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LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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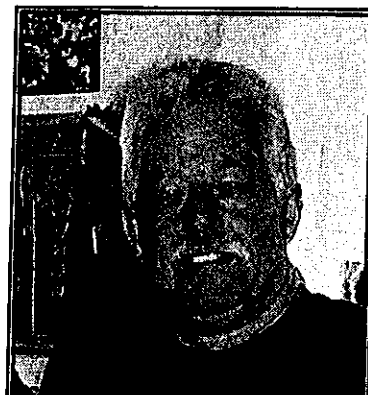
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Ralf Fiedler



Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran

This is the last time I will have the opportunity to address the membership. So I will say farewell and thanks to my executives who did an amazing job this year. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you see an opportunity to buy one or two lasers. They will go to the highest bidder. Maybe as soon as the next meeting, if the owner(s) cannot be found and the club has taken ownership for overdue storage.

Commodore Ralf Fiedler

Haul out is well under way and so far there have not been many glitches: Just a reminder to all members. You are responsible for all aspects of storing your boat for the winter. This includes ensuring your cradle or trailer is ready, you have cleaned up the dock area, you have contacted the lift crew to setup a removal time, you make sure you that keep that appointment, you strip and store your mast promptly, you mark your boat for sling placement, you clean up around your cradle after you have placed your boat, you do not leave anything at the club or in the storage areas, you take your old oil home with you, you lockup your latter and most importantly you thank the people that work very hard to make things run smoothly. Work Safely and if you are unsure of anything STOP and make sure you and those around you are safe.

You might notice this year that you have been sent an invoice as to your outstanding charges. Please pay promptly. The executive has no desire to go after people that are in arrears with their account. It is the individual members responsibility to pay up. Should you choose to let your account slide be assured that the executive will put into play the procedures stated in our by-laws to remedy the situation.

Thanks to Craig Morrison for coming up with the new double doors on the shed. Thanks to Craig, Steve Kepran and Mike Puchantj for getting it installed.

Have a Safe Haul Out.

Vice Commodore Ralph Kepran

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News and Information

Thinking Back, Thinking Ahead

There is an integral part of any organization that fosters pride and stability over time. We remember the school pep rallies to roust up the school support for our team or some exciting special event. School spirit was a big part of every adolescent's highschool experience. That same feeling has been cultivated from your elementary school days on into your working life. Various slogans extol our attachment to products. "Quality is Job One", is just one of many we all have come to know.

The military has an especially descriptive term for that feeling of pride in being associated with an organization. Esprit de Corps is a cornerstone to every arm of service, regiment and even platoon. Our Esprit de Corps expresses our pleasure and pride with carrying on a tradition of excellence.

LaSalle Mariner Yacht Club has developed practices over many years now that are moving toward ceremony. We have our regattas, Blessing of the Fleet and other activities that identify what we do. There are the shirts, stickers and burgees with the club logo. These are part of our regalia.

Another LaSalle Mariners tradition has been to honor certain people along the way that have contributed to our success. We have an exclusive list of honorary members. There are memorials in memory of others. Trophies have been named after people we want to keep in our hearts and our memories. There are other memorials as well. The Bill Pitt Garden and the Curly Ellis Lift on the clubhouse steps demonstrate our respect.

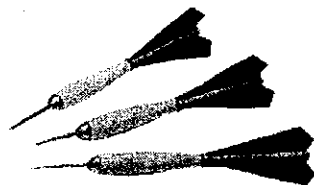
One of our founding members has now tacked over. A member famous throughout the sailing community. A fierce competitor. A Corinthian gentleman. No doubt even that short description would lead most every Mariner to guess that I speak of Juergen Hendel. There is little point in relating Juergen's affection for, and contribution to, LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club. It is without equal.

Isn't it time to engrave a plaque with Juergen's name? Adding a memorial to Juergen at LaSalle Mariners would be a tribute he richly deserves. Hendel House could serve as that memorial. A plaque at the door to the clubhouse would remind members and guests of a preeminent part of our heritage. Wouldn't it be a joy for us all to imbed that memory in our club's history!

By Dennis Pare

LMYC Dart League

Wednesday Evening is Dart League Night at LMYC. All members are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet members in a different venue.

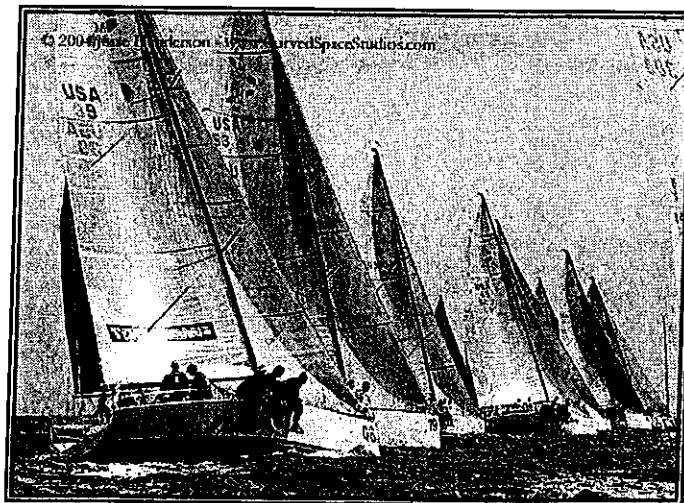


Monday Luncheons

The Monday Lunches have begun at LMYC. Lunch begins at 12.00 and food goes quickly. Members and friends attending are urged to arrive on time in order to obtain an excellent selection. Members are encouraged to try their hand at being the Monday Lunch Chef.



Nick Beaudoin Update



Nick Beaudoin hiking hard during a start at the recent Mumm 30 Worlds in Toronto at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

The boat he sailed on USA 39 Hull #08 finished 11th overall.

New Boat Owners



Dolphin 11

Congratulation to Anne and Lothar Bauer. They are the proud new owners of a C&C 27. It's previous home was South Port Sailing Club. Good sailing in the 2005 sailing season

This new boat will be known as Dolphin 11



Kyrre

The new boat has come from my uncle, Angus Morrison. He bought her brand new in 1970. Her name is Kyrre. She is a Viking 28, the same boat as George's and Tom's. She is named after a Norse Goddess. I'm not sure where it comes from but I believe she is either the Goddess of fair wind or fair weather. She has spent most of her life in the Toronto area, but moved to Owen Sound about 6 years ago to retire from Lake Ontario. I will be keeping the name as she has had it for so long and I think it fits her well.

Criag Morrison

Proposed Slate Of LMYC Officers

Commodore: Ralph Kepran

Vice Commodore: Rick Beresford

Treasurer: Perry Basden

Secretary: Larry Laing

Race Director: Guy Meseck

House Director: Tom Boyce

Social Director: Mary Nantais

This is the proposed slate of officers and directors for the 2005 sailing season.

Voting on proposed slate or new nominations will be voted on at the next general meeting on Sunday November 21, 2004 at 1:00 pm

Get Well Soon

This is an update on Bob Reaume's condition as given by Tammi Pouget, Sue Ouellette's sister

Saturday October 30, 2004

They have been able to bring the oxygen on the ventilator from 75% down to 40% and Bob has been able to sustain that since yesterday. He remains completely sedated (A medicine they give him to sleep) and it sounds like they will still keep him like that for quite some time. There has been "slight" improvements on his chest x-ray in the last two days. Otherwise everything is the same. He's holding his own and the doctor reminds Sue that he is still critical. He is out of isolation as of yesterday. That was good news. The nurse told Sue that if she has any cards it would be a positive thing for Bob to wake up with them posted around his room. If you would like to tell the members to write out a personal card to Bob, they can either mail it to Sue or drop it in her mail box and she will bring them and post them in his room. He still can't have visitors, and it could still be weeks before he is off the ventilator.

Tammi



Harbour Master

Bob MacKenzie



The last day for Haul Out this year is November 15th. Please make sure you have made arrangements to have your boat lifted. This is your responsibility. Please make sure all bills are paid before lifting your boat.



From The Social Director

Mary Nantais



Mary Nantais would like to thank the members and friends who helped her in this years River Rat Race. Mary thanks Doug Warford, Jim Blackton, Lu McKim, Bodo Schaefer, Dave Nantais, Tom and Vicki Boyce, Bev Angus, Sue Byron, Linda Schreiber.

Mary would also like to thank Tom and Vicki Boyce for their help in the Haul Out Breakfast.

Award Banquet tickets are going fast. If you are interested in attending please contact Mary Nantais as soon as possible

General Meeting

A general meeting and nomination meeting will be held at the LMYC clubhouse on Sunday November 21, 2004 beginning at 1:00 PM..

Members will be asked to vote on the proposed slate of candidates for the 2005 calendar year. Nomination will be accepted from the floor.

Pasta Fund Raiser

The Pasta Fund Raiser scheduled for November 6, 2004 at LMYC clubhouse has been canceled. Please check this newsletter next month or visit LMYC web page for the latest updates.

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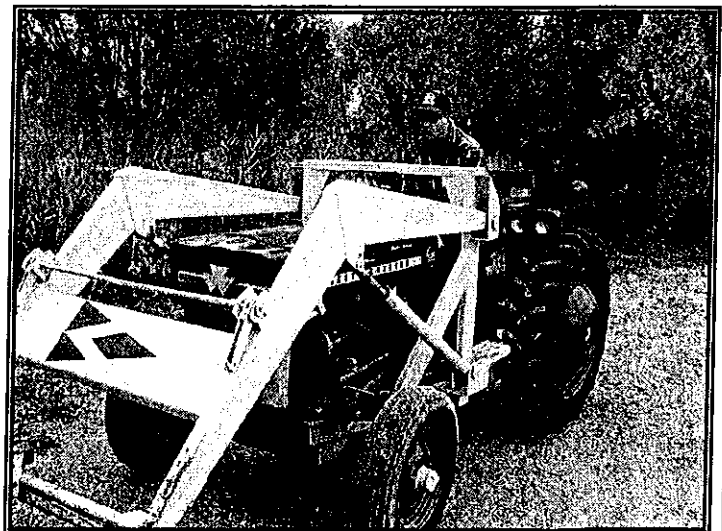
Around The Club



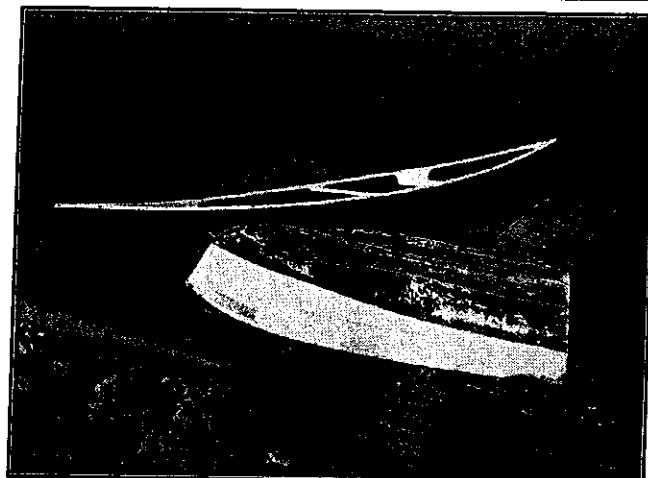
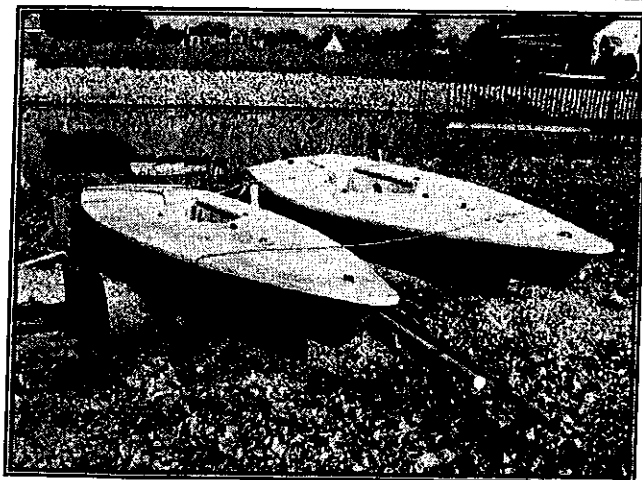
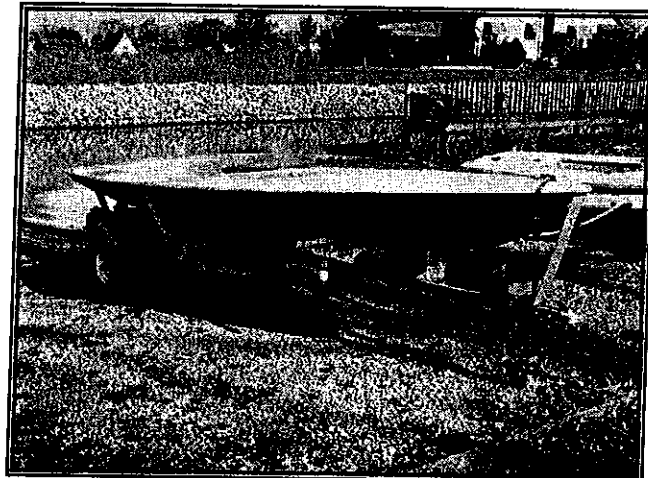
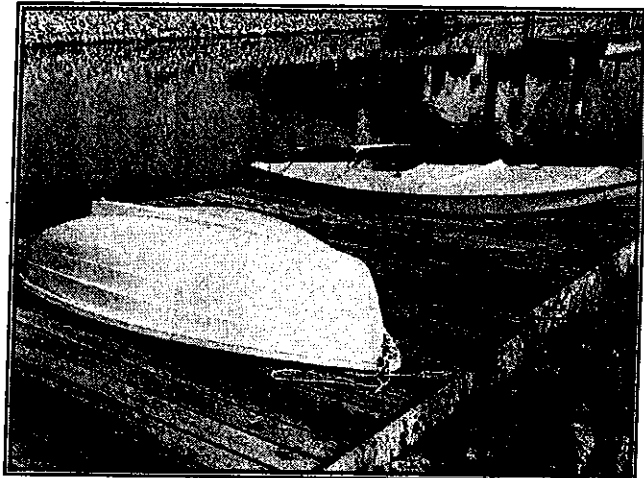
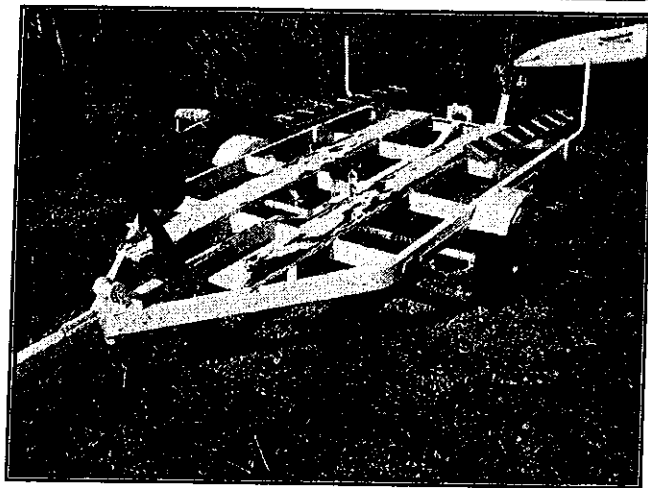
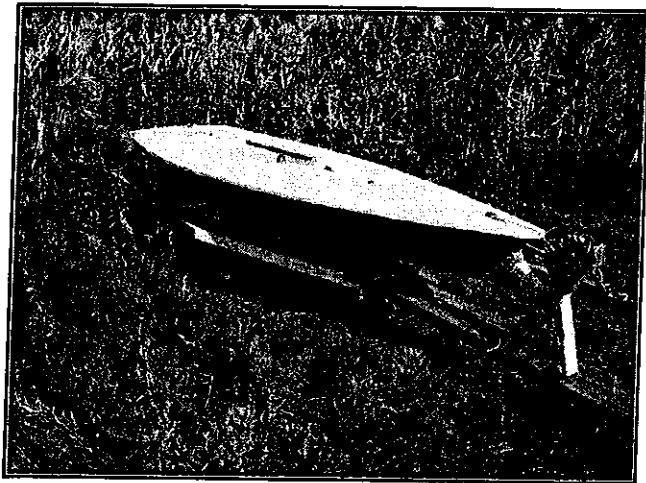
Dave Evans on Ratso



Door Installation—Steve Kepran, Ralph Kepran, Mike Puchantj



Carl Durham



These boats and trailers are on LMYC property. Some of you might have reported their presence to LMYC executives and some have not.

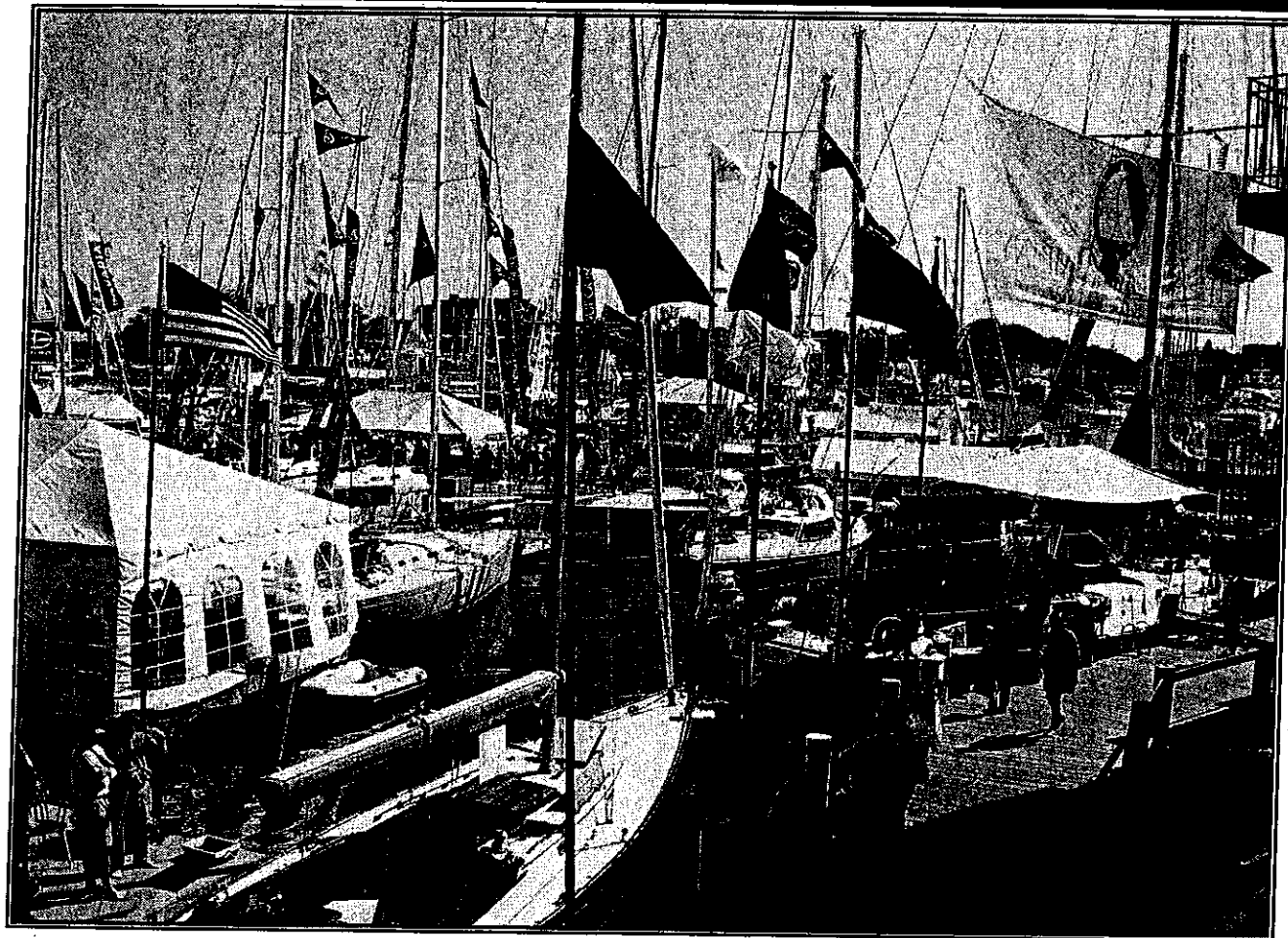
Please put your name on your property. If owner cannot be found the trailers, boats will be auctioned.

**Commodore Ralf Fiedler
Vice-Commodore Ralph Kepran**





ANNAPOLIS BOAT SHOW



LMYC was especially well-represented at the Annapolis Boat Show this year? It ran from October 7th-11th with a total of 26 of us in attendance, mostly on Saturday & Sunday, the 9th & 10th. As usual, the majority of us stayed at the Koa (Capitol) Campground in Millersville, MD, which is about 12 miles from Annapolis. Most of us pitched tents while others rented cabins at the site. A few members stayed at hotels in the Annapolis area. It seems like every year, more & more LMYC members decide to join in the fun! In the evenings, after everyone returns from the Show or dinner, many of us gather around the campfire to just enjoy the camaraderie of the group and share the day's events. Some members of the group entertain us with anecdotes... and others actually get a bit drunk!!!! (ask Bodo!)

As for the Show itself.... The Annapolis Boat Show is a spectacular in-water show with an extensive inventory of sailboats and multihulls to check out, together with a huge variety of "stuff". The show is always such a wonderful event to experience! You're pretty certain of finding what you might be looking for with the expansive array of boating paraphernalia on display.... all the latest & greatest of "whatever"!! (who said that, George?)

The weather was great!... a bit overcast for a while on Saturday, but otherwise, sunny & warm! We had our usual group get-together at "lunch" time on Pusser's Patio and, once again, "Pain Killers" were the order of the day. (Judgie's favourite!!!)

One of the highlights of the trip was the drive to Annapolis & back. The "Allegheny" mountains of Pennsylvania were spectacular! They were in full colour and a joy to behold. Looking forward to doing it all again next year! Perhaps we'll have an even greater representation from LMYC. It's becoming a tradition. Those of you who haven't experienced "Annapolis", come join us next year... it's great fun!

Lu McKim

Members and Friends Who Attended ANNAPOLIS Boat Show

Dave & Maggie Evans
Bodo Schaefer & Lu McKim
Mike Puchantj & Sherry Raeside
Roy & Gail Oliver
Andy & Carol Bellehumeur
Linda Schreiber
Judge & Mary Ellen Mangile

Perry & Gloria Basden
Dave & Mary Nantais
Bob Reaume & Sue Ouellette
Bob & Andrea Bingham
Craig Morrison
Tom & Vicki Boyce
George Mooney & Laurel Venney



Bob & Andrea Bingham, Bob Reaume, Sue Ouellette
Craig Morrison, Lu McKim



Sherry Raeside, Mike Puchantj, Dave Nantais
Bob and Andrea Bingham, Bob Reaume



Perry and Gloria Basden,
Lu McKim, Bodo Schaefer, Linda Schreiber



Lu McKim, Linda Schreiber,
Tom and Vicki Boyce, Mary Nantais





Congratulations Andrea



On Sunday October 24, 2004 members and friends gathered at LMYC to congratulate Andrea in her Equestrian Achievement.



Andrea Bingham



Andrea Bingham cutting cake

"When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk, he trots the air, the earth sings when he touches it, the basest horn of his hoof is more musical than the pipe of Hermes, he is pure air and fire." William Shakespeare

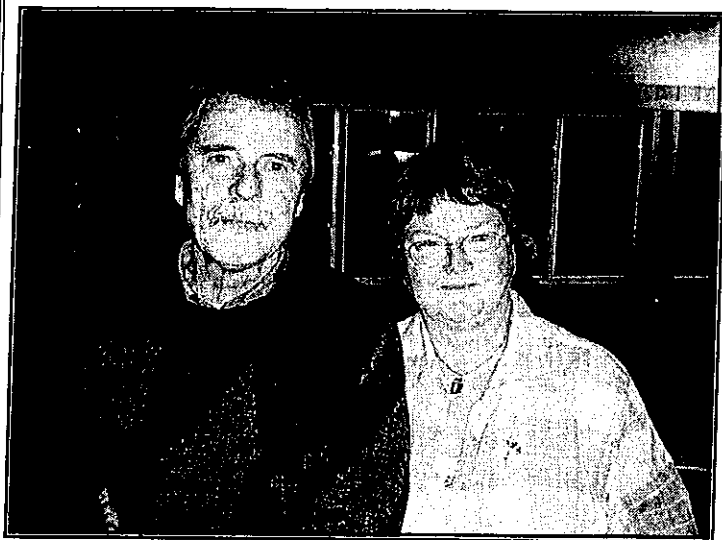
No one illustrated this sentiment better than Andrea Bingham when she rode her gelding Montello to victory at the Western Ontario Trillium Dressage Championship hosted in London, Ontario on September 19th. Now that all the riders' scores from both the Western and Eastern Trillium Ontario Championships have been tallied, it is official that Bingham's total combined score is the highest, making her and Montello the Third Level Trillium Dressage Champions of Ontario. This winning team also captured the Third Level Freestyle Trillium Dressage Championship.

Amherstburg resident, Bingham is no stranger to equestrian achievements. She has won 5 trophies, over 20 medals and qualified to ride in the Royal Winter Fair at the young age of 16. Now more than 30 years later Andrea Bingham is the exceptional trainer of many new and experienced riders at Stonehaven Farm in Amherstburg. "During a lesson, when I complain that, Cara, (part Arabian mare) just can't do it, she trades places with me and in minutes, this 20 year old mare becomes animated and transforms into a collected, proud, athlete" says Kathryn Oppio one of Bingham's adult students. "Without a good instructor an operator error is usually blamed on the horse" Oppio admits. "She is an amazing athlete who has a profound passion for the sport, but, that does not make her the exceptional trainer that she is. She has the patience and teaching skills to work with many students at many different levels." Many Windsor area students travel to Stonehaven Farm once or twice a week for lessons with Bingham. Using Classical methods she trains both rider and horse to advance their skills in their dressage or hunter/jumper disciplines.

Dressage is the English discipline of riding where the rider uses the subtlest of body movements and pressures to communicate to the horse what direction, speed or maneuvers is being requested. The rider's athletic skills of balance and control have been compared to those of a Formula One Champion driver. The riding team performs in a 60m x 40m ring that has very specific co-ordinates and precise areas in which each horse and rider must perform the exact same exercises where Equine Canada's rules apply. In the Freestyle events the riders choreographs their own order of performing each skill all to music that changes in tempo to compliment the change in the gait and speed of the horse.

For further information on this local athlete's achievements and photos of Andrea Bingham and Montello at the Ontario Trillium Show please contact Bob Bingham @ 736-1245

Proud student Kathryn Oppio



Roy & Gail Oliver



Andrea & Bob Bingham



D. Evans, S. Bingham, J. Beaudoin, M. Puchantj



Dave Nantais & Jerry Angus



M. Evans, B. Angus, M. Nantais, V. Boyce



Craig Morrison & Tom Boyce



River Rat Race



The River Rat Race held Sunday October 17, 2004 signifies the end of the sailing racing season. Over 20 boats were entered for this event at LMYC. The skipper's meeting was held at 11:00 AM to inform racers of the course and any last minute changes. The main theme for this year's race was NO FEES, NO PROTESTS, NO QUESTIONS. The race started at 12:00 noon with three divisions. PHRF "A", PHRF "B" and JOG.

The race this year a distance just over 13 nautical miles began at the usual Wednesday Night Start and proceeded South rounding Fighting Island and returning North rounding Fighting Island and then heading South between Fighting Island and Grassy Island finishing just North of the Widow's Walk at LMYC.

The weather report for this day was 30-40 knot winds blowing from the west with gusts up to 50 knots with the temperature hovering around 42 degrees F.

It was a quick race this year with the last boat finishing just around 2:30 PM

After the race members collected at LMYC to enjoy the festivities. In the clubhouse food was everywhere. There was chicken and pea soup, sauerkraut, sausages, meatballs, salads and an abundance of pastries.

The Rat Trophy this year was presented to Bob Ferguson (shark 24) who will proudly carry it during the 2005 River Rat Race. Note Bob Ferguson won this award in 2001 with very similar weather conditions.

The Race Director for this race Bob Bingham thanked the race committee, social director, the food committee for all the work they had done.



Winning River Rat Boat — Gringo—Skipper Bob Ferguson



River Rat Winner—Bob Ferguson



Race Committee
Fred Bolton & Ralph Allen



LMYC Ladies
B. Angus, S. Byron, L. McKim M. Nantais, L. Schreiber



River Rat Chefs
Doug Warford, Jim Blackton



Skippers' Meeting
Bob Bingham



Skippers' Meeting



Crew of High Anxiety



Crew of Cracker Jack



Crew of Gringo



Crew of Joe Louis



Crew of Quattro



Crew of Knotty



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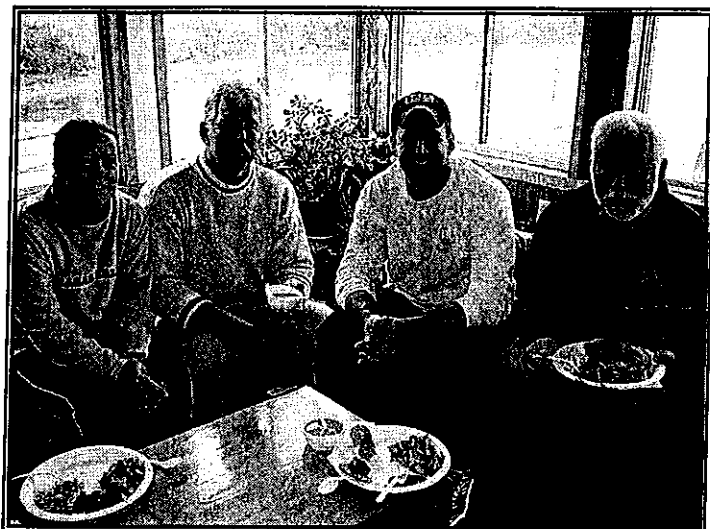
Crew of Slo Poke



Crew of Windsong



Crew of Whatever



Crew of Ceilidh



Crew of Dragonfly



Party Time



Party Time



LMYC Ladies Preparing River Rat Meal



John Murphy & Cathy Harris



Bob Ferguson—River Rat Winner



Dave Evans Paying Hommage To The Rat



Last Years Winner—Alan Prettyman

LMYC Web Page

All Pictures from the River Rat race and other events may not appear in this newsletter due to space restriction. If you wish to view actual boats during River Rat Race and other photos, please go to LMYC website at

<http://www.wincom/net>





LMYC Haul Out Breakfast



LMYC Traditonal Breakfast Hosts—Dave and Mary Nantais (Social Director)

On Saturday October 23, 2004 LMYC celebrated its traditional Haul Out Breakfast. This breakfast carries on the tradition of having breakfast for the LMYC members as they haul out their boats for winter storage. At that time LMYC employed a crane to haul out the boats with all members present on that day to assist each other.

A few years ago LMYC began hauling out their boats with our own lift, beginning the first of October and ending November 15th. The breakfast now is mostly traditional for most members and for others still practical as they use this day to haul out their boats.

The hosts for this breakfast was Mary and Dave Nantais (Social Directors) with Tom and Vicki Boyce assisting.

In most clubs, walking into the clubhouse can be a cold and frightening experience. This is not the case with LMYC. The Saturday morning atmosphere was relaxed and the food, eggs, bacon, sausage home fries, toast coffee, juice etc., and the price was right -- Just \$5.00



Vicki and Tom Boyce



Dave Evans & Bob Bingham



The Lintunens



John Metcalfe & Jim Beaudoin



Bev & Jerry Angus



Bob Williams



Jim Blackton & Doug Warford



Brian Casey & Michelle Grondin



Steve Kepran, Alan Prettyman
Ralph Kepran



Rick Beresford & Crew



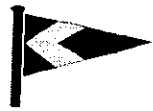
Craig Morrison & Ted Popel



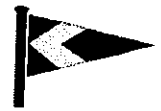
Mike Puchantyj & Sherry Raeside



Jeff Williams, Caroline and Family



Halloween Toga Party



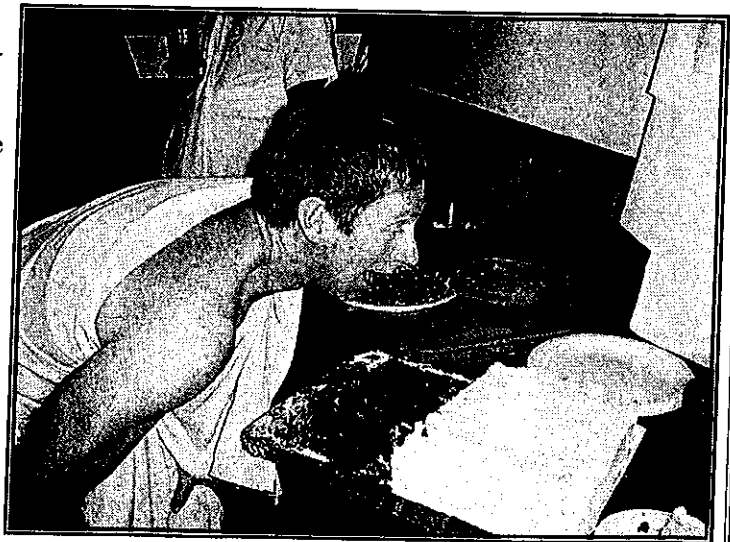
Craig Morrison preparing to cut the Cake

LMYC has a long tradition of hosting an extravagant Halloween Party. We have a history of incredible parties and this year LMYC Halloween Party and two club member's birthdays were incorporated into a spectacular Halloween, Birthday, Toga Party. This was a chance for some members to experience a party worthy of Roman grandeur.

LMYC held its Halloween Toga Party on Saturday October 30, 2004 beginning for some members early in the afternoon with dinner around 6.00 PM. Tom Boyce was the LMYC member to win the most authentic Toga attire.

Craig Morrison and Dave Nantais celebrated their birthdays on this day. Both I think are 29.

John Vandereerden provided an evening of musical entertainment.



Dave Nantais blowing out his birthday candles





Mary and Dave Nantais



Craig Morrison and Roman Mom



Mike Puchantj and Sherry Raeside



Left Photograph

Dennis and Barb Pare

Right Photograph

Vicki and Tom Boyce



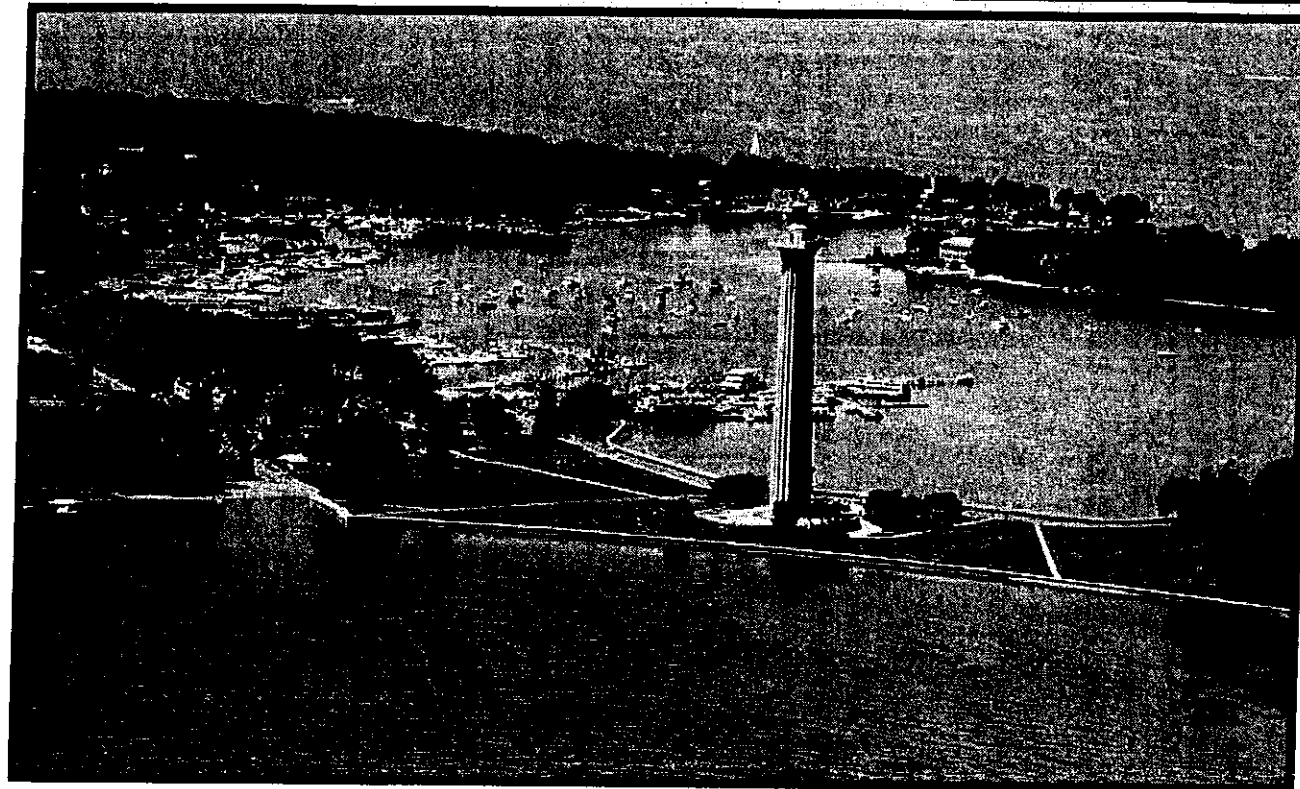
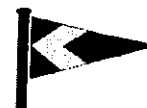
Craig Morrison & Joanne Vandereerden



John Vandereerden



Fall Bay 2004



Put-in-Bay

On October 8th, a mixed crew of sailors from Blitz and Slo-poke headed to Put-In-Bay for the 2004 Fall Bay Regatta. Al Buliga and I delivered the boat Friday morning, while the rest of the crew came by ferry later that night. For most of us on board it was our first time sailing in this regatta, and we were all looking forward to squeezing in yet another weekend of racing before the season came to its official end later in the month. Registration was taken Friday night at The Boat House and we were happy to find that dockage was free to all racers from Friday till Sunday. Our first night was fairly typical, with visits to Frosties and the Roundhouse.


After a goodnight's sleep, interrupted only by a 40 knot gale in the middle of the night, we awoke Saturday morning to sunny skies and 18 knots of breeze. With a set start time of 10:30 am, we were able to sleep in AND have a civilized breakfast before motoring to the starting area a mere 10 minutes from the harbour entrance. And speaking for myself, after years of suffering through the 7 am dock times of Bay Week, this was a much welcomed change of pace.

For this regatta, Blitz was put into PHRF A which consisted of a Shock 35, Tripp 33, Express 35 and another J/29. Being the "slow" boat in a PHRF class was a new experience for me, especially with the rating spread ranging from 69 to 111. Nevertheless, we were anxious to test our speed against the other J/29 "Send in the clowns", a boat that had previously collected some silverware at Key West Race Week.

Race 1 started without a hitch, and after a short windward leg we had a run to bell tower G1 followed by a beat to RN2 and a power reach back to the finish line, approximate course distance was 12.7 nm. Race 2 was a shorter affair, taking us around Rattle Snake and Green Island, then back to the finish. Although we were unable to track the finish times of the larger yachts, we were encouraged after beating our fellow J/29 in both races. Later that night we learned that we had had 2 very close races against the Tripp 33 "Kicks". They scored first in both races while Blitz took two seconds. Saturday night offered more partying, and for some reason, more gale force winds at three in the morning.

By Sunday the breeze had settled down to about 12 knots as we headed out for our final race. The race committee opted to send us once again around the short course. After a decent start and a good windward leg, we rounded Rattle Snake close to the leaders in our class. From Rattle Snake we had a very strong run to Green Island, making big gains on the two big boats in front of us. After another beat back to the finish, first place was ours followed by "Kicks" in second. In the overall standings Blitz took a second in class and fourth overall in the 32 boat fleet. After a few drinks at the dock we attended the awards ceremony, where we had come to be known as "the Canadians" (In my opinion, we represented our country well for the most part.) then headed home, either by sailboat or ferry. I think for all of us on board, and at least for me, this turned out to be one of the best regattas attended all season. We had a good crew on board which included Al Buliga, John Amyot Jr., Tapani Lintunen, Josh Lintunen, Adam Prettyman, Mark Styne and myself, the weather was nice, and by volume, more rum was consumed than coke. This is one regatta that will definitely be added to my schedule again next year.

By
Nikolas Lintunen



L.M.Y.C. Annual Year End Banquet

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Price - \$35.00 per person

Place Concorde

7515 Forest Glade Drive

**Take EC Row Expressway East
Exit - Lauzon Parkway North**

The Canadienne Room

Cocktails - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 6:45 PM



Menu

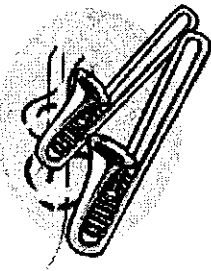
Salad, Pasta with Meat Sauce, Rolls & Butter

Roasted Chicken, Cabbage Rolls

Glazed Baby Carrots, Roasted Potatoes

Coffee & Tea

Cheese Cake with Fruit Toppings



**Music from Geno
Your D.J. for the Evening**

For More Information - Contact Mary Nantais @ 519-966-6358