

# LaSalle CURRENTS



Oct. 15, 1996

## LMYC Banquet, 96 update

A date and new location has been determined for the 1996 LMYC Awards Banquet.

This year 140 seats will be available for the banquet at the Chateau LaSalle, in LaSalle. Due to the limited amount of seating, tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

The banquet will be held on November 16, and tickets are \$15 per-person. Tickets will be available beginning October 15.

Cocktails will be served at 18:00 hrs. and a country style dinner at 19:00 hrs.

Anyone who would like to help out or needs more information, please call Kevin Hart at (519) 945-4110.

## General membership meeting

A general membership meeting will be held at 1:00 pm. on October 27, 1996. All members are asked to please attend. Topics to be discussed are haulout, banquet and other exciting things. Remember to buy a ticket at the door to win your 1997 membership dues.

## Kenny Robitaille heads south for the ??

Ken Robitaille, and associate member Ron Stuebing, set sail for the east coast in September. Since their departure it has been reported that both men are alive and well. Last word had them in Annapolis, and Ron was on his way home. Kenny called the club one evening on a Wednesday race night, but it is still uncertain who he misses the most. The club WISHES HIM WELL AND BON ADVENTURE.

## 1996 EXECUTIVE

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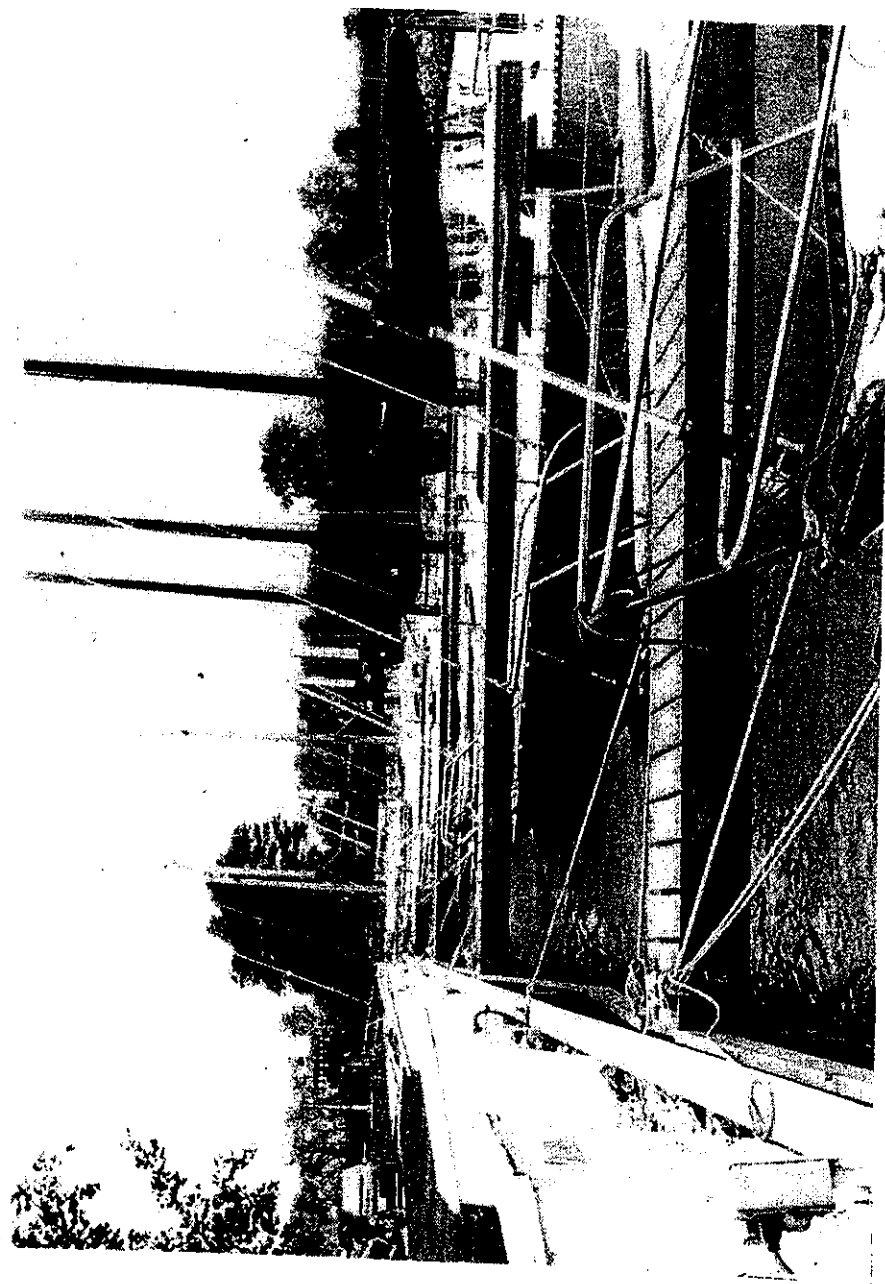
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Brian Postill makes some last minute adjustments on his U.S. one-meter designed remote control sailboat at the Windsor Model Yacht Club races at LMYC. See story next page.

Photo by Kevin Conrad

# LMYC hosts model yacht racing

By Kevin Conrad

Competitive racing of U.S. one meter class sailboats have skippers shouting for right of way at the Windsor Model Yacht Club races on Tuesday nights. With a remote control in hand, sailors walk the edge of the canal while racing their model yachts around miniature buoys.

Model racing holds a lot of the same excitement that one can experience aboard a life-size boat. The occasional collision or near miss, and the odd rescue of a boat, keeps spectators and sailors glued to the action.

A tape recording counts down the minutes, as skippers jockey their crewless boats in front of the start line. Once underway each sailor begins traversing the shoreline to stay in range of their remote control boats.

Each boat is powered by wind with an onboard battery operated device which trims sails and steers the vessel. To avoid steering an opponents boat each remote operates on its own frequency.

"There are 30 frequencies available but at national championships where it's common to have more boats, they heat them off," said Doug Diet, commodore of the Windsor Model Yacht Club.

"Our club has 12 members with boats, along with 24 associate members, who participate in nine club races and two international races which are held in the city of Windsor and LaSalle."

"Club members also compete in Detroit, Toronto, Kingston and wherever they have international races."

## Dave Evans returns from singlehanded trans-Atlantic race

"WELCOME HOME DAVE!"

Dave Evans returned safe and sound after completing what is now called Europe 1 Star, singlehanded trans-Atlantic race. The race started in Plymouth, England and finished in Newport Rhode Isle.

The one meter class boats must be 39 inches long with only a quarter inch leeway. The maximum keel length is 14-1/2 inches with a maximum mast height of 65 inches. And models usually range from five and a half pounds to 10 pounds.

"The lighter the better," said Diet. "That's why owner built boats are usually better, kit boats are not as successful."

Custom building your own boat can cost anywhere from \$200-\$300 complete with a remote control.

Most boats are constructed of balsa wood coated with fibre glass and rigged with fishing line and tackle. Some model builders will take as much as seven months to build their dream boats.

"I have a lot more fun building them than I do racing them," said Brian Postill. He joined the club last May and already has plans to build another boat this winter.

"We all shared a lot of ideas the first time around but this one will stay under raps till the first race."

The Windsor Model Yacht Club was founded in 1994 but their sister club in Detroit has been model racing since 1918.

Annual club membership fees are \$10 which go toward the leasing of the Malden Park pond from the City of Windsor one night a week.

For those who are interested in model racing, the club will be holding a building class meeting in October. More information can be obtained by calling Doug Diet, at (519) 974-6101 or Frank Ring, at (519) 972-6640.

In spite of strange tactics such as losing weight to lighten his 40 foot boat. Evans just missed the winners circle. Due to weather conditions finishing this years race was an accomplishment in itself.

Well done Dave.

# Message from the Bridge

## Comments From Commodoris

With the 1996 sailing season drawing swiftly to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect over the past year.

All in all it has been a good year at LaSalle Mariner's with lots of races (both in club and out) and lots of flags won by our sailors. WELL DONE!!! Our Monday and Wednesday races have been well attended, and it is good to see so much participation.

We have seen some improvements to our property over the past summer; the canopy over the patio (many thanks to Ian Henderson for taking on this project and overseeing it from start to finish), and the new parking lot where a lot of boat cradles already rest, thus freeing up the main parking lot for....well....parking. We have also seen about half of the north harbour supplied with new water lines (thanks to Howard, Phil & crew). I understand that the rest of the north harbour will be completed next year. GOOD JOB EVERYBODY!!

It has also been gratifying to see the club being used as much as it has this past year. We have a lovely facility here and unfortunately most of us can only benefit from it on weekends or evenings. This year, however, our sea cadets took advantage of our property for a weekend camp and sail training event.

Juergen Hendel, Alex Buliga and Brian Lawson's affiliation with the Windsor Model Yacht Club has resulted in LMYC having races right in our harbour. These radio controlled sailboats have drawn considerable attention both from members and guests and hopefully next season we will all get a chance to come out and watch them race.

We have had really good participa-

tion at our annual events, in particular Wine Appreciation (thanks Bob & Holly and Gord & Diane), Blessing of the Fleet (thanks John & Louise & crew) and of course Regatta (always a huge success - thanks Jim & Sue & crew).

Good participation in the summer is always easier than in winter months. However, please remember that LMYC doesn't shut down for the winter. True, we can't go out sailing when we feel like it, but we can still enjoy the camaraderie that we share in summertime. COME ON OUT TO THE CLUB -- for our winter events as they are posted. COME ON OUT TO THE CLUB on Wednesday evenings for darts (trust me, you don't have to be good... some of us have even missed hitting the board entirely). It is your club, it is a friendly club, it is to your benefit to use it.

As we prepare to haul our boats out for the winter, we should remember what a wonderful place we have here at LaSalle Mariner's. Just think... all of us have a home on the waterfront -- anytime we choose to drop by. We also have many friends here who share at least two common interests -- sailing & LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club.

So let's progress into 1997 in unity and friendship with the good of OUR CLUB always at heart. ---Doris Kepran

## Things of Interest

Phil Smith said in passing at the club one day, "I've had my work hours in by the end of June." Have you got yours in yet!?

The River Rat Race will be on October 20, anyone wishing to participate can pick up entry forms at the club.

A Sunday Sinners Race will be held on Sundays around 10:00 a.m. from now until haulout. Everyone is welcome to race. For more information contact Bob Reaume or John Amyot

# Nominations For 1997 Flag Officers and Directors for LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

## Flag Officers and Directors

### Flag Officers

COMMADORE..... RALF ALLEN  
 VICE COMMODORE..... BOB BINGHAM  
 TREASURER..... JOHN AMYOT  
 SECRETARY..... ELAINE PRETTYMAN

### Directors

RACE DIRECTOR..... CHRIS BARRON  
 HOUSE DIRECTOR..... KEVIN HART  
 SOCIAL DIRECTOR..... ANDY KOZIERADZKI

Please note that the above members are a proposed slate ONLY, and ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING is welcome to and may be nominated from the floor to stand against the above at the commencement of elections at the annual general membership meeting when these elections are held.

As per club practice, the 1997, Board of Directors will appoint, as required, the positions of:

AUDITOR  
 CURRENTS EDITOR/PUBLISHER  
 FLEET CAPTAIN  
 GALLEY STEWARD  
 HARBOUR MASTER  
 REPRESENTATIVE TO ILYA  
 ROADS AND GROUNDS STEWARD

Your Nominating Committee,

Brian Lawson ..... Past Past Commodore  
 Bob Reaume..... Past Commodore  
 Doris Kepran ..... Commodore 1996

## Dart league to begin playing in November

A tentative date has been set for a meeting of the dart league, November 6. The dart league meets at the club on Wednesday nights and is open to everyone. Club members, friends and family are urged to come out and participate in the good times and the 50/50 draw. This is a great way to pass time during our cold Canadian winter months and reminisce with fellow sailors and non sailors of past summer events. For more information contact Jack Penny at (519) 258-9753.

### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 27, Hallowe'en Party  
 Oct. 27 General membership meeting  
 Nov. 2, Haulout  
 Nov. 9 Windsor Model Yacht Club Banquet  
 Nov. 16, LMYC Awards Banquet  
 Nov. 17 General membership meeting  
 Dec. 14 Adult tree decorating party  
 Dec. 15 Children's Christmas party  
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party

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## Notice to Mariners

The Lasalle Currents, is the LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club news letter which hopes to be published once a month. To make this a successful paper it needs input from club members. If you have an interesting story to tell, or a place of interest you would like to share with fellow club members, write or tell us about it.

Anyone who has something they would like to see published in the LaSalle Currents, is asked to contact the editor at (519) 736-8202.

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