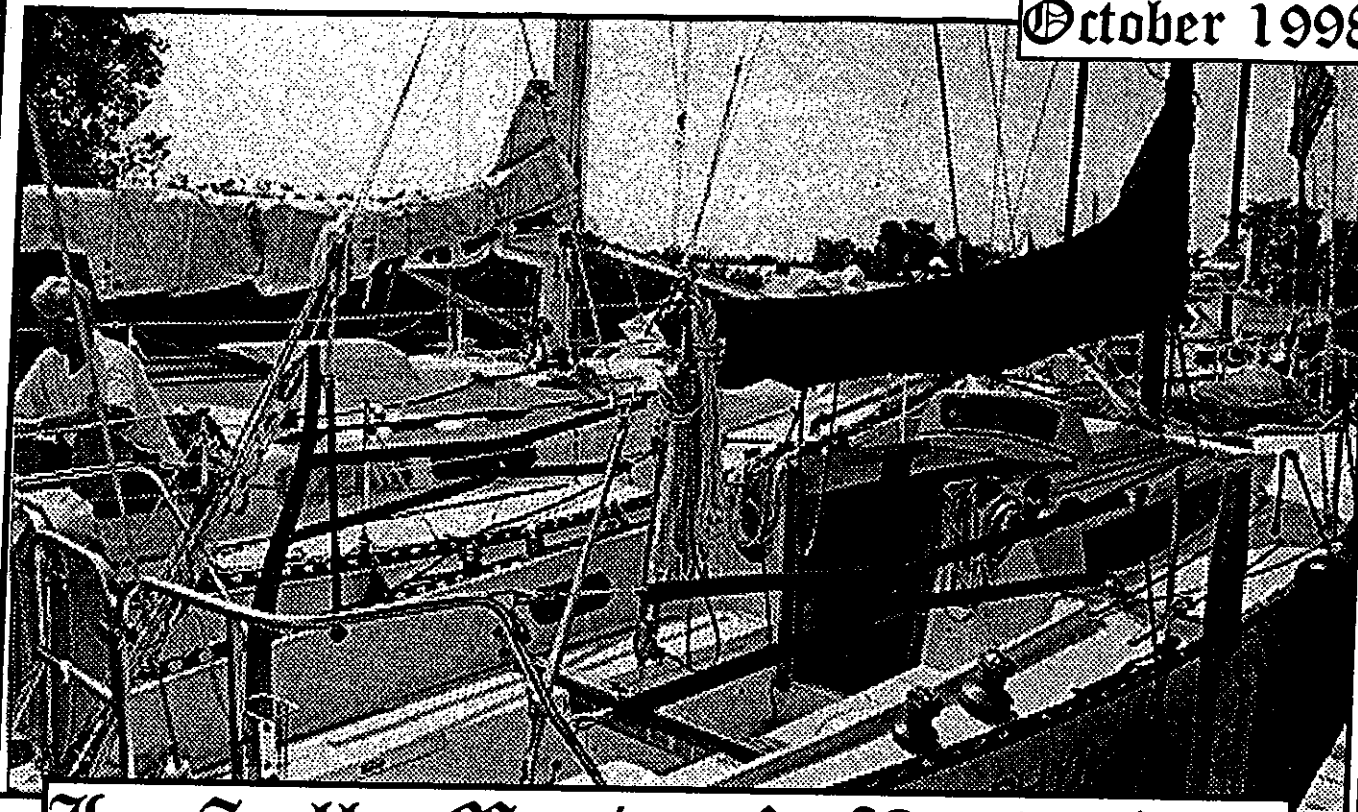


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La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

South Harbor at L.M.Y.C. Regatta

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From the Commodore



When you read this article, our Regatta will have passed. I'd like to thank our countless friends and fellow members of associated yacht club who attended, and all the helpers that supported their club for this event. My wife and I would like to extend a thank you to each and every one of you for the help in making the Regatta a success. Of all the boats who attended no mishaps were recorded with regard to the course and everyone had a great time..

Thanks to the social director Perry Basden and his wife Gloria for a job well done.

Thanks to Bob Reaume, race director for an outstanding job in organizing the racing portion of the Regatta.

Thanks to John Vandereeden and his band for their outstanding performance.

At this publication the brick front entrance is complete as well as the wooden walkway. There is a large amount of wood still available to

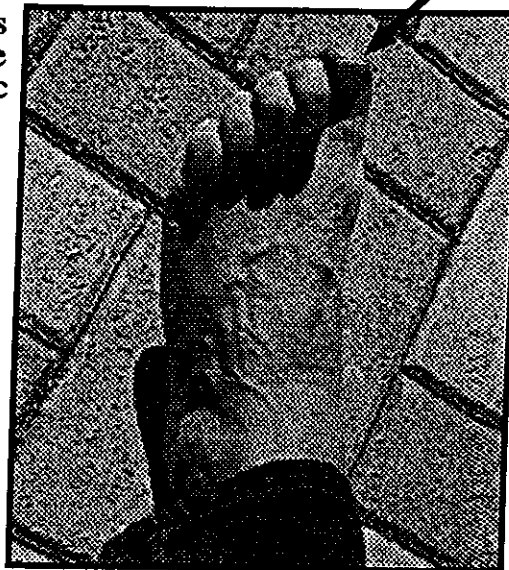
continue the walkway along the WALL on the South Harbor. Volunteer please come forward. This is an excellent opportunity to earn your required 12 work hours. Remember time is running out. Again Thank you for supporting LMYC.

1998 marks thirty years of service by LMYC to its members and the boating community in general. Plans are in the works by Perry Basden (Social Director) to mark this historic date.

Commodore: *Bob Bingham*



That Commodore Bob Bingham broke his toe on our new wooden walkway. Ouch.

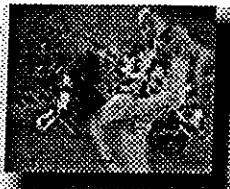


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News and Information



announcements

It's a Girl!

Congratulation to Jack Penny and Sandy Holland on the safe arrival of their new daughter JILLIAN JAZZ, born August 25, 1998, at Grace Hotel Dieu, weighing 10 pounds. Proud parents, Jack and Sandy are doing fine.

Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Kevin Hart and France on the passing of Kevin's father Anthony (Tony) Hart 83, during the month of September. Your prayers are most appreciated.



FROM THE EDITOR

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

From the Secretary

Reminder to all members that haulout will soon be upon us. **BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS TO HAULOUT! IMPERATIVE!**

Members who were at the last meeting are acutely aware that we are facing an increase in our property taxation. LMYC has filed an appeal concerning the change of our club classification.

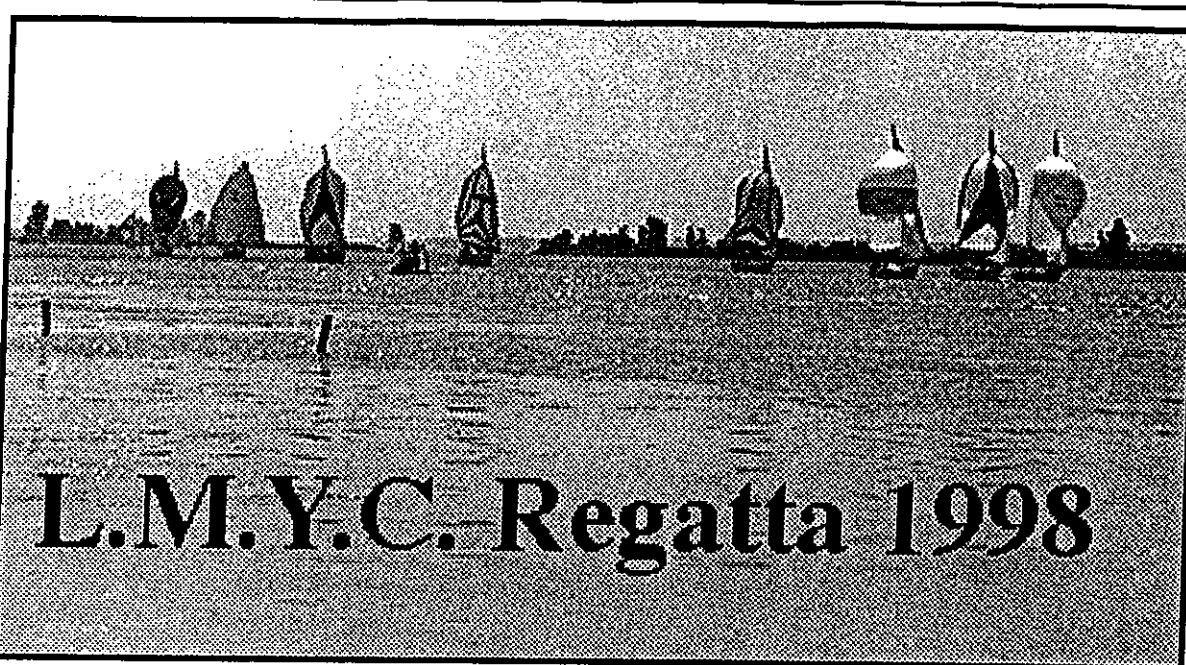
Yvonne McRobbie

WELCOME BACK



To Mike and Karen Raymond (associate members) to the LaSalle area and closer to LMYC. Congratulations to Mike and Karen on the marriage of their daughter Kelly to Mark Costello on August 15, 1998.





L.M.Y.C. Regatta 1998

Regatta has come and gone, and what a great regatta it was. I hope everyone had a good time at the Regatta ... I know I did!!!!.

Doing something well takes practice. Doing something great takes true talent and steadfast commitment. Doing something better than anyone else in the world comes only with total devotion, constant hard work, and the never-ending desire to get better. Thanks to all the people at LMYC who put so much time in and worked so hard preparing for this event.

The food prepared by Perry and Gloria Basden and their assistants was an adventure in taste. The band under the direction of John Vandereeden performed fantastically in the glaring afternoon sun and everyone really had a good time.

The Regatta Race Chairman Bob Reaume again showed his outstanding organization skills and explosive new strategy in preparing for this spectacle.

Over 60 boats registered in the 35th Annual Fighting Island Regatta. This race began just as an idea 35 years ago. An idea sparked by a love for the tranquil blue-green waters of the Detroit River, the warm steady breezes, and the picturesque scenery surrounding Fighting Island. Skippers and crews ranged from teenagers to those in their sixties.

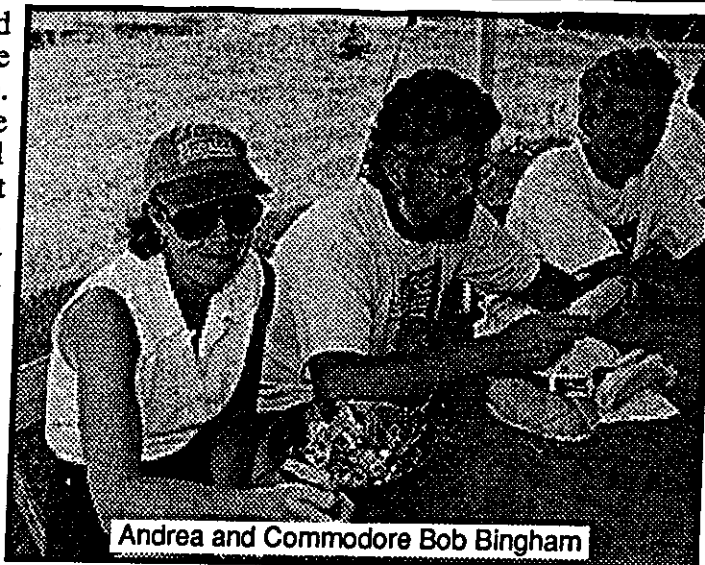
The race began just east of Fighting Island at noon with a light breeze from the South. Throughout the race around Fighting Island the wind would pick up and then collapse. All the off water hours crews spent tinkering with deck layout, cleaning hulls, looking for incremental speed gains and ease in handling would now be put to the challenge.

The raced ended as the first boat crossed the finish line at 1:53 pm. It was a magnificent sight of yachts as they sliced through the waters of the Detroit River under full spinnaker. Ralph Allen, Molly Allen, Jennifer



Gloria Basden and Linda Parchoma

Beaudoin, Connie Buliga, Charles McDermid and John Geary Senior were the race committee for this race, and they did an excellent job. After the boats crossed the finish line, and were docked their boats, crews, and skippers lined up to receive food tickets to enjoy the succulent meal, many LMYC members had worked on just hours before. After the races the clubhouse at LMYC takes on a carnival-like atmosphere with food, drinks, music and other forms of entertainment for landlubbers and yachtsmen who converge to eat, drink and make merry. Potato salad, krinskis, hamburgers, corn, vinaigrette cole slaw, refreshments and live music were in abundance. There was more food than even a hungry pescatore could eat in one sitting. Everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest and there were even couples dancing.



Andrea and Commodore Bob Bingham

During the festivities the Race Committee under the direction of Robert Reaume worked on the results. This Regatta is one of the area's premier annual racing events. It has developed a reputation for serious competition, serious partying and extreme accuracy in the reporting the results. Charles Oldfield with the aid of his computer made it all come together.

Late in the afternoon the results were compiled and announced.

Class "A"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Stealth	S. Keveligham
2	Feisty	B. Hartwell
3	Rakaia	J. Hendel

Class "B"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Kamikaze	P. Derrig
2	Na Na Li	Jim Norris
3	Laughing Sally	W. Lightfoot



Jon and Peggy Oldfield

Class "C"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Altered States	J. Geary Jr.
2	Morpheus	J. Amyot Sr.
3	Bottoms Up	J. Vandereerdon

Class "D"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Stars & Stripes	B. Martin
2	Grey Gannet	A. Prettyman
3	Alcoholics Alluvus	S. Giles

Class "E"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Gringo	B. Ferguson
2	Shikasta	I. Dawson
3	Nomad	K. Blythe

Jog "A"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Thunder	W. Hallet
2	Principal Diversion	K. Alles
3	Chinook	J. Murphy

Jog "B"

	Yacht	Skipper
1	Indigo Lady	J. Mangile
2	Slappy Calm	C. Eagen
3	High Anxiety	B. Wolter



Roy Oliver, Gus Martin, Brian Labute and Rick Hunt

Best Corrected Time
S. Keveligham Yacht Stealth

Fastest Elapsed Time
S. Keveligham Yacht Stealth



John Vandereerden and his band





From The Social Director

Perry Basden



The 30th Annual La Salle Mariners Yacht Club Regatta was held on August 30th. Attendance was up from last years event as evidenced by the number of boats registered as well as the increasing number of crew and guests who came out to have a good time. La Salle Mariners seems to be gaining a well deserved reputation as one of the best Clubs in the area, both for well organized events and as a very hospitable club for transients. The weather was excellent, with fair winds and only a slight shower in the early morning. Even that didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits or enthusiasm for the day long event.

The Club looked wonderfully fresh with the new entrance paving stones, sod, boardwalk along the north harbour and the flower beds beside the main entrance. The members responsible for these changes were rewarded as many positive comments were heard about the new construction and improvements. The members of the Club can be proud of our accomplishments.

There were a few changes this year, with the addition of a live band courtesy of John Vandereerden and friends. They kept the place rocking 'til about 8:00 PM when they were finally driven out by the famous La Salle mosquitoes. Even our neighbours to the north and their guests at a concurrent party could be seen dancing to the music!

Our thanks goes out to all, both members and guests, that's right, guests, who volunteered for food preparation and service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and also to those who gave their best efforts during the clean-up of the outdoor area after the event. The cole slaw was prepared at St. Andrew's Church in La Salle and we are grateful to them for the use of their recipe, facilities and equipment. Cutting large quantities of cabbage was a difficult task in the past but their equipment made the job a lot easier.

It was good to see some members again, as a few of them are only seen once a year when they come out and volunteer to help with the regatta. The enthusiasm of several new members was also evident by their enthusiastic participation and hard work. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! The efforts of each and every one of you contributed to making this event a great success!

Perry & Gloria Basden. Social Directors



A Busy Time for Social Events!

The next month or so will be a very busy one for members of La Salle Mariners Yacht Club. On October 18th the Club will be hosting the Annual River Rat Race. This is usually a fun event for all participants and often the last chance for a good time together before the weather turns foul and forces us indoors. On October 30th we will once again have the Halowe'en Party at the Club. Now is the time to start considering what costume you will wear. Come on out and have a good time! On November 1st there will be a General Membership Meeting to finalize plans for haulout activities with haulout scheduled for November 7th.

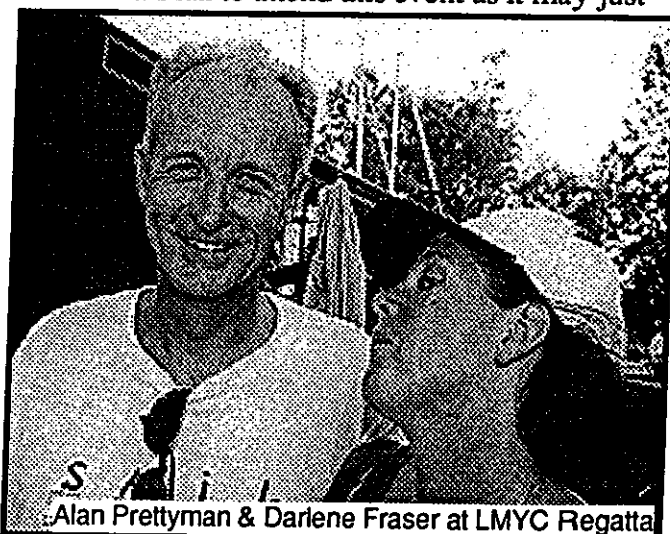


On November 15th another General Membership Meeting will be held to elect a slate of Officers for the coming year. The combined Awards Banquet and 30th Anniversary Party has been planned for November 21st. This years event will be held at Fox Glen Golf Club on Howard Avenue and Middle Side Road. Due to the busy fall schedule, it was felt that a combined event would probably be better attended than two separate events. More details will be available in next months newsletter and notices will also be placed in the Clubhouse as soon as times, menu and prices are set. This should be an excellent celebration of 30 years of sailing friendships and I look forward to seeing many of the founding members of the Club at this event. Plan to attend this event as it may just well be THE EVENT of the year!

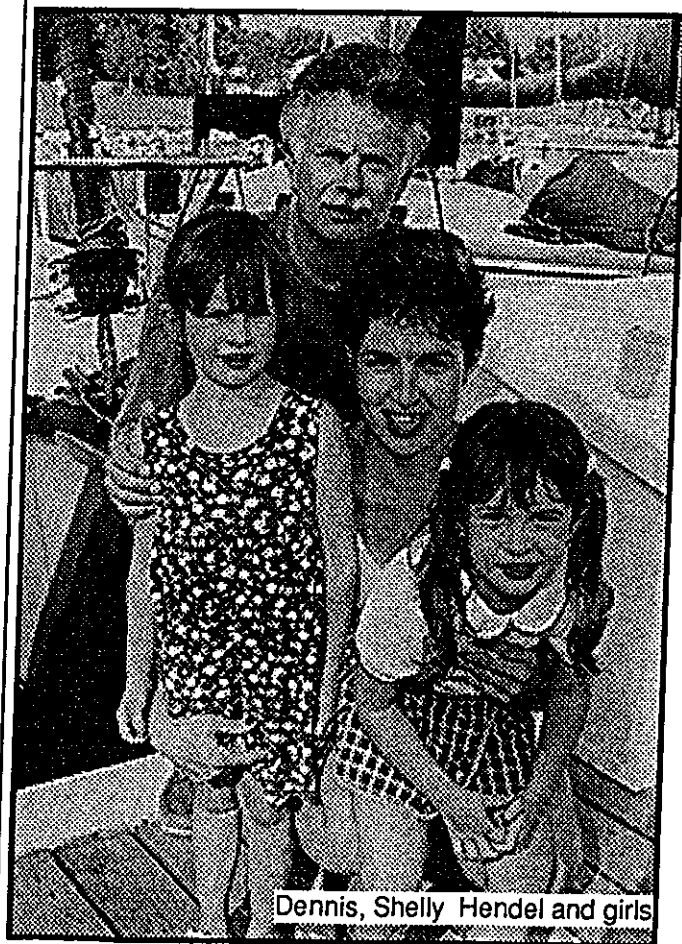
Perry Basden (Social Director)



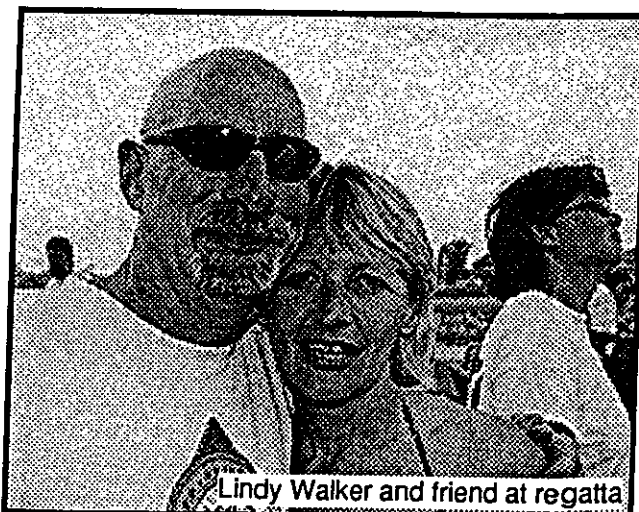
Frances and Kevin Hart at LMYC Regatta



Alan Prettyman & Darlene Fraser at LMYC Regatta



Dennis, Shelly Hendel and girls



Lindy Walker and friend at regatta



A VOYAGE OF A LIFETIME

We say goodbye for a little while to Barbara and Manfred Albrecht, a longtime member who will be leaving LMYC for an extended stay in the Caribbean. The preparation for St. Pauli, for an offshore voyage consumed every spare minute for Manfred and Barbara. They both have been working very hard outfitting their boat for this voyage of a lifetime and will be leaving the club around the end of August.

A party was held for Barbara and Manfred on Wednesday August 19, 1998 to wish them well on their voyage. The party was held at the clubhouse and the festivities began right after the Wednesday Night Races were finished around 9:00 PM. Club members cheered, as Commodore Bob Bingham presented Manfred and Barbara with a bottle of wine and wished them luck on their long voyage.

Manfred and Barbara plan to head for Pelee Island for their first stop, anchor and just unwind for a few days while making final preparations. After Pelee, Manfred plans to sail approximately 100 n.m a day making stops in Fairport, Dunkirk, and Buffalo NY.

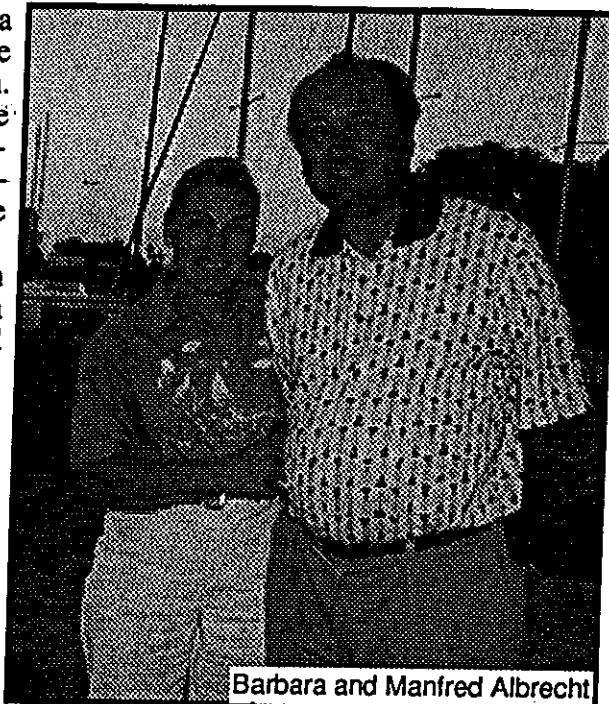
Manfred expects to take approximately 1 week to pass through the Erie Canal system. Once on the Hudson, Manfred will again step the mast of St. Pauli, once again becoming a sailboat.

Enjoying the autumn scenery along the way and sailing through New York Harbor Manfred hopes this will be a highlight and an experience he will long remember. Manfred has made preparation to be in Annapolis Maryland for the Boat show in October and will spend 5 days there. In Annapolis, Manfred and Barbara hope to make contact with Peter and Susan Wagner from Port Clinton and

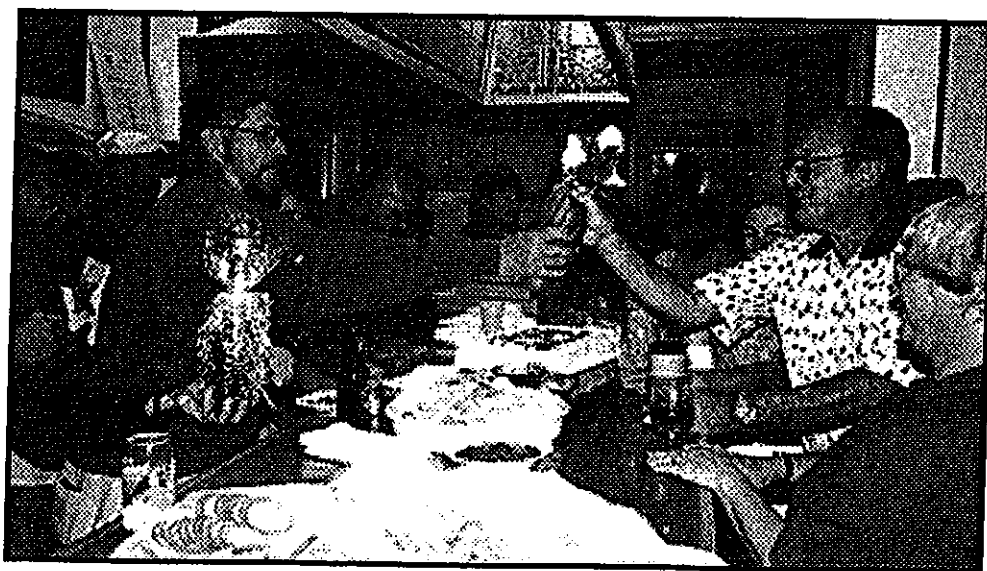
with other cruisers who are also making the voyage south.

With favorable omens while sailing through the Inter-Costal waterway Manfred and Barbara hope to be in Central Florida by Mid December and sail the Caribbean, January and February. In April Barbara and Manfred will leave their boat down south and be back at LMYC to enjoy the Canadian Spring and Summer.

Manfred states that



Barbara and Manfred Albrecht



Commodore Bob Bingham presenting Manfred with a bottle of wine

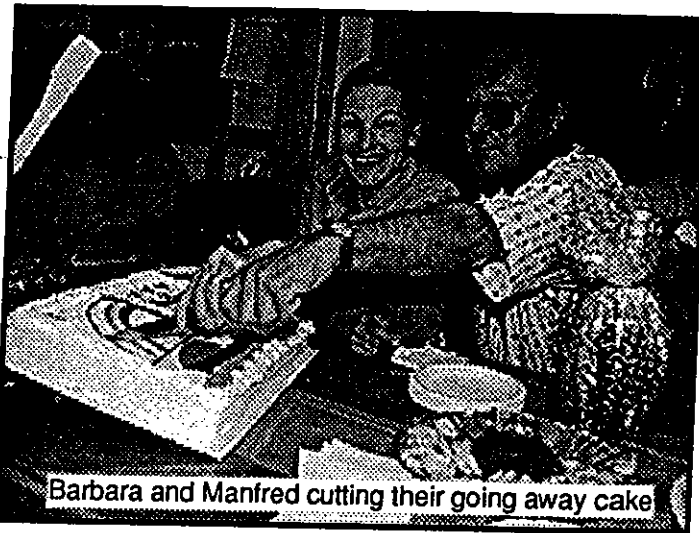


he will launch his Duet sailboat and sail the Lake Erie waters during the summer months and for the winter months return south to continue with his voyage. Barbara has promised to keep our club informed of their progress via EMail.

UPDATE

Just received an EMail update from Manfred and Barbara on September 16, 1998.

Hi to all of our friends where ever you are. Hope that everybody is well back home and I will take the opportunity to send some words from us. We are in Waterford today and stay for the 2nd night before we go into the Hudson tomorrow. It sure was interesting to go through the 338 m long canal. For the longest time the scenery does not change much just swamps and farmland, but a lot of ducks and Canada Geese, but then it gets hilly and it must be very pretty in 2 to 3 weeks from now when the colours of the leaves change. We left LMYC on Aug. 30th and it was very emotional for us. We had a beautiful " Send Off ". People and friends were waving, blowing their horns and wishing us well, it so happened that it was the 35th regatta of our Club



Barbara and Manfred cutting their going away cake

and a lot of activity was going on. We had plan to leave earlier in the week but I was not ready to. There was much to do! Does anybody ever leave on time on a journey like this ? The first week took us all the way into the Canal but then in Fairport we had real bad thunderstorms and high winds and the electricity went out and phone lines were down for days. It affected the locks as well, as they had brought in generators to operate the locks. Trucks were travelling from lock to lock and we had many delays. We saw a lot of roofs blown off and downed trees like broken off matches on the way. A lot of debris was floating in the canal as well and at one time the travel was stopped because of the cleanup. We waved to a trimaran a couple of times on the way until we met in Lyons when they helped us dock in a downpour and were invited for freshly brewed coffee after the

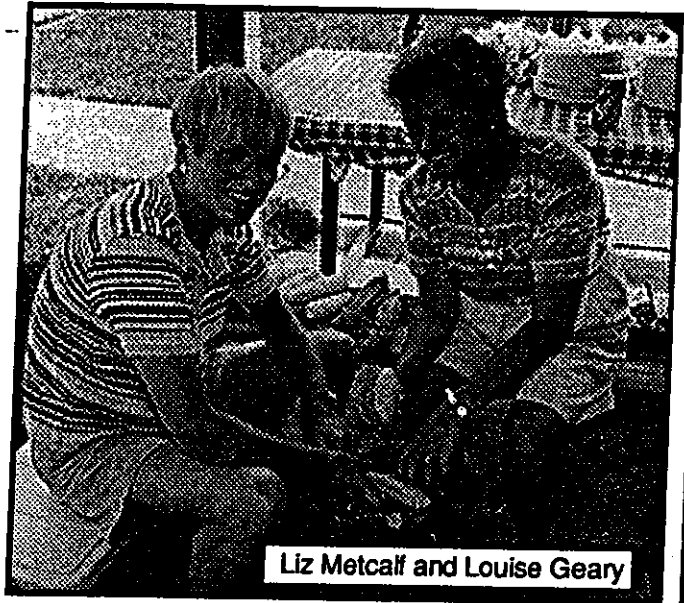
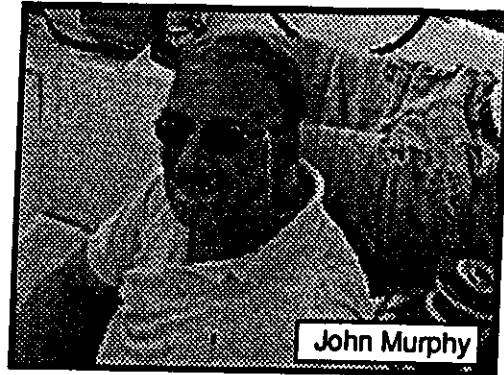
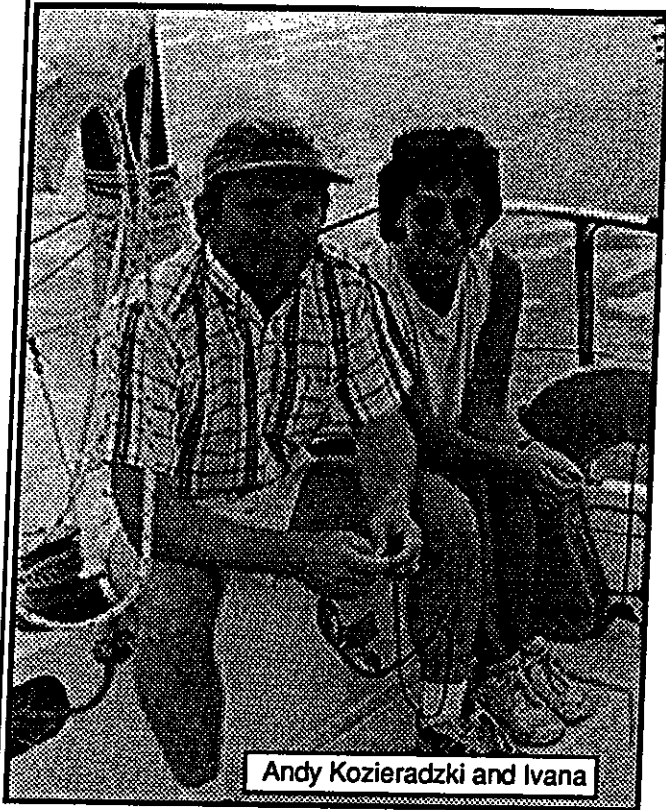
tie up and introduced ourselves to each other and to all our surprise the skipper and crew are from Windsor! We have been travelling together ever since. It must have been for a good reason too to have met them, as Barry developed engine problems twice and had to be towed by us. We will stay together, until we have to sail into the Delaware Bay to go into the C&D canal to reach Annapolis next month. So far it has been a wonderful experience and tomorrow will begin a new chapter as we will have tides in the Hudson to cope with .

Well friends every where we like to say good bye for today. Please excuse my spelling mistakes but at least you have an update from us. Best regards from Barb and Manfred, who is at a boat store while I'm writing this and sending it off.



Barbara, Manfred and Commodore Bingham

LAMC Regatta

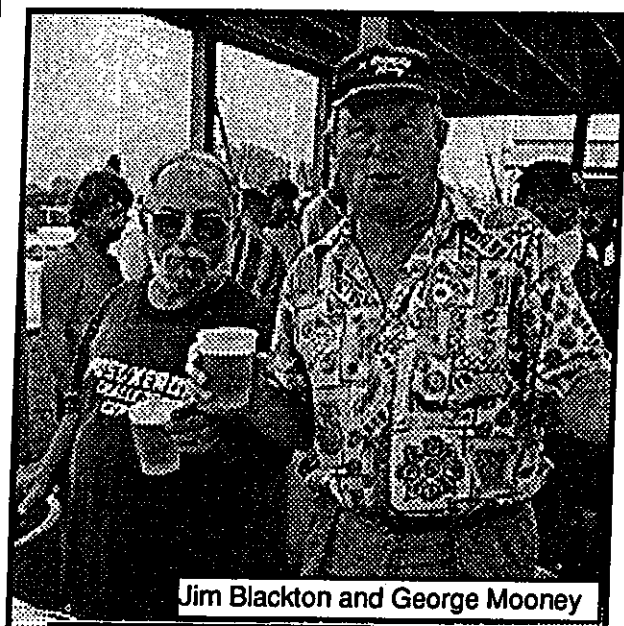




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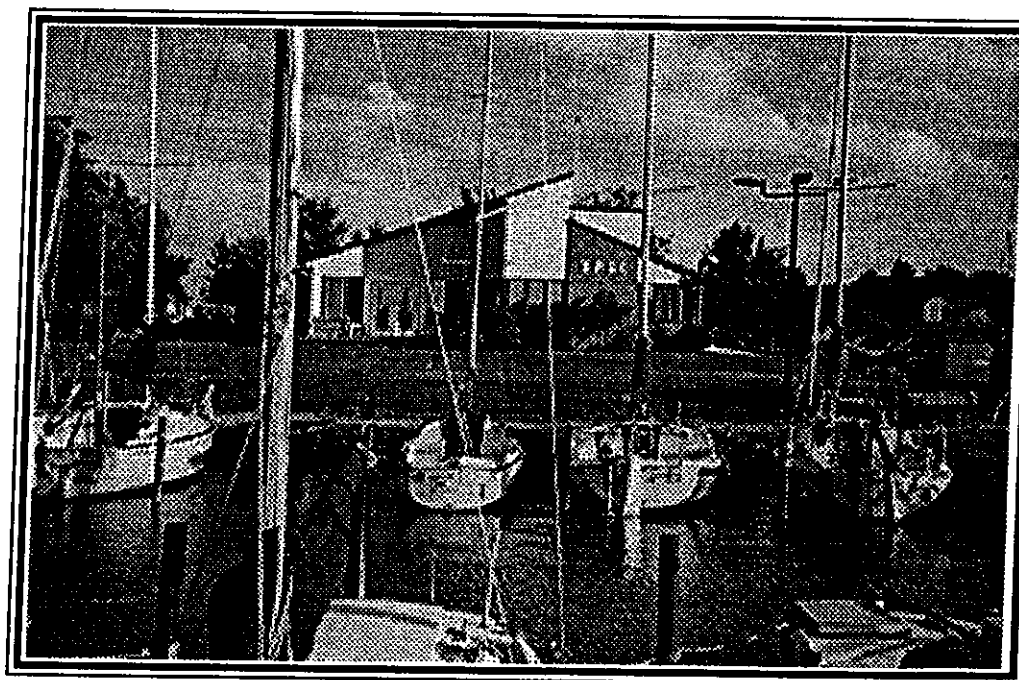
SOUTHPORT SAILING CLUB

REGATTA - August 22/23



◀ *by Connie Buliga* ▶

The Southport regatta begins the "grande finale" for area racers as they circle Essex County for 3 weekends of late summer competition. This regatta consists of 3 races - an early evening 8.4 n.m. triangle on Saturday and back to back 6.5 n.m. triangles on Sunday.



South Port Club House

Race #1 - Saturday

With winds very light out of the east, the race committee sent the 39 boats on a shortened course 7.4 n.m. The fastest round trip was 2:08:37 recorded by Putz. Other than a convincing win by Alan Prettyman in P.H.R.F. 'C', not much to report - the excitement was yet to come.

Race #2 - Sunday a.m.

The winds have certainly picked up - SSW 20. Minutes into the P.H.R.F. 'A' start, Ruffian with Bill Noakes at the wheel, was hit by Narrow Margin. Gene Boivin, on port tack, was attempting to duck under Ruffian but gusting winds put him in Bill's cockpit causing much damage to the

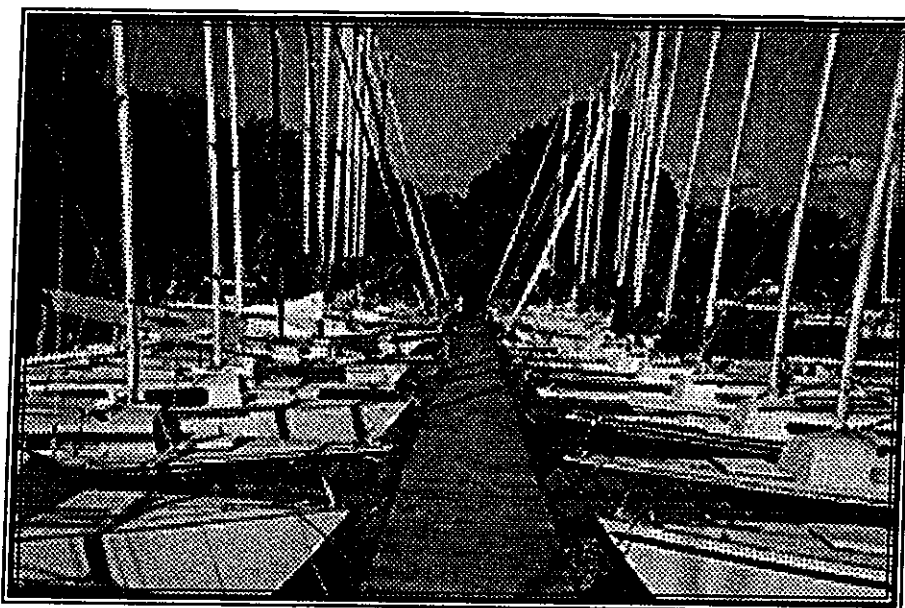
steering wheel and stern rail. The boats finished in bunches, very fast, and even working on the race committee boat was hectic. The 8 boat shark fleet sailors (who mostly look like teenagers to this reporter) loved that air! Our best finisher was again Grey Gannett with another bullet.

Race #3 - Sunday p.m.

The wind is holding at S 20 or better. The racers are so aggressive on the ample but not overly generous starting line that every fleet has individual



recalls with a general recall in P.H.R.F. 'A' when all but one boat crossed early. The 'A' fleet included a new boat with impressive international racing and winning experience. Putz; a SR25 from Sarnia owned by Jim Pearson and Spike Boston was trailered down on Friday for a few races in this area and they really put on a sailing clinic for us in Lake St. Clair. Helmed by Brad Boston and crewed by local sailors Mike Salter, Tim LaBute, Curtis Florence, and Alan Johnson (Saturday) and Paul Derrig (Sunday), this little 1800# boat was awesome. "Fast is fun!" Joe Davidson presented the flags Sunday afternoon and thanked all the racers from L.M.Y.C. for their participation thus concluding a great weekend of sailing.



South Port Docks

presented the flags Sunday afternoon and thanked all the racers from L.M.Y.C. for their participation thus concluding a great weekend of sailing.

Results

JOG	SHARK	PHRF C	PHRF B	PHRF A
Chinook	Megabyte	Grey Gannett	Dynamo Humm	Putz
Addendum	Mo Money	A.C.E.	Obsession	Mad Max
Thumper	Detuso	Alcoholics Aluvus	Airgasm	Risky Business

submitted by Connie Buliga from race committee yacht Break of Day



Nautical Definition of the Month Buttock Lines



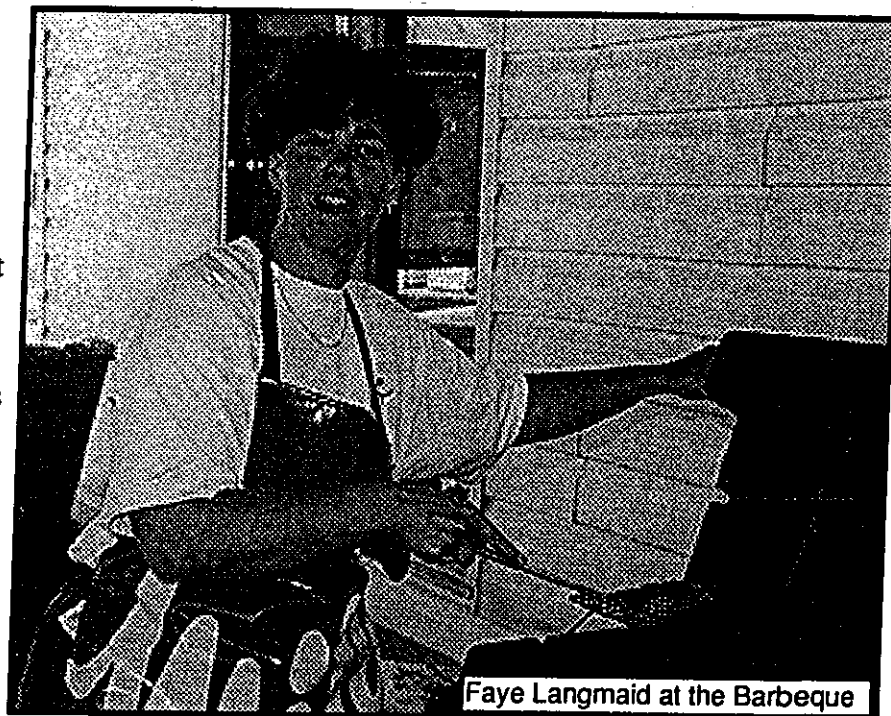
Buttock Lines are longitudinal sections of a ship's hull parallel to the keel. It is a term used in ship design.



LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club



The 1998 Sail for Hospice began as a repeat of the 1997 version; a race decided by pledge amounts. At 11:15 the postponement flag was raised. The lack of wind however did not dampen spirits but seemed to encourage their consumption. With still no wind at noon the race committee of Ralph and Molly Allen, Carl and Betty Durham, Jim Blackton and Connie Buliga decided the best course was lunch. Faye Langmaid, Perry Basden, Mary Ellen Mangile, Pat and Richard Lewis, and Lydia Bierer quickly provided bar-b-que'd lunch and successfully inspired the wind gods to return. At 2:30, the jog fleet started followed in order by PHRF C, B, and A. A total of 15 boats participated. An excellent turn out.

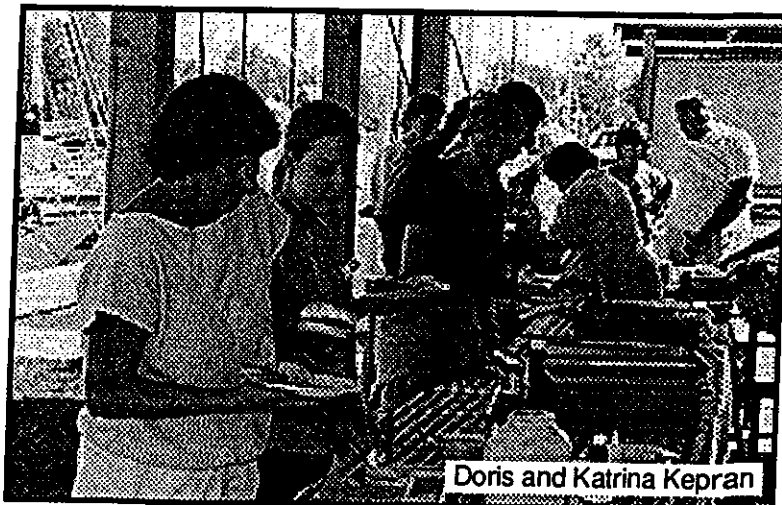


Faye Langmaid at the Barbeque

Results were Celeidh (1), Indigo Lady (2) and Sea Legs (3) in Jog. In PHRF CSisu (1) and Office/off ice (2). PHRF B Bottoms Up (1), Quattro (2) and Panache (3). PHRF A Rakaia (1), Mad Max (2), and Zephyr Hawk (3)

Rakaia won the most pledges Sail for Hospice flag and the overall trophy. LaSalle raised the most money. I would encourage everyone to consider participating next year. A good time was had by all and every bit helps for the Hospice.

by Paul Laing



Doris and Katrina Kepran

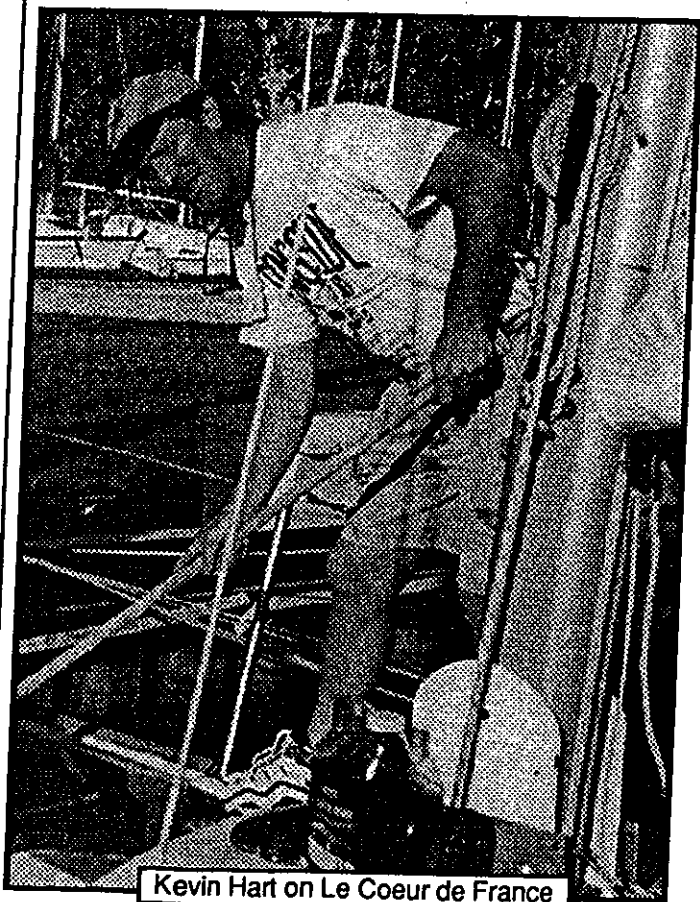
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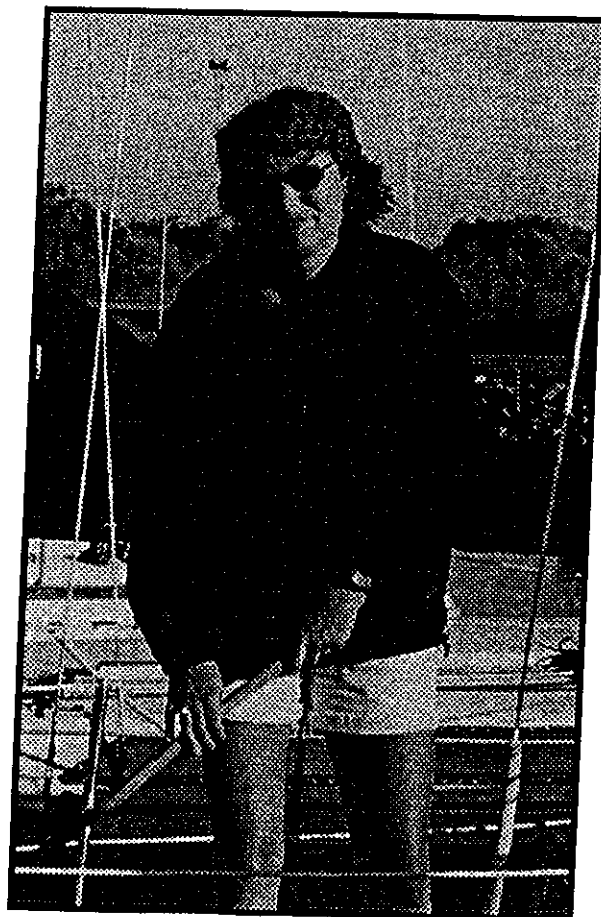
Darlene Fraser on Rakaia preparing for Bay Week



Richard Renwick on Rebel Rouser



Kevin Hart on Le Coeur de France



Renee Laird on Rakaia preparing for Bay Week



REGIONAL CADET SAILING SCHOOL (CENTRAL)

SAILING CENTRE #6



Shirley Beresford
Lieutenant (N)
Officer Commanding



June, July and August have seen busy times for the Sailing Centre and its Staff.

On 13, 14 June we had a team go to Provincial Sail Regatta in Kingston. The team placed 5th out of 16 and earned a place on the Ontario Team for Nationals. The team was by far the fastest team there. Unfortunately they had 2 OCS's and took penalty points. Everyone who has ever raced will understand the disappointment and frustration they felt.

On 20, 21 June we hosted a Sail Training Weekend for AGAMEMNON. There were 55 cadets, all of whom had the opportunity to go on the water at some point on the weekend. CYA White Sail I testing and WS 11 practical training were

the priorities.

The cadets had completed their Theory classes in March - April at the unit and were there to try their new knowledge out. We had the Sail Standards Officer from



Shirley Beresford



Brian M. Casey Sean Hamdon and Brian J. Casey



Trenton down to evaluate our training and received an overall rating of Excellent, something of which we are very proud.

June also was an exciting time as we took delivery of a new Pirate dinghy. The Pirate is the class the Sea Cadet system is changing over to for Bronze and Silver training at camps. It is also the class being used for Provincial and National Regattas. AGAMEMNON is the only corps in Ontario with its own Pirate, giving them an opportunity for more local practice

and coaching from a very knowledgeable staff, a definite advantage. Also 2 of our ancient DND Echoes were replaced with new ones, a very gratifying experience.

July 6-10, we ran our first Junior Sail Week for Club Members' offspring. We had 5 new sailors

and were assisted by 5 Sea Cadets, some of whom were also learning as they went along. John Vandereerden and Brian Casey volunteered to help, and got to play on the Laser one day. The 5 young sailors achieved CYA White Sail I Certification and were well on their way to Level II. I personally had a lot of fun and hope they did too. Thanks from our staff go to John and Brian.

21 July was the big storm and our Centre suffered damage to several boats and the frame for the tarp. It will take some time to get everything in order.

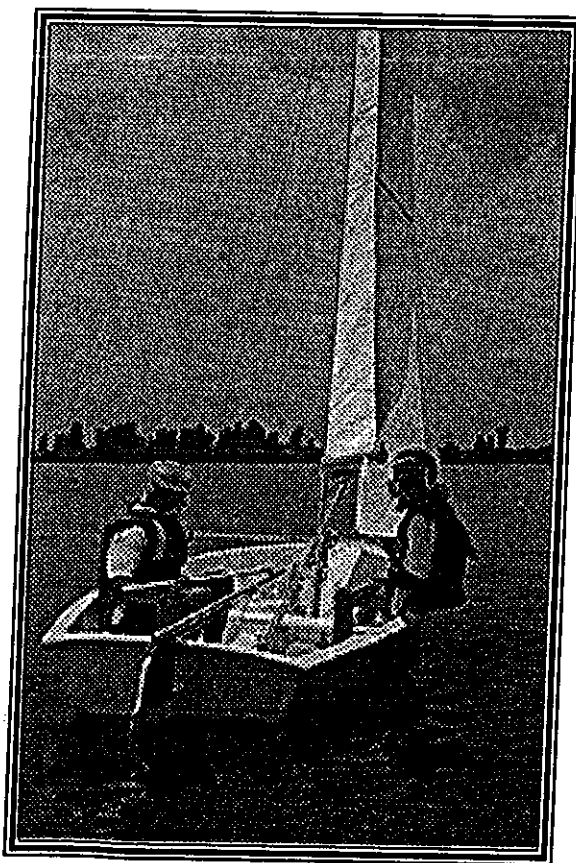
We are busy certifying cadets up to WSIII and working off the qualifications for the Outboard Power boat Certificate. We will complete the PB Course 19 Sept.

Durocher and Uttley will be participating in the National Regatta 16-22 August and will be sailing a Laser II at CORK 22-26 Aug. Rick and I are going up to watch the Nationals in Kingston. Lotsa wind there.

Just a last word. When you come over to the trailer, take the time to admire the beautiful shrub growing by the steps. It won't be there much longer. That puppy is Poison Sumac as I found to my dismay. There is several more of them growing along the lane. If you are allergic to poison ivy, stay well clear of these also. The resin from the leaves and bark are the allergens.



Navy Cadets at launch well



Nicole Unis and Melissa Vandereerden