

It should cut congestion when the masts come down

~The lineups and delays for raising and lowering masts should be a thing of the past with the new gaff-rigged gin pole installed beside the haulout well.

The imposing steel structure was in place (although not yet ready for use) and drew attention from several club members after the Sunday, Oct. 16 club race.

The project was designed and built by Past Commodore Brian Lawson. It features an extendable boom, which you can position just

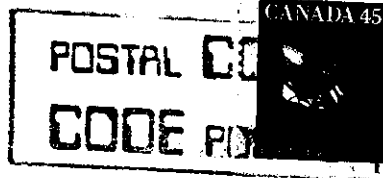
above the mast spreaders.

This should reduce, if not eliminate, the annual spring rush for new Windex equipment which, despite most precautions, often lost a battle with the gin-pole halyard.

It looks like a lot of members (and their wallets) will be owing Brian a special "thankyou" every spring and fall.

And it should end a lot of frustrations during the annual mast raising and lowering periods by reducing the waiting time by half.

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LaSalle CURRENTS



It's that time of year again

Despite a recent return of summer, the season is rapidly winding down.

Haulout time is approaching, and that means a general meeting (at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29) to hear plans for haulout, and the big day itself, on Saturday, Nov. 4.

(The general meeting will come the day after the Hallowe'en costume party. More about this on Page 2)

Then comes the annual awards banquet on Saturday, Nov. 18.

While the site has been changed, the date stays the same. The event will be held at the Riverside Legion (5645 Wyandotte St. East) where a familiar face (Kevin Hart) will be preparing the food.

Social Director Barb Pare says the site was moved from Chez Talbot

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Coming events at the club

Oct. 28 Hallowe'en costume party for adults (\$10 a person or \$18 a couple. The price includes food and keg beer, if enough people sign up in advance to cover the cost of the beverage.)

Call Jack Penney (258-9753), Charles Oldfield (974-1919) or Barb Pare (734-1957) for tickets.

Oct. 29 1 p.m. General club meeting

Nov. 4 HAULOUT

Nov. 18 LMYC Awards night

Dec. 17 Children's Christmas party (Tree gets decorated on Dec. 16)

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve get-together. Bring your own liquid refreshment and food to share with other members.

HALLOWE'EN COSTUME TIME

Come on out for a party and show your creativity

Get your thinking cap on and come up with a novel costume for the Hallowe'en party.

It doesn't have to be expensive to win a prize; creativity can be effec-

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at St. Clair College to take advantage of a bargain price, expected to be in the \$15 range, and a band that already had been booked at the Legion.

However, there is a minor catch; the number of tickets will be limited to 100, so call Barb at (519) 734-1597 to get your seats.

While the Legion building is not a smoke-free environment, there will be a no-smoking section set up for the banquet.

And the traditional time schedule will apply: 6:30 p.m. for cocktails (or beer, if you prefer) and food at 7 p.m.

Barb also is looking for volunteers to help solicit door prizes for the banquet. Remember, we're not looking for expensive donations, just items in the \$10-25 range that are suitable for sailors.

Please make sure you check with Barb before you seek the donation so we don't have three or four members approaching the same person.

tive without big money.

Some ideas?

Go as a boat.

How about a cloak made of 29 pieces of a popular cleaning product, J cloths?

Or a beer mug.

Or a weed matte.

And if you can't come up with an idea, you can always buy a mask at the door (for \$5, says Barb).

Final plans for food and drink were still tentative at this writing, but Jack Penney is hoping to get enough advance payments (\$10 per person, \$18 for a couple) to pay for a keg of beer.

Food also will depend on the number of members who promise to come and will likely be chili or something similar.

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Something to think about

Time is marching on, and despite an active membership, some strenuous club activities are taking their toll.

At Launch and Haulout, many of our older members are discovering that while the spirit is willing, the body can no longer always be bent to that will.

Back problems and other physical ailments are no longer rare, and many of those members who don't have problems do have limitations on the amount they can lift.

A few years ago, a six-person team could shift almost every cradle in the lot. After Launch this spring, as many as 10 pairs of hands were needed for some cradle-moving jobs.

Cradles seem to be getting heavier every year, and maybe they really are as we continue the trend toward bigger boats.

A few members have suggested the club should hire some young, strong backs (kin or neighbors) for the tough and physically demanding work of manhandling cradles.

There were no loud objections when the roofing job was done by a contractor, and it was done quickly.

But this past summer, there was a lack of volunteers for a work party to lay sod in front of the new wells.

Maybe it's time to reconsider the way we accomplish the heavy work that needs to get done.