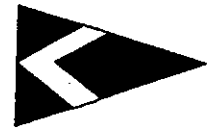




LaSalle Currents



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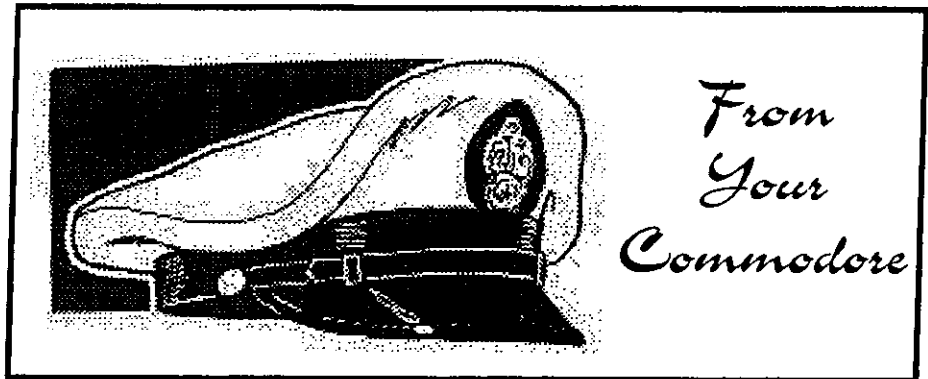
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*From
Your
Commodore*

A big pat on the back for all the skippers and crew that did the HARVEST MOON at S.P.S.C. LaSalle Mariner's has always supported other club's REGATTAS and they showed up in force again.

The new recycle buckets are in. Please use them as they are intended to keep the clutter to a minimum.

Commodore: Ralph Allen



From the Vice Commodore:

We are a self-help Club. That's one way we keep costs down. That's why we expect each member to help with some of the "grunt" work necessary to keep us going. In the spring we hold 2 or 3 work parties to get the Club ready, and in the fall we also have some work at the Decommissioning as we get the Club ready to withstand the winter. One job which comes to mind is making a walkway from the East entrance of the club to the patio by the south harbour. Patio blocks which were once used to support the ice machine when it was at the pump out location could be moved and reinstalled as a walkway. This would certainly be a worthwhile project for someone in need of work hours or someone with a little time and expertise to share.

Vice-Commodore: Bob Bingham



What's New!



announcements

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Perry and Gloria Basden on the safe arrival of their new granddaughter - **Emily Anne Manzerolle**, born September 15, 1997, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. Proud parents, Stacey and Kenn Manzerolle are doing fine. First time grandparents are also in excellent condition.



Visitors to LMYC

Just checking the Guest Book and we have had over 40 visiting boats this year. Many of the visitors make LaSalle Mariner's a yearly port-of-call. Sailors this year came from as far away as Chicago on the West



and Maryland on the East. Our first visitor this year was on June 21st from Harrisberg PA. Of the 40 or so boats which visited our club and signed our GUEST BOOK, 8 boats were from SPSC, 8 from TRYC, 3 from East Harbour Ohio. One visit each were reported from GIYC, BVYC, CIYC, and RCYC. Many visitors were just happy sailors and not members of any official club and were just passing through. LMYC members were welcomed at many clubs this season both as racing participants and cruisers. Our club members do a lot to make our visitors feel welcome. We still must be the Friendliest Club on the Detroit River.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet is fast approaching. Tickets will be available from the executive or Andy Kozieradski (Social Director). The banquet will be held on November 22, 1997 at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** on Malden Road. More details to follow in the next issue of **Currents**.



General Meeting

There will be a general meeting held on **October 26, 1997 at 10:00 AM** at the clubhouse. This will be a haul out meeting and there are many important decisions to be made at this meeting. One of the items on the agenda is the cost of the crane and what this all involves. At this meeting the 1998 LMYC new slate of executives are announced. After the meeting there will be a **CRADLE MOVING** work party. It is imperative that all members attend.



Frostbite Beach Party

The Annual Frostbite Beach Party will be hosted by Juergen and Linda at 101 Willow Beach Road in Amherstburg on October 17, 1997, beginning at approximately 6:00 pm. There will be a bonfire, sing-a-longs, hot dog roasts and a lot of good fun. Linda again will be making her delicious Chile for all the party goers. It is BYOB and a dish to share. Those who decide to stay into the wee hours of the night are encouraged to bring tents and sleeping bags. Linda will be supplying maps if you are not sure of the location. More detail will be available in the clubhouse.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club will hold its Annual Halloween Party on October 25, 1997. Members are encourage to dress in costumes for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the most INTERESTING, SCARIEST, and FUNNIEST costume. Please bring a dish to pass. This is always a fun event. Look for more details to follow or call Andy Kozieradzki (Social Director)

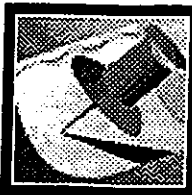


LMYC River Rat Race

This is the last official race of the year. It will be held Sunday October 19, 1997.



Skippers' meeting at 11:00 am and official start at 12:00 noon. There will be a Club Barbecue to follow. For more information check for program in the clubhouse, or contact Juergen Hendel.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Elaine Prettyman

We are constantly updating our club roster. A copy of the current roster is located by the club telephone. If there are errors or omissions, please make the necessary corrections if applicable.



From the Editor

Putting together this newsletter takes time, work, and encouragement. Many people have helped me with their input, effort and support. Special thanks to **Ralph Kepran** who spent many hours running off this newsletter. Again THANK YOU.



HAVE Your SAY...

Dear Club Members,

Do you have something on your mind? Does it relate to LMYC? If so, "Have Your Say...".

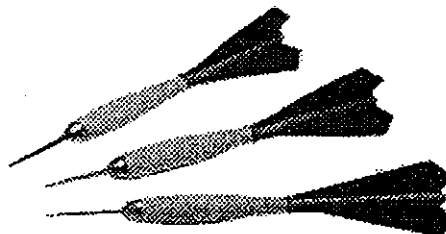
Letters to the *LaSalle Currents* must include a signature for verification. If members are responding to stories or articles, please provide the title, date and issue of publication.

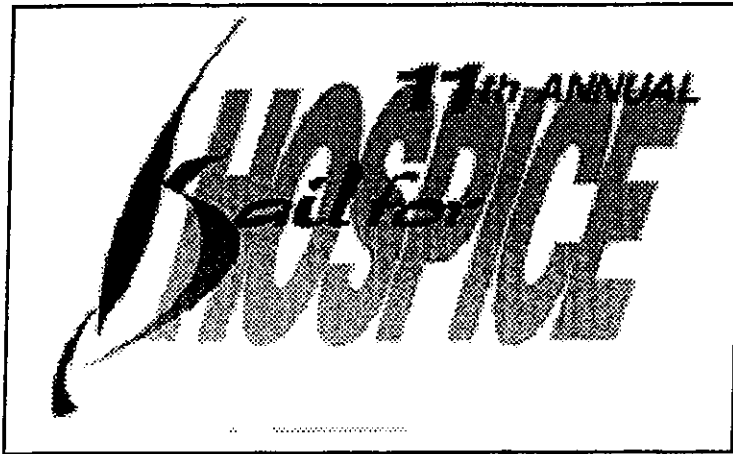
Letters should be concise and to the point and fewer than 200 words. These letters are subject to editing for readability and clarity and may be condensed to save space.



Darts at LMYC

Darts will be starting up soon after haul out. For most members this will mark the start of hibernation for sailing activities. This is a great opportunity for members to meet during the winter months. A chance to make new acquaintance and renew old friendships. Look in the next issue of *Currents* for day and time for the Dart League to begin.





It was Sunday and the race for Hospice started out as a dull cloudy day with no wind. The number of boats entered for this race was 15 including two power boats. Due to the lack of wind the 11:00 am start was postponed until 12:00 with hopes that the wind would come up. Twelve o'clock came and went and still there was no wind. At 12:15 pm the race director Ralph Allen decided to postpone the race for a few hours to see if the wind conditions would improve. In the mean time we would have our lunch while we waited for the wind to

come up. Commodore Ralph Allen and Lady Molly did the cooking which consisted of Hamburgers and Krinskies combined with dishes that some of the members had brought in.



Winning Team Raised \$717.00 for Hospice
Renee Laird, Juergen Hendel, Linda Schreiber, abs. Darlene Fraser

At 2:00 pm it was decided that there would be no race, and the finishers would be ranked according to the number of pledges raised.

Yvonne McRobbie introduced Carol Derbyshire who is the Executive Director of Hospice for the Windsor Essex Region. This region cares for over 1200 needy people and provides a number of important and worthwhile services.

Many different clubs were also sponsoring THE SAIL FOR HOSPICE on this day.. The clubs in our immediate area were as follows: Detroit River, Cedar Island, Crescent Sailing Club,

Thames River, South Port Sail Club and LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club. Yvonne McRobbie was proud to announce that LMYC had raised \$4,639.70 for Hospice. Total raised by all local clubs was over \$11,000.00. Job well done.

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Hospice.**

The following race results were based on the number of pledges raised.

After the results were announced the wind slowly returned and Ralph Allen the Commodore, and also the race director announced that there would be a fun race for any of the racers who wanted to participate. This race would start in front of the Widow's Walk. About 10 boats were at the start line for the beginning of the race. The wind was light and sometimes disappearing entirely. The sailors persisted and finally crossed the finished line.

To close the evening many members gathered inside the clubhouse for refreshments and chat.

The following is the Official 11th Annual Sail for Hospice Results.

Class: J.O.G.

1	Judge Mangile	Indigo Lady
2	Jack Penny	Off Course
3	Bob Henson	Windsong



Class: P.H.R.F. -"A"

1	Yvonne McRobbie	Alchemy
2	Tod Duffett	I Love You Baby
3	Jim Ouellette	Blue Max



Class: P.H.R.F. -"B"

1	Paul Laing	Gandalf
2	J. Vandereerden	Bottoms-Up
3	Phil Bergeron	Blue Max
4	John Metcalf	Quattro



Class: P.H.R.F. -"C"

1	T. Lintunien	Sisu
2	Ralph Kepran	Ceilidh
3	Bernie Wolter	High Anxiety

NAUTICAL TRIVIA

September's Trivia Question

"What is the more popular name for the Ratline Hitch?" Answer: The Clove Hitch

October's Trivia Question:

"What is an 'ash breeze'?"

Answer in the next issue of Currents

Can You Guess?

In the last issue of The Currents, under CAN YOU GUESS, a picture appeared of a father and son in the midst of discussing some pressing issue. What were they discussing?

"The father and son discussing the finer points of good racing are Jim Beaudoin and his son Nick. Nick participated this summer in the Canadian Youth Laser Championships at the Lunenburg Yacht Club of Nova Scotia."

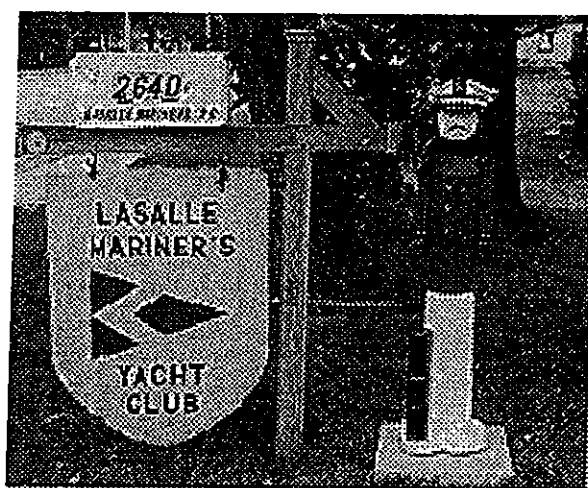


French explorers called Lake Erie "Lac du Chat" which means Lake of the Cat because the Iroquois Indians called the tribe of natives living near the Lake ERIEHRONONS, which is the Iroquois word meaning "People of the Panther."

Sick Bay



We hope for a speedy recover for Eric Thibault, nephew of France Thibault, who was severely injured in an automobile accident in Montreal on September 5th of this year. Our prayers are with you for his speedy recovery.



L M Y C Mystery

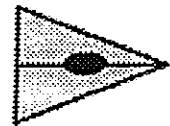
The mystery is still not solved. I have checked with a great many club members and they do not seem to know where this sailor came from. I have checked with both our club neighbours and they do not have any idea. One of the neighbours stated they saw a well dressed woman in a white car installing the captain in his place. If you have any news please let the executive know.



I will solve this mystery.

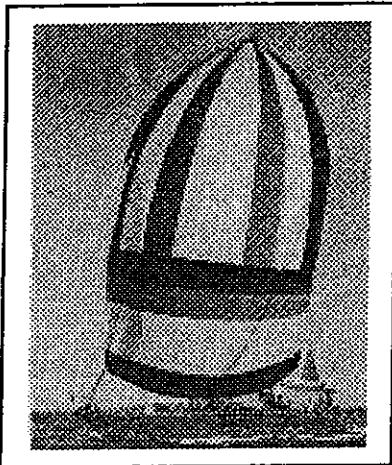


Cedar Island Regatta



It's a cool Saturday morning beneath threatening skies and skippers scurrying about readying their boats for the long trek to Cedar Island. It's the Annual Labour Day Regatta. First to leave was *3 Ring Circus*, followed by *Le Coeur de France*, *Alchemy*, *R-Escape*, *Grey Gannet* and *Morpheus*. *Roller Coaster* would follow later that day.

The mouth of the river at this time is usually awash with power boats, but not today. A special Coast Guard warning for the western end of Lake Erie that water spouts had been sighted, seemed to keep the powerboats at dock. Our fleet continued on. Bob Bingham said he had spotted five spouts. I had seen three and only one that actually touched down. Interesting!



The Cedar Island Regatta at one time was a large affair including boats from West Shore, Grosse Isle, and the Ford Yacht Club. Many of the racers would bring their entire families. Some would not race their boats but would crew on others. It worked out very well and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. For some reason these boats do not come anymore, but instead go to North Cape for their weekend which leaves a huge void at the Cedar Island Regatta. Perhaps next year we could encourage a large fleet from LMYC to join in some cruising and racing.

The race itself turned out to be a LMYC dominated day, except for someone who shall remain nameless. Of the nine boats from LaSalle, six entered the race and of these six boats, five of them came home with flags.

PHRF -A- *Juergen Hendel* skippered *Alchemy* to first place followed by *Jim Ouellette* aboard *Roller Coaster*, then *Ralf Fieldler* on *Boxer*. In their class, the Father & Son *Amoyt* team drove *Morpheus* to first place. Another Father & Son team of *Prettyman* ran away with first place in JOG -B-

The winds were moderate and left over seas from the night before made for tricky manoeuvring, keeping the crew on their toes.

Race Chairman *Mark Enns* and his race committee did a fine job.

As evening set-in everyone enjoyed the steak Bar B-Q (\$15.00) with all the trimming, including a huge cake celebrating Cedar Island's Twenty-Fifth Year Anniversary. As night fell, people were enjoying the music and dancing or just a GAM on the day's race.

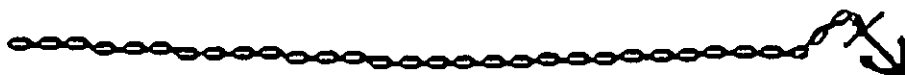
This perfect setting was not to last. The announcement of *Diana's* death fell over the crowd in disbelief. The smiling faces turned quickly to grimaces and whispers. Almost immediately I retired to my boat and listened to the radio as wave after wave of bad news confirmed this announcement.

Perhaps I have a more heart-felt reaction that haunts me. For it is on this Labour Day Weekend in 1955 that my sister and her boyfriend, both sixteen were run over and killed by a drunk driver. It has been forty two year and still the family mourns this loss.

So please think when you drink. Even someone as protected as Princess Diana could not avoid the insanity of a drunk driver. From this day forward each Labour Day Weekend will be a little sadder all over the world.

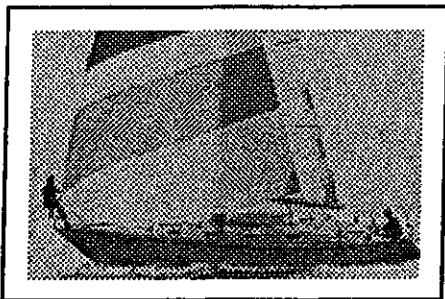


Kevin Hart



25th Annual One Design Weekend

This race is held annually at Grosse Isle Yacht Club which is about 1 and 1/2 hours from



LaSalle Mariner's and each year the competition becomes stiffer and stiffer. This year LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club was represented by 4 boats. Roller Coaster, Alchemy, R-Escape, and Grey Gannet which were in absolute top racing condition to compete in the races this weekend. There were two races on Saturday, and one race on Sunday. The weather was sunny and the air was light to start.

Saturday Night there was a great party. Refreshments and food was excellent. Everyone there enjoyed themselves immensely.

There were 8 Abbot 33's boats with the following results;

2nd Roller Coaster with J.C. Hendel on Board.

6th Alchemy yours truly Yvonne McRobbie

8th R-escape with Bobby Reaume

There were 3 Columbia 26 and Al Prettyman on Grey Gannett finished in second place.

by Evonne McRobbie

S.P.S.C Harvest Moon

The 28th annual Harvest Moon Regatta featured 20-30 knots of air and many moments of excitement. Sailors reported speeds above 11 knots on the run from the St. Clair Light to the finish located roughly 1 mile north of S.P.S.C.'s harbour.

South Port was very excited and thankful of LMYC's support at this event. The course sent sailors reaching to Belle River in ideal conditions for approximately 6 miles. From Belle River the fleet put their bows into

Mother Nature for 9.6 miles to the St. Clair Light, then to the finish.

The unofficial count that represented LMYC at this regatta stands at 12 boats.

LMYC captured top finishes in 3 of 4 classes. Placers include; Mad Max, Rakaia, Sunkist and The Grey Gannet. Overall honours went to Mo Regnier's "Mo-Money" which is a shark.

Many racers shared broaching stories and compared top speeds. Both Niagara 26's experienced rudder difficulties before the race. John Vandereerden; Bottoms-Up hit the bottom (down) which caused substantial damage to the boat's transom. Ralph Kepran's Ceilidh sustained major rudder difficulties moments before their start which forced Ralph and crew into retirement.

Thanks goes to SPSC for a great race and warm party and to all owners and crew who support our sport.

by John Amyot Junior



Sailing Magazines

Yvonne McRobbie has over four years of Sailing Magazine looking for a good home. If no home is found these magazines will go to Recycle Heaven. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne McRobbie. ASAP

So Kevin. How Hot did it get
on Nivek on September 4, 1997.
Any How ???

Brian Lawson



MORE INFORMATION FROM BOAT/U.S.

HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

Remember the article in the last issue of "THE LASALLE CURRENTS" which contained the Club's group number for those wishing to join BOAT/U.S.? Well, I just received the promised literature from their office in Alexandria, Virginia.

In the literature was a Co-operating Group Accord which states that to maintain our status as a group we will agree to comply with a few simple steps. We must have a BOAT/U.S. member serve as liaison (I guess that must be me!). We must maintain a group size of at least ten members (That must be you!). We will have at least 5 members join or renew their BOAT/U.S. Membership during the year (Would the current LMYC Members who are also BOAT/U.S. Members please come forward). We must send BOAT/U.S. a sample of information notifying members of this special co-operating group arrangement at least once a year. (Hey, lets put them on our mailing list for THE LA SALLE CURRENTS). We must also make BOAT/U.S. literature available to our members. BOAT/U.S. was kind enough to supply this information (See me!).

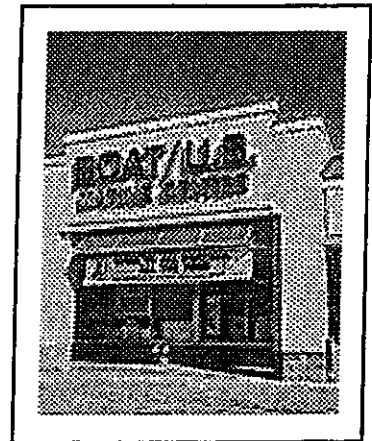
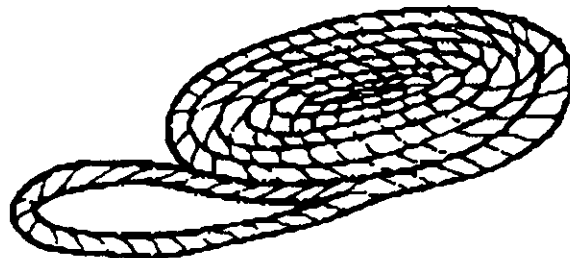
O.K., so what's the deal? Well, here it is. Members wishing to renew at a reduced rate of \$8.50 U.S. should write the group name and number on their renewal bills and return them to BOAT/U.S. with their payment. Or, I can submit a list of all current BOAT/U.S. Members and their membership numbers so that BOAT/U.S. can update their records to ensure proper billing at renewal time. Sounds like a good deal to me! How about YOU? If you're interested in a new membership, or would like to renew at the special rate, please see me soon. Let's take advantage of the opportunity. Deals like this don't come along every day. It's almost like winning the lottery, not to mention the benefits of being a BOAT/U.S. member.

While we're on the subject, WHAT ARE THE

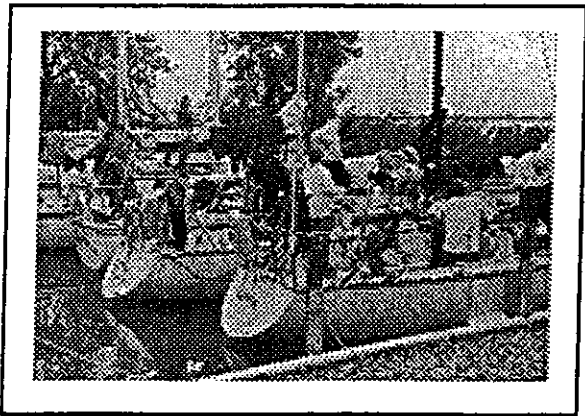
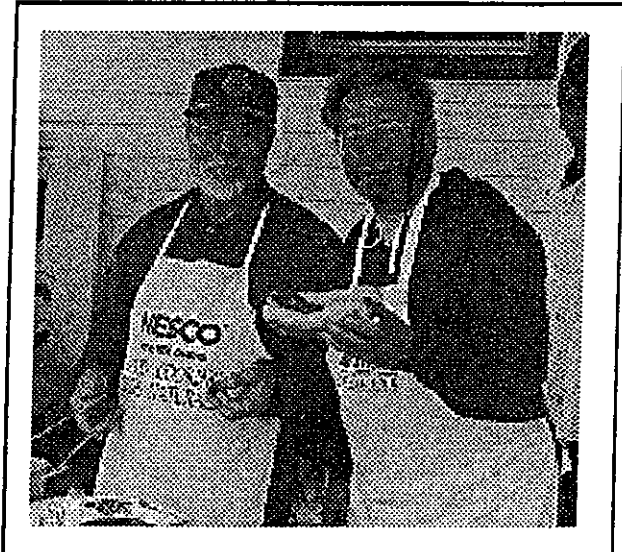
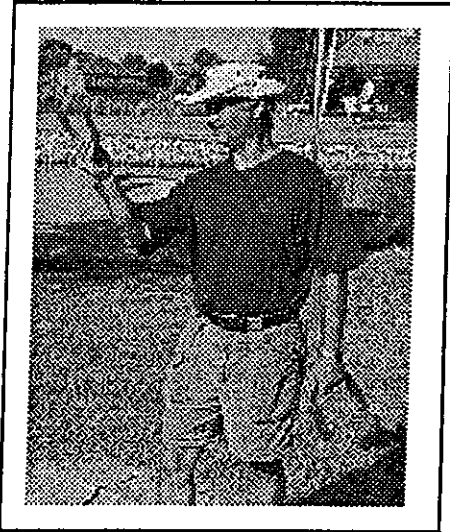
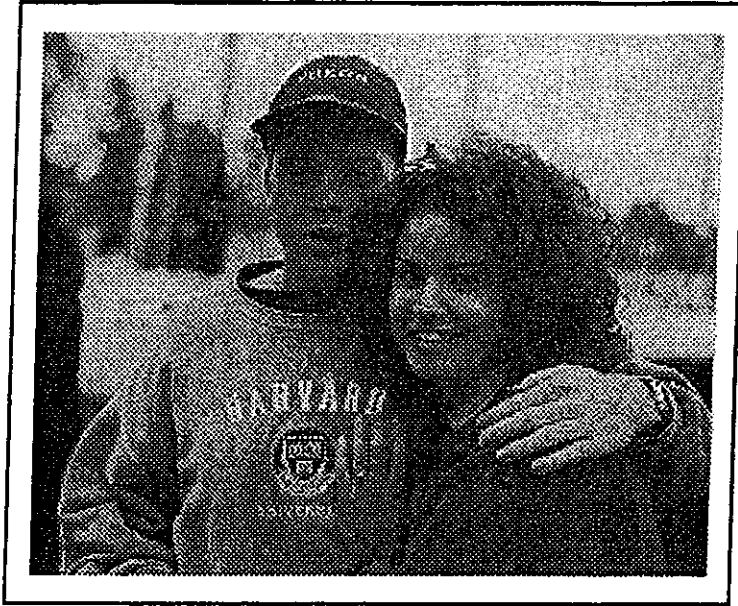
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So, that's about it. The rest is up to YOU! For more information call me or see me at the club. If you are renewing your Membership use our Co-op Number GACN008Y. I have brochures, applications and informative materials available -free of charge- to members of LMYC. Take advantage of this great BOAT/U.S. Membership Offer NOW!

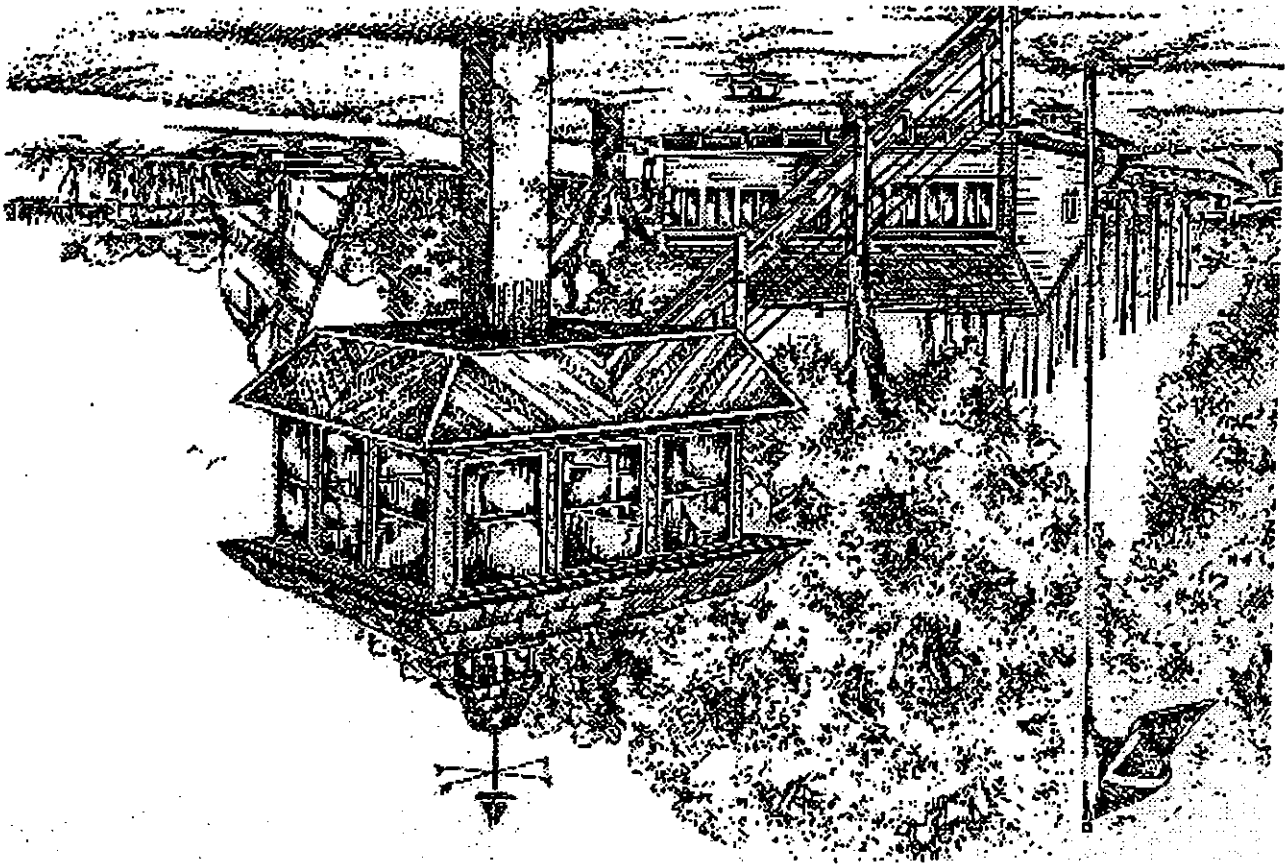
Perry Basden



34th LMYC Regatta
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