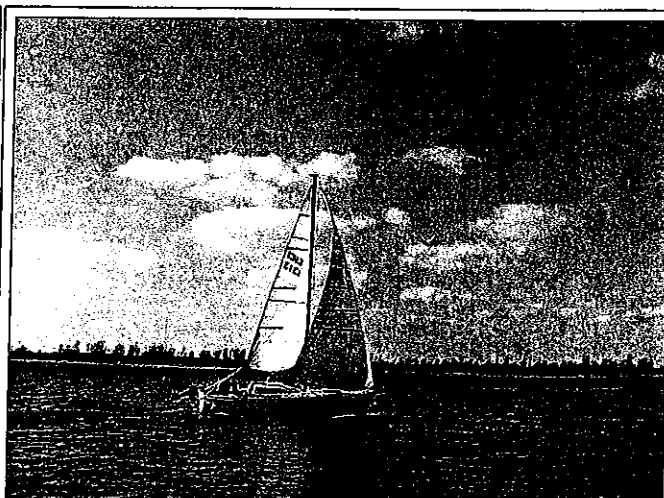
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Grey Gannet — Alan Prettyman



The Abbott Family



John Amyot and Crew



Willie, Alan & Elaine Prettyman



Dave Evans, Ralf Fiedler and Crew



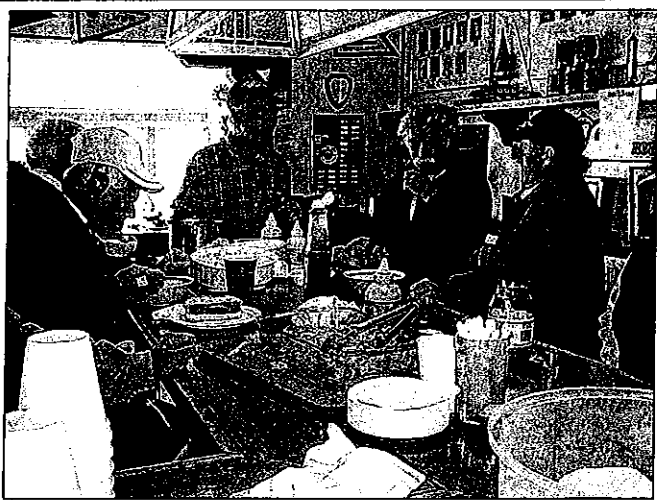
Patrick Holland



Carl Melanson



Judge, Mary Ellen and Terri Mangile



In the clubhouse



Denise Melanson and Elaine Prettyman



Alan Prettyman receiving flag from Jurgen Hendel

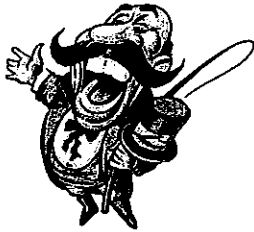


Linda Schreiber congratulating Jurgen Hendel on his flag



The River Rat

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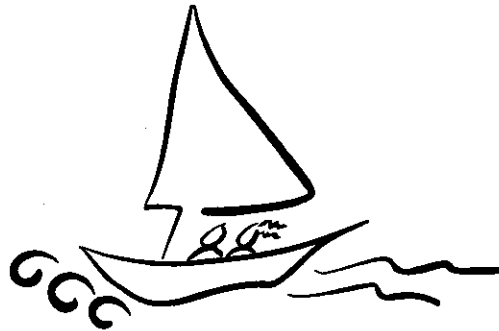
Awards Banquet

Fox Glen Golf & Country Club

Saturday, November 16, 2002

Cocktails @ 6:00pm

Dinner @ 7:00pm



RSVP:
Social Director
Denise Melanson
969-2350

Dinner w/Wine
Cash Bar, Dancing
Door Prizes Awards
\$30.00/person

Haul Out Breakfast

At
LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002
9:00 am - 11:00 am



Fit for a Sailor

This hearty meal includes:

Eggs
Bacon
Ham
Sausage

Hash Browns
Toast
Muffins
Coffee

\$5.00/person

at the door

