

LASALLE CURRENTS

A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

October 22nd, 1980

- From the Loudhailer -

A little over a month ago we talked about sailing in some fresher winds of the coming fall and now it almost seems to be the end of the season, the time to furl those sails for a long time! So, come on out to sail in those last three races! There will be two on Sunday, Oct. 19th, the first one at noon and the second at 3 p.m. The last scheduled club race is to start at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26th.

HARVEST MOON - The last area regatta had the customary sparkling winds at the start, a 180% windshift just in time to get most boats around the course with eased sheets and under spinnakers to eventually fizzle out near the end. When it was all over, the mariners flying award flags were! Carl (Durham) with a first place in the J.O.G. class, Dave (Evans) with a second place in P.H.R.F.-B, Ralf (Fiedler) with third place in the same class and a third place for "Rakaia" in P.H.R.F.-A. Nice going, Mariners! Carl, who previously had pointed out that L.M.Y.C. is the only club not to include a J.O.G., or non-spinnaker class in its regatta programme is now personally promoting such a class. J.O.G., (jib or genoa) or non-spinnaker classes allow those that normally sail shorthanded or lack spinnakers and related gear to compete under a handicap system with skippers that share their views regarding the level of competition they would enjoy. So, if you are interested and haven't had a chance to talk to Carl, do so, because, he is sure to have the full support of the club's race committee for 1981.

The last weekend in September is always set aside for the one-design series in Lake Erie, hosted by Bob Coleman of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club. It is a series of three races on the R.I.Y.A. course for Viking 28's and Duets and is looked forward to with great enthusiasm by the racers.

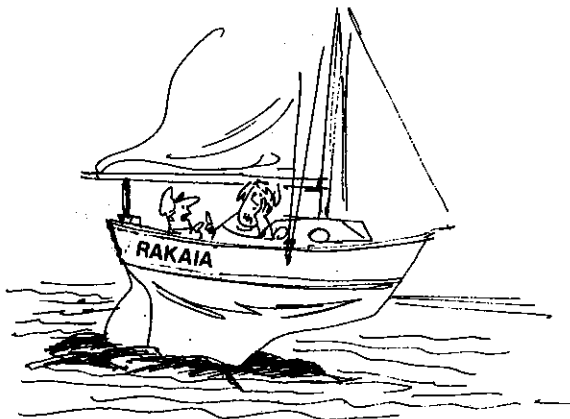
The Vikings have a true "Can-Am" series with equal numbers of boats participating from both sides of the border. This time the "Am" proved to be the faster with the host Bob Coleman as the ultimate winner.

All the Duets but Jack Todd's "Mariah" were from L.M.Y.C. and if your sensitive noses picked up the tantalizing scents of Chanel #5 and chantilly on the windward legs, guys, you were being covered, and were sailing to leeward of "Rhiannon"! Sailed by a team that call themselves the "Five M's", a circus act like the Great Wallendas and others, but not permitted the use of trapezes, (thank God). They took the series with a convincing three first places! The "Five M's" stand for - Margaret (Yvonne), Margie, Monica, Millie and Marty (uses "Brute"). When you have "Five M's", you have MMMMMoxie!! Jack Todd and crew from S.P.S.C. sailed to a well deserved second place finish, followed by Charlie's "Golden Age".

As the racing season progressed the competitive spirit in the club races increased as witnessed by a number of protests filed with the race committees. There is nothing alarming about this, it simply shows that most boats in both classes are sailing closer to their potential and the skippers are more reluctant to relinquish a number of hardearned yards to a competitor with questionable right of way. Keep reading that rule book.



In Class "B" participation is good and "Rhiannon" with the "M" team aboard is making a late challenge to see that the "Cookie Monster" does not get all the cookies, but the last race is all important for those among the first three places. In Class "A" things are just as exciting, as "Amigo" has, as expected, made this class very closely contested. As in the "B" Class the last race will produce the winner, second and third.



"...and John Paul Jones ran aground in Lake Erie. Captain Cook went aground off Tahiti. The U.S.S. Missouri touched bottom in Tokyo Bay in 1946... and then..." **OCT. 19-1980**

Sadly enough, there comes a time when we must talk about the haul-out. Like someone says: the time is now!

Al Pavan, in charge of the haul-out has posted all procedural information on the club's bulletin board for you to read. There will also be a meeting on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 10:00 a.m. concerning the haul-out. You should attend this meeting because a smooth haul-out depends on you and haul-out is one of the two most important work parties of the club, the other is, of course, the launch. So, be punctual (early), be prepared to work, stay with your assigned job and don't play with your own boat until your help is no longer needed! Also, as always, the girls will make sure that you won't go hungry. Last and not least, cars must be kept off the club grounds where the work is being done and boat storage area.

L.M.Y.C. was the setting for its 1st Annual Sea Fest on October 19th, 1980. The food was fabulous and we had a fairly good turn out, so hopefully we will have L.M.Y.C.'s 2nd Annual Sea Fest. A big thanks to Bob Clark, Pat and John Yankovich and their kitchen crew, and to Joe and Kathy McIntosh who made it all happen. Ummm, that lobster was good!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct. 26th - 10:00 a.m. meeting
- last club race (following meeting)
- Nov. 1st, - 8:00 a.m. haul-out.
- Nov. 16th - 10:00 a.m. general meeting - election of officers

SOCIAL CALENDAR:

- Oct. 31st - Halloween night at the Club - 8:00p.m.
- Nov. 8th, - 9:30 a.m. sail seminar - Boston Sails Sarnia - posted on bulletin board.
- 8:00 p.m. R.I.Y.A. awards banquet, Grosse Ile Yacht Club.
- Nov. 29th - L.M.Y.C. Awards banquet - Anderdon Tavern - (Details to follow)