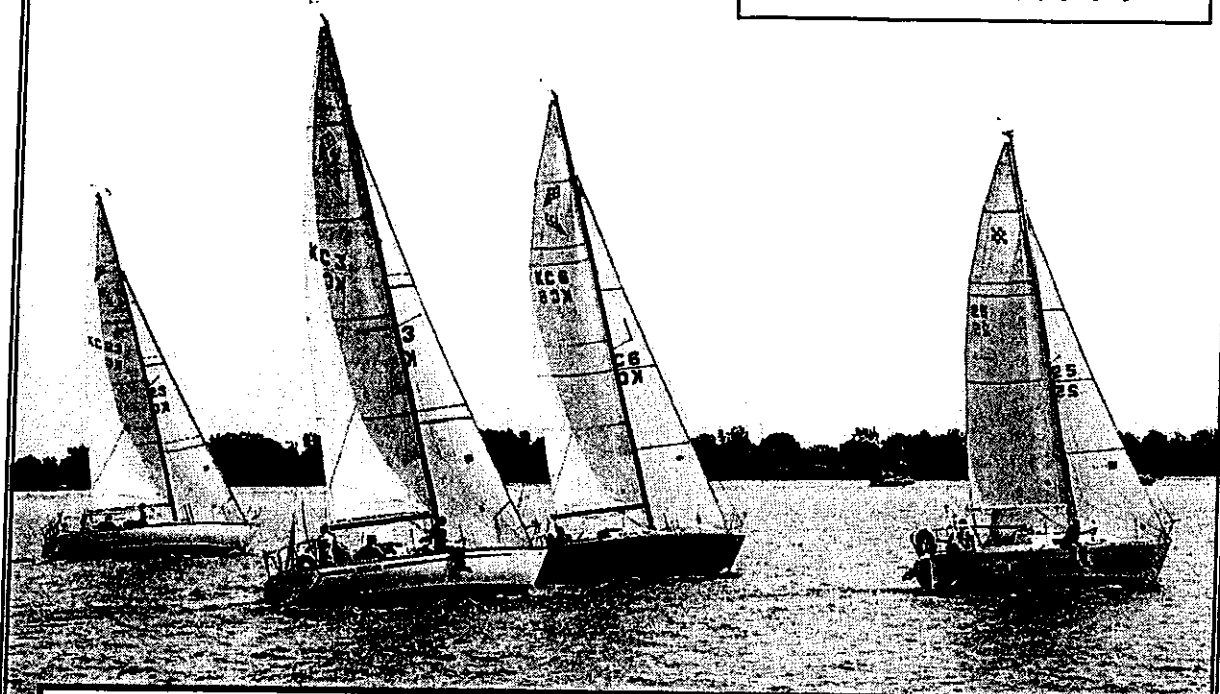


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LMYC Hospice Regatta

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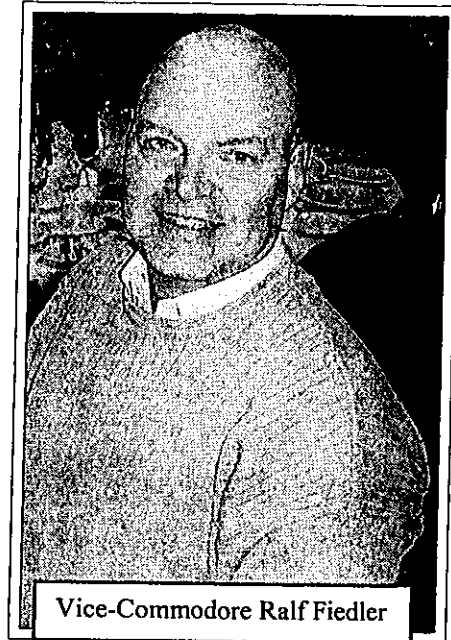
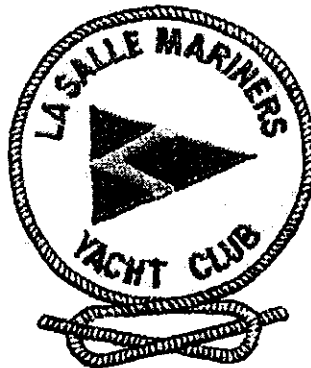
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## *From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore*



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

**A**t the outset I would like to thank everyone for his or her thoughtfulness this past month with the passing of my mother-in-law. Your kindness was appreciated.

The club racing is over for the year except for the River Rat Race slated for October 19<sup>th</sup>. and as participants begin to stow their boats, the one remaining memory is, what a great sailing year!

Sailing may be over for this year, but there are many social events planned over the next several months. Let's keep in the spirit of LMYC and plan to attend these events.

May everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember what we should truly be thankful for.

*Commodore Chris Barron*

The season is winding down and some work is still available. The shed still needs to be sided this year. See Ralph Kepran and join the team. The mast racks will probably be moved before you receive this newsletter, but if not please feel free to give a hand. The buoys in the harbor need to be lifted or contact a committee for other work suggestions to fulfill your work hours requirements. Please remember when making appointments to have your boat hauled out please keep them. It is disheartening

*Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler*

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# News and Information

## Congratulations

Alan Prettyman & Melissa Vandereerden



Best Corrected Time—Hospice  
ALAN PRETTYMAN, Ralph Allen, Bob Reaume



Most Pledges—Hospice  
Ralph Allen, MELISSA VANDEREERDEN, Bob Reaume

## Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Jim and Jennifer Beaudoin on the passing of Jim's mother Irene Beaudoin, 81 years on September 7, 2003. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



## Hurricane Isabelle



### Hurricane Isabelle

photo provided by Andrea Bingham

We were lucky not to be impacted by Hurricane Isabelle. Here are two stories from sailors who own Mirage sailboats and how they managed the hurricane.

Hi to all you fellow Miragers out there, my boat M29 Three Sisters is located on the Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, the eye is passing directly over the area. On Tuesday I was down at the marina to move her up a sheltered creek, anchored in about 5 feet of water, since the

storm surge is expected to be about 8-12ft, made sure I have enough rode out to accommodate that, set 2 anchors one NW the other NE taking into consideration the predicted wind directions, stripped all sails off, running rigging etc, anything that could create extra windage.

I'll know by tomorrow morning how she made out. Good luck to all you folks up north, hopefully Isabel will blow out by the time she gets there.  
Wayne

Here in Annapolis on the South River, many power boats floated right off their lifts and banged around all night. Several broke loose from their moorings and drifted into others.....still more suffered from slips too small to allow for movement in rough wind and water and rubbed, banged and bashed each other all night. On the dock across the creek, both power boats floated off their lifts, pummeled each other all night, then to add insult to injury, a 27' sailboat broke its mooring and broadsided both of them, its lines tangled around the dock trapping it. The water receded and the 3 of them settled there on top of the dock.

My Mirage 25, St. Brendan, came through without a scratch.....she was in her slip, facing into the wind with doubled lines fore and aft, eased enough to allow for the 6' flood tide. I visited every hour even though the water was too high over the pier to do anything. at least I knew she was safe.....

I learned that you cant have too many dock lines, have your bow facing the weather if possible, remove sails, sail covers, etc., **INSPECT YOUR DOCK CLEAT!** Do the lag bolts go through the dock plank and tie into the stringer? are they in good condition? If not, replace them! My neighbor's boat pulled the plank right off the dock (the lags were only into the plank, not the stringer), fortunately, I had just replaced my cleat and bolted it w/5" lags. Move out of your slip to a mooring if your slip is small, if moored, you can't have too much weight on the bottom, always check the mooring rode for weakness, and if other boats are upwind that don't look well tended, move to a better location, and most importantly, have a good working relationship with the Lord.  
Giving thanks,  
Roger.



## Deepest Sympathies

The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Chris and Jessica Barron on the passing of Jessica's mother Mary Hall, 57 years on Monday September 29, 2003. Internment St. Simon and St. Jude Cemetery. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.



## Single Handed Race

The single handed race under the direction of John Murphy was held Sunday September 27, 2003. the Skippers meeting was held at 9:00 am with an 11:00 am scheduled start.

The original course of 27 nautical miles was to start at the mouth of the river proceed to the Grecian Shoals near Colchester to R4 and back to the committee boat. When the racers arrived at the lake the waves were 5-7 feet with gusts to 30 knots.

The fleet unable to start returned to the river. The quick thinking Race Committee consisting of Bob Bingham, Craig Morrison, Connie Buliga and Dennis Douthart salvaged the race. Through radio communications the committee boat had the racers start in the river at Bob-Lo Island across from Fort Malden and race to the club a distance of about 10 nautical miles. Next year due to the 5 hour travel time to and from the race in the lake the course will be similar to the River Rat Race.

Results are as follows:

LMYC — 2003 Single Handed Race		
Place	Yacht	Skipper
1.	YES	A. Kozieradski
2.	TRILOGY	J. Mangile
3.	GREY GANNET	A. Prettyman
4.	FLIRT	J. Murphy
5.	DRAGONFLY	G. Meseck
6.	NIKE	P. Holland
7.	KESTRAL	N. Holland

## Sea Cadets Update

The Sea Cadets have been very active this year. A short update from Shirley Beresford:

We participated in a Flotilla Regatta ( SW Ont. ) and placed first. Our team, PO1 Ernest Ebert and PO1 Tiffany Harris , along with the team from Stratford, will represent Thames Flotilla in the Provincials next June. The top 6 teams from Provincials will represent Ont. in the Nationals next Aug.

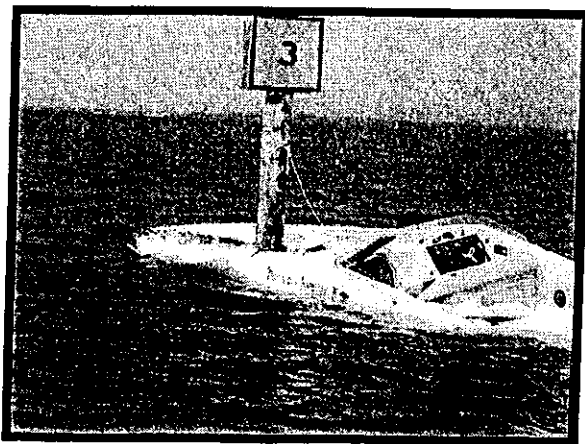
## Interesting Web Site

A short message from Brian Lawson former Commodore of LMYC.

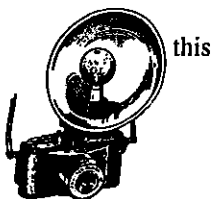
I came across this interesting (to me) site that has paintings of ships (mostly) by renowned English marine artist Colin Verity, and some planes and trains, etc interspersed. The site will only be "up" until December sometime.

<http://www.finn-aj.freemove.co.uk/exhibition/cvx1.html>

## Watch Your Marks



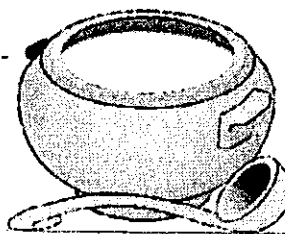
Sailors know your marks. Apparently this power boater made a crucial error when negotiating his marks. Photo submitted by Gus Martin.



# Up Coming Events

## Modified Frost Bite Beach Party

This year Frost Bite Beach Party hosted by Linda Schriber will held at LMYC clubhouse on Saturday October 18, 2003. All LMYC members are welcomed to attend. Linda will be preparing her famous Chili for all to sample



that night. Those attending are asked to bring a LARGE dish to pass. Any food remaining after the termination of Frost Bite Beach Party will be donated to River Rat Race Activities which will be held the next day. Party begins around 7:00 pm and ends whenever you want to end. Bring yourself, pictures of sailing experiences, stories, etc.

This event is one that you do not want to miss.



## River Rat Race October 19, 2003

The last race of the season is the River Rat Race which is followed by a luncheon. Food for this events includes Octorfest sausage, a kettle of soup, and hot apple cider.



Please bring a dish to pass.



## Club Party October 25, 2003

*Start Time 7:00 pm*

This year the social director is moving in a new direction. Instead of our annual Halloween Party of costumes and dress-up it will be **JUST A REGULAR PARTY**. Parties are important for all club members. It gives them the opportunity to unwind after a full season of racing. Bring photos, stories and most important yourselves. **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.**



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## Haul Out Breakfast

*November 1 — 9:00 am*

Once again the traditional Haul Out Breakfast is here again. This breakfast was a steadfast when all the boats were hauled out on the same Saturday. Since the coming of the lift members have the opportunity to haul their boats out at anytime. This breakfast continues the tradition.

This year breakfast includes, bacon, eggs, ham, sausage, toast, fruit, coffee.

**COST**  
\$5.00



## End of Year Banquet

*Saturday Nov. 15, 2003*

This is the event of the year. This year the event will be held at Fox Glen Golf Course with doors opening at

6:00 pm and dinner beginning at 7:00 pm

Tickets this year are \$25.00 each

The price of the ticket includes the dinner, the DJ and the door prizes.

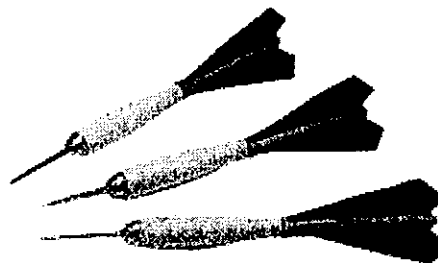
For more details contact Mary Nantais at 966-6358



**MARK  
THIS  
DATE**

## LMYC Dart League

The sailing season will be over soon. Don't despair. The Dart League will be starting soon. Check the clubhouse or webpage for updates.



## LMYC Accounts

**ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOUR BOAT IS HAUL OUT.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE BOB BINGHAM**



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*





# Sail For Hospice



**T**his year former Commodore Bob Reaume had the honours of organizing the LMYC portion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Sail For Hospice on Sunday September 7, 2003. Sunday started off with a Skippers meeting at 11:00 am, with the race scheduled to start at 1:00 pm. Sunday was gorgeous, lots of wind and some really fine boats. Eleven boats were entered and 9 finished the race with two boats along the way deciding to play hooky and go swimming instead.

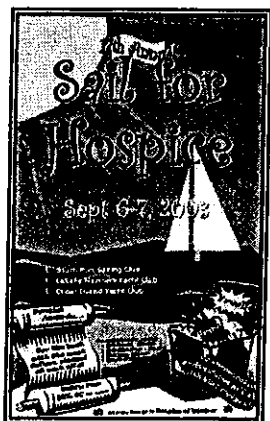
The race finished in front of the Widow's Walk with Judge Mangile (Trilogy) and Juergen Hendel (Rakaia) fighting for the first boat to cross the finish line with Rakaia prevailing.

The perfect weather made the evening's activities even more pleasant. After the race, members, friends enjoyed a meal prepared by and served by Liz Metcalfe, Vicki Boyce, Betty Durhame, Maggie Evans, Gail Oliver.

John Vandereerden and crew brought in the most pledges for LMYC well over \$900.00.

Later in the afternoon the results were tabulated and flags given out to the respective winners. See photos and race results on this page.

A special thank you to the Hospice Race Committee Dennis Douthart, Ralph Allen, Alex Buliga and Carl Durhame for a job



## A-FLEET

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
2	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
3	R-ESCAPE	Abbott 33	Robert Reaume
4	FLIRT	Ranger 32	John Murphy

## B-FLEET

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	GREY GANNET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman
2	BOTTOMS UP	Niagara 26	John Vandereerden
3	DRAGONFLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
4	CEILDH	Niagara 26	Ralph Kepran
5	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford



Cooking Committee

Liz Metcalfe, Gail Oliver, Betty Durham, Maggie Evans, Vicki Boyce



# *Sail For Hospice*



Juergen Hendel – First Place



Judge Mangile – Second Place



Third Place – Bob Reaume & Sue Ouellette



Alan Prettyman – First Place – B Fleet



Jimmy Vandereeden – Second Place

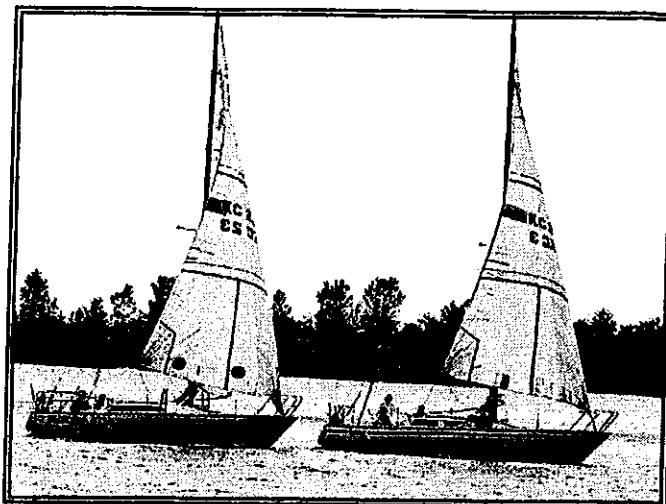


Guy Mesick – Third Place





Grey Gannet — Alan Prettyman



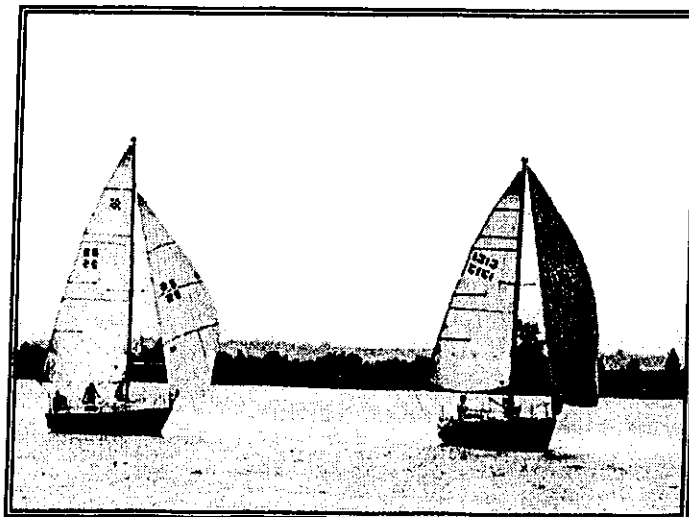
Finish Line — Rakaia & Trilogy



Race Committee  
Ralph Allen, Dennis Douthart, Carl Durham, Alex Buliga



Rakaia — Juergen Hendel



Approaching the Finish Line



# Ahoy River Rats



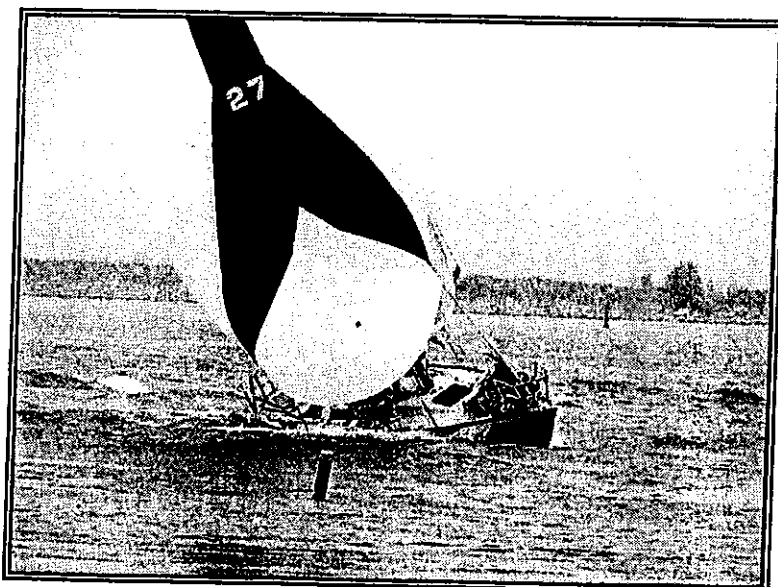
On October 19<sup>th</sup> you will again have the opportunity to join LMYC and their sailing friends in "DOING THE RIVER RAT"! This is the season's last event when LMYC sailors gather en masse to rally on the river. It is also the 10<sup>th</sup> 'RIVER RAT RALLY'. The first was instigated by the old rats who wanted to convince the younger generation of Rats that this great river offers far more interesting sailing opportunities than the confines of a few miles on a Monday or Wednesday night race course.

Since the tragic event of 911 prudence dictates the elimination of the course to the west shore of the river, around the islands of the Trenton Channel, Wyandotte and Ecorse. We now use the main channel of the Detroit River.

So, why are we called 'RIVER RATS'? Let's just say when LMYC chose to make its home along the banks of the Detroit River in LaSalle that this location was compared by area sailors of other budding sailing clubs to sailing in a sewer. However this choice of Location remains 'CHOICE'.



Before you even think about preparing your boat for the long winter lay-up, think about another beautiful day you can spend on this wonderful river sailing in this year's rally. Think! .... No entry fee, no awards, winning a Rat Flag, ultimately winning the Rat Trophy or cruising around the course (new! Casual cruising Class), bragging rights, hot food and a party afterwards! SOUNDS GOOD?

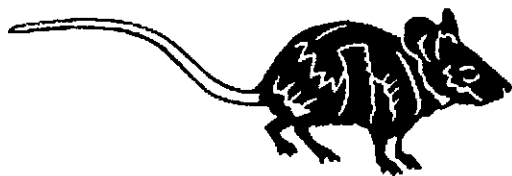


To enter this prestigious race we ask for the following:

- We ask you to fill out the entry form in the clubhouse
- Attend the skippers meeting at 11:00 am.
- Display a previously won Rat Flag on your boat.
- Carry previously won Rat Trophy aboard on this rally.
- Bring a dish to pass.
- For the party bring a big smile and greet fellow competitors with a hearty "YOU DIRTY RAT"

GIVE IT A GO, JOIN THE FUN

Juergen Hendel





## LMYC Fall Race Results

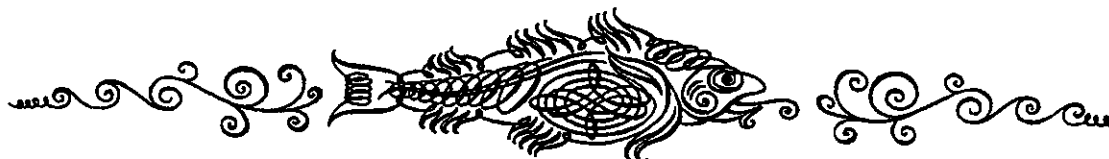


### PHRF "A"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
2	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga/J. Amyot
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham
4	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
5	FLIRT	Ranger 32	John Murphy
6	R-ESCAPE	Abbott 33	Robert Reaume
7	JOE LOUIS	Farr 33 Custom	Ralf Fiedler
8	2ND WIND	Niagara 26	Brian Casey

### PHRF "B"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BOTTOMS UP	Niagara 26	J. Vandereerden
2	QUATTRO	Mirage 27.5	John Metcalfe
3	AZURA	Kirby 25	Ted Popel
4	CEILDH	Niagara 26	Ralph Kepran
5	2ND WIND	Niagara 26	Brian Casey
6	WHATEVER	Viking 28	George Mooney
7	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford





# LMYC Fall Race Results



## PHRF "C"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	GREY GANET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman
2	SUNKIST	Mirage 25	C. Barron/J. Trepanier
3	BREAKAWAY	Santana 20	Rob Ferguson
4	DRAGONFLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
5	GRINGO	Shark 24	Bob Ferguson
6	THE DOVE	Mirage 7.5	Roy Oliver

## JOG "A"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	BLITZ!	J 29	A. Buliga/J. Amyot
2	TRILOGY	Abbott 33	Judge Mangile
3	RAKAIA	Abbott 33	Juergen Hendel
4	SPECIAL DELIVERY	Abbott 33	Bob Bingham
5	YES	Abbott 33	J Amyot/A. Kozieradzki
6	FLIRT	Ranger 32	John Murphy
7	R-ESCAPE	Abbott 33	Robert Reaume

## JOG "B"

POSITION	YACHT NAME	YACHT	SKIPPER
1	DRAGONFLY	Ranger 22	Guy Mesick
2	RECKLESS	Edel 22	Mike Puchantj
3	WINDSONG	Catalina 27	Rick Beresford
4	WHATEVER	Viking 28	George Mooney
5	MANANAN	CS 27	Dennis Pare
6	GREY GANNET	Columbia 26	Alan Prettyman
7	NIKE	HR 28	Patrick Holland





# North Channel Trip

By Dennis Pare



North Channel Trip July 10 to July 24 2003 – Rigorous Good Times

**W**e planned this voyage was planned to be the most ambitious trip we have ever made in the 5 years we have owned our CS 27, "Mananan". Preparations actually began in the late winter as I began to read articles and study maps and charts to familiarize myself with the Lake Huron/Georgian Bay area.

Throughout the spring, early summer equipment was acquired to enhance the enjoyment of the trip.

Barbara felt strongly that we should have a motorized inflatable for the holiday. Getting a 2 H.P. Honda for our little 3 man inflatable demanded that I pass a test and obtain a boater's license. (Thanks to our L.M.Y.C. on-site tester Craig Morrison for being so accommodating.) Of course the table

team at our "Table of Knowledge" chipped in with regular guidance. Jurgen Hendel and Al Buliga

performed surgery on my electric faucet and Phil Smith offered charts and first hand renditions of Lake Huron challenges.



Barbara and Dennis Pare

So much preparation. The excitement, anticipation grew as the dates came closer. Everything was falling into place, when, 10 days before we left, out on the Monday night race course, the depth meter stopped working. This instrument has less than a year in service. Disappointing. Do I go without it? Yes, too committed to be stopped by this. The day before we left found me on the deck pouring fresh water into the holding tank. There seemed to be an inordinate amount of water going in and the tank had yet to show full. I went below and there was about 6 inches of fresh water in the V-berth locker now being converted into an onboard swimming pool. Water continued to stream out of a new 5-inch crack in the top of the holding tank.

*Do I go without a fresh water tank? Tanks but no tanks? Yes, too committed now.*

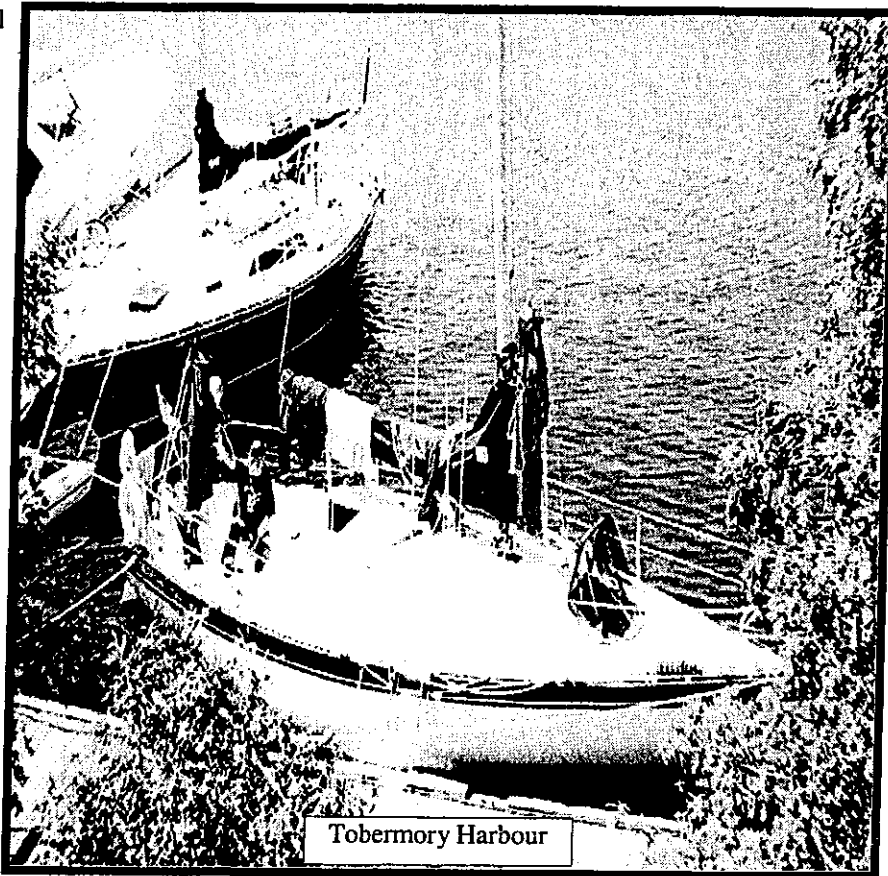
Now feeling somewhat frustrated as circumstances seem to be turning against me. Then, Gus Martin shows up with my stove. Gus had been working to convert it to propane. We dropped it in place; screwed on the cylinder; and lit it up. It worked! That bit of success at that moment was just the tonic I needed.

*We will go and we will have a good time and little systems problems will be overcome.*

There is so much preparation for such a trip that some things inevitably will not go as planned. I was taught by events even before I left that you must be flexible and work around these small problems. Take that as part of the adventure.

July 10 one crewman called early to beg off as he had been ill all night. That left Tom Boyce and I to motor the boat up the Detroit River and over to Southport Sailing club on an overcast day. Southport docks were too shallow for my boat's 5'9" draft and the keel was mired in mud as soon as we left the main channel. We rafted off a boat leaving us hanging out in the canal a bit.

Next morning the wind was up. Tom and I were out of the harbour and beyond the breakwall at 9:00 A.M. when Mananan bogged down in a dredgings bank. I checked my position and looked to be inside the buoys. We were stuck fast in the sticky goo. After wiggling and rolling for a while a good Samaritan power boater came out with the specific mission of mercy to pull us out of the mud. Mission accomplished. We motored slowly to the second set of buoys. Bloop, and we're in the glop again. Even the rudder was afoul in the mud. We took the whisker pole and probed for deep water and found it straight down off



Tobermory Harbour

our port beam. Channel on port rail and stuck fast into the mud, on the starboard side. Wiggle, wiggle, shake, shake, finally away again. Watching very closely now we arrived at the third set of channel markers. Yet again we found our lot was to dredge that muddy bottom with Mananan's fin keel. Even the rudder was in the muck. Anchor came out to kegh off. No luck. Old reliable wiggle with the Yanmar, dancing with dirt and to quote Martin Luther King, "Free at last!".

We were now close to the fourth and last set of channel markers. Surely, we were far enough out to escape this "Channel of the Clinging Mud". That we did. This time we hit something! Hard! I flew forward off the tiller and if I had not caught myself on the cabin bulkhead I would have been propelled inside and down four feet onto the floor.

Let me say this right now. It may kill some of the suspense a good author strives for but, in my mind, leaving Southport was the worst part of the whole trip. No way will I consider going back in there until water levels rise significantly or they do some serious dredging.

Lake St. Clair was rough with strong winds. Waves were off the port stern quarter, pushing us along in a wallowing motion. Similar action on the St. Clair River but as the day wore on, the wind eased and we continued to add additional sail, making good time. Mananan was at the dock at Sarnia Yacht Club at 8:00 P.M. Friday evening. Tom disembarked, Mike Puchantj and Brian Glass came aboard. Weather forecast was 15 to 20 k. out of the NW until the next day when it would shift to the north. Mike was very eager to go and avoid a beat up Lake Huron.

To be continue in the next issue of THE CURRENTS