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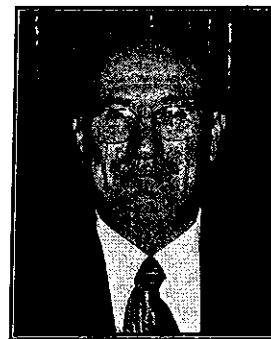
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore John Metcalfe



Vice-Commodore Rick Beresford

This last month or so has been busy with camping etc. so I need to thank all those who have kept everything going at the club. Bob Reaume did a great job organizing the Hospice Regatta, while the River Rat Race was a super day due to the efforts of Bob Bingham, and Mary Nantais. Thanks!

Sadly the season is almost over, and some boats are already out of the water.

Upcoming events include the Halloween Party on Oct 29, and the Haul out Breakfast on Nov 5. Also, it's not too early to be thinking of the Awards Banquet on Nov 19, and the General Meeting and Election of Officers on Nov. 20.

Commodore John Metcalfe

Our River Rat Race was a great way to end the Racing Season. This year's race was an outstanding success thanks to Bob Bingham's organization and a brisk October day. A big thank you is due to Mary and her crew for feeding everyone after the race. Many members brought dishes to share and their culinary skills were much appreciated. Also the race could not have been run without the host of volunteers who made up our Race Committee and Chase Boats – many thanks to all of you.

Several boats have already been hauled out and now that the Rat is behind us many more will be out over the next couple of weeks. Just a reminder to check the notice board for your haulout and storage fees and to get your payment to Dennis Pare ASAP. Also when unrigging and hauling out let's work safely - there are always willing hands around the club to assist you. Final haul out date for this year is Nov. 15th. Work Hours for 2005 must be completed by Nov. 14th – as usual there will be a monetary penalty for hours not completed.

From now to our Spring Launch there are a number of Social Events that Mary has planned for the membership. Most immediate will be the Halloween Party at the Club on Saturday the 29th; the haul out breakfast from 9-11 on Saturday Nov. 5th; and then the Annual Banquet on Saturday Nov. 19th. These are always well attended and fun events that all members can enjoy – I look forward to seeing you all there. Also, Monday lunches have started again – come out and bring a friend.

On Sunday Nov. 20th the Club will have a General Meeting at 1300 hrs. This will also be the election meeting for the Club's 2006 Executive.

Vice- Commodore Rick Beresford

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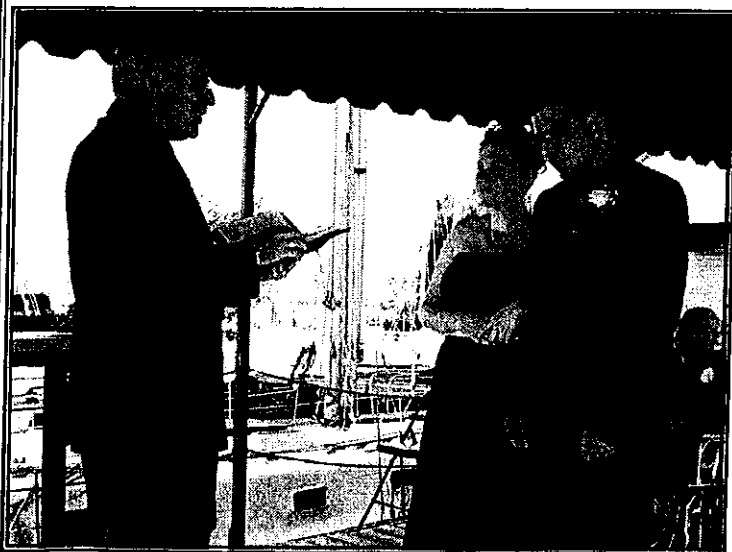
Congratulations

Blue skies and calm waters surrounding LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club was the back drop for the Jesse Laird and Sarah Jubenville wedding on Saturday October 1, 2005. The mother of the groom Renee Laird looked proudly up the aisle to where Father Stan Fraser and the bride and groom exchanged vows and were united in marriage

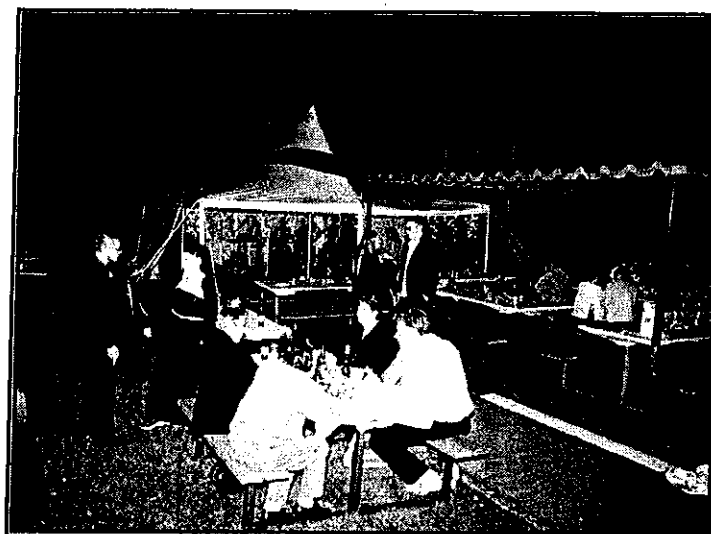


After dinner, music and dancing was the beginning of a great time.

Renee Laird would like to thank the members who helped make this special day a great success.



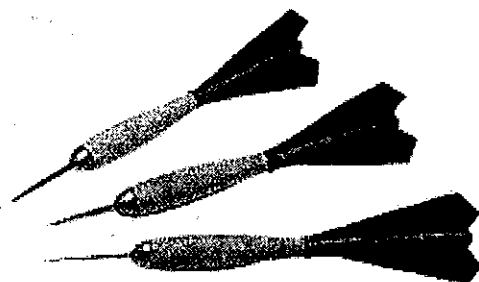
Father Stan Fraser—Jesse and Sarah Laird



Reception at LMYC—Photo by Mike Puchanatyj

LMYC Dart League

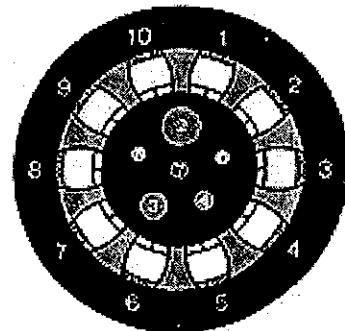
This year the LMYC Wednesday Evening Dart League begins on Wednesday November 9, 2005 at the LMYC clubhouse.



All members are welcome to attend.

This is a great opportunity to meet members in a different venue.

This year Vicki Boyce will be the Dart chairperson.



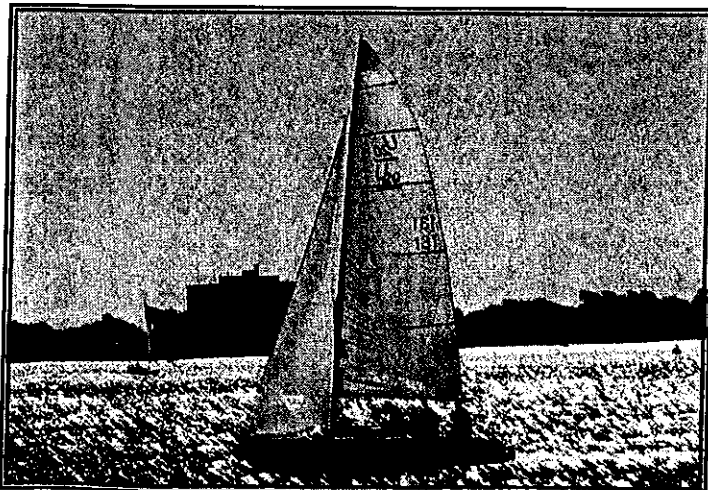
The Richardson Cup

The Richardson Cup is a Great Lakes Match Racing Regatta. Teams who have won sail offs in previous racing represented their respective lakes last weekend at Bayview Yacht Club. Six teams sailed Ultimate 20s. With two round robins and in full view of Bayview the racing was exciting and very competitive.

Brad Boston the current North American Ultimate Champion, Canadian Olympic Soling sailor Bill Abbott and Nick Beaudoin (Doyle/Boston Sails) represented Lake Huron. With strong gusty north winds both days the team won 9 out of 10 races. Weeds in the river were quit a problem hanging up on the blub keels and slowing the boats significantly. Overcoming the weed problem and competition Boston, Abbott and Beaudoin captured the cup for Lake Huron.



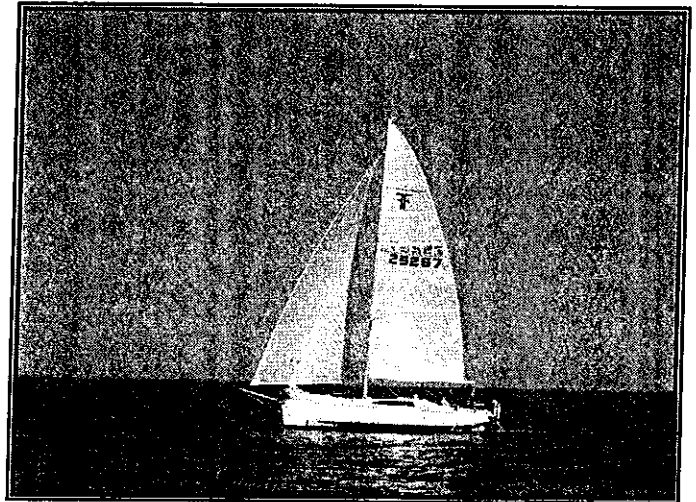
Nick Beaudoin accepting award



St. Clair Single Handed

The St. Clair Solo race was held on Saturday October 1, 2005 this year. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and breezy, a great day for a sail or a race. This is the type of race I like to promote for those sailors who have never done a single handed race. This race is a great test at the end of the season with low stress, no crew to blame, new friends to meet. This race is a warm up for the bigger Port Huron to Mackinaw single-handed race

For the past several years the starting line was in front of Crescent Yacht Club on the American shore of Lake St. Clair about a 40 minute sail from Windsor Yacht Club.



Racing Catamaran on the Course

This year the club is under construction and there was no space for us to dock so the new host club was Great Lakes Yacht Club about another 5 miles further. Great Lakes Yacht Club is a wonderful club, well protected, with big boats, friendly people and just a short walk to the restaurant for lunch. There is just one problem and that is getting in. You have to watch your charts since there is a long shallow ridge to sail around.

From LMYC Judge Mangile (Trilogy) and I (Yes) sailed over on Friday afternoon with strong south west winds behind us and it did not take more than

5 – 6 hours to get to our destination. John Murphy sailed Flirt from City Marina to Great Lakes Yacht Club.

Other Canadian sailors who were in this race were Hans Anderson from Thames Yacht Club, 2 sharks, Ken from South Port and Noel on his Viking from Bell River.

The race course was a straight line of 42 nautical miles and we did not sail much more this. The wind was south and it took us right to the St. Clair Light, right to the Thames Morse A and right back to R 28 and downwind to the Clinton River.

In this race were Two Jog Fleets, Five PHRF Fleets and Two Cat Fleets. Judge Mangile and I ended up in PHRF "B" with 2 Tartans 10's. Judge had a very good start and I was 3 boat lengths behind and the Tartans perhaps a minute behind me. This is considered a reasonable start in Single Handed Circles. Five minutes after the start one of the Tartans broke its boom and retired from the race, so third place was in the bag.

I stayed behind Judge Mangile for about 5 miles and it was not until a freighter got in his way that I managed to pass him, but I had to take some chances. The race had started with South Winds about 12 – 15 knots and it dropped by the time we approached the Thames and dropped even further when we got back into the shipping channel. Sailing under Spinnaker was hard and difficult to sail between all the weeds in the channel. In some areas there were lines hundred of yards long of thick weed patches. I had to given the Tartan 2 minutes over the entire course and on the reaches he was within 1 minute.

I managed to move away by 6 minutes downwind under spinnaker. I had found a weak spot in the Tartan.

The big attraction of the race are the cats some of them flying by at 20 knots on the reach. They started 30 minutes behind me and were all on trailers packed when I finished. There was one familiar face in the cat fleet Stu who use to own a Hobby 33 and visited LMYC on a few occasions. He now has a 27 foot cat named Panther painted pink.

Traditionally the race ends with a great dinner of quality steaks barbequed on a huge grill. After a day of sailing it was a real treat. All you can eat steak and I could only eat 2, but were they delicious. The steak was followed up with a pitcher of beer and after that we all slept like babies.

The results of the race is as follows.

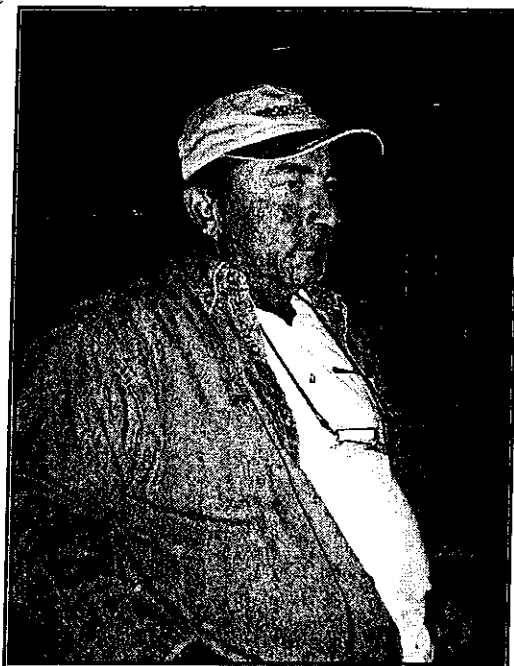
John Murphy – Second Place in Jog "A"

Judge Mangile – Third in PHRF "B"

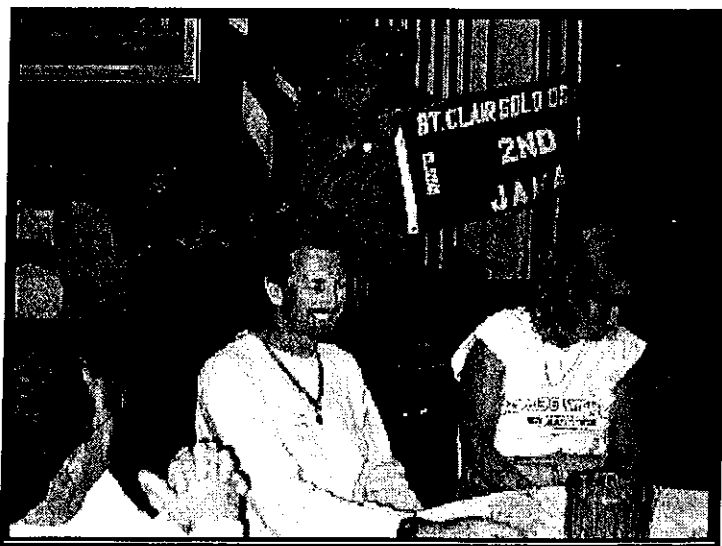
Andy Kozieradzki – First in PHRF "B"

This race is a great experience and I encourage LMYC members to do this race next year. Once you do you will be back just like I do every chance I have. I have to mention Dave Evans LMYC member who did this race every year. This year Dave took it easy (must be old age) but was able to drive down for the party. We hope to see Dave sailing in this event next year.

Andy Kozieradzki - Photos by Andy Kozieradzki

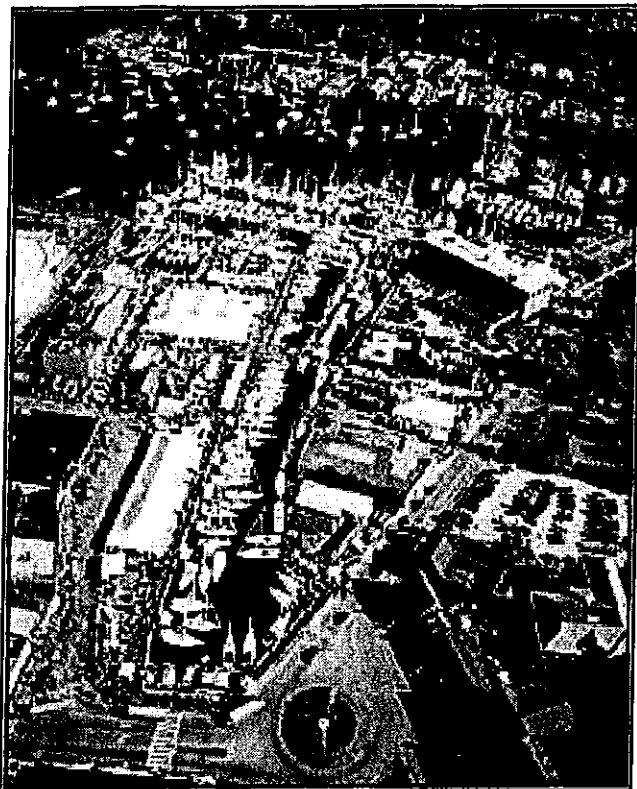


Judge Mangile



John Murphy Receiving His Flag

Annapolis Boat Show



"Talk about rain! Well the largest in the water boat show wasn't a total wash out due to a major rain storm, but it was close. Thanks to Hurricane Tammy. The gang of about 10 LaSalle Mariners arrived on the dock on Friday in pouring rain which lasted until Sunday. The weather then cooperated for a great show. The floating docks were amazing, the vendors were friendly and Vicky Boyce is queen of the freebies!

Kanter yachts was well represented with over a 60' beautiful, single masted vessel. Way to go Manfred. Or Fred, as he's known around the club! Fred is a former member of LaSalle Mariners. The Mariners took over the Capital KOA as usual in our boisterous manner, leading with George & Bob. They were joined by Laurel, Sue, Gail, Roy, Leo, Craig, Tom & Vicky and even John got into the mix.

This seems to be the best way to go to the show as the campground is only about 20 mins from main street Annapolis. Downtown was still full of shoppers and onlookers even though the showers turned into a downpour at times. Some of us bumped into Dave & Maggie Evans too, who were taking in the sights. So this years Thanksgiving Boat Show was wet but great and we all look forward to making the trek again next year."

Article by Joanne Vandereerden

George & Bob Show



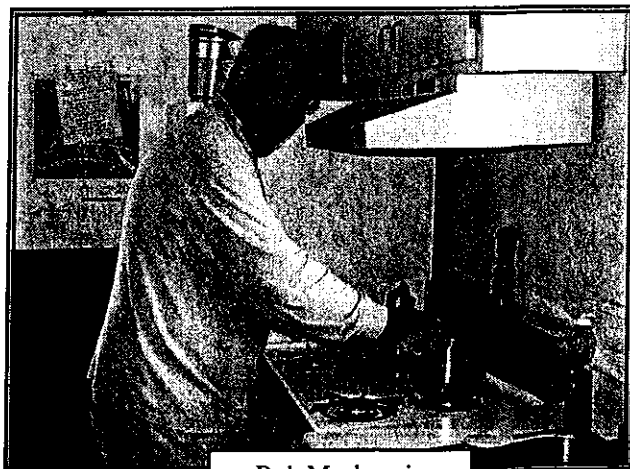
This year due to popular demand the George and Bob Show which has proven to be so popular over the years returns this year at the Awards Banquet. If you have enjoyed the show in the pass make sure to purchase your tickets for the Banquet. George & Bob insists that this year will be a show to remember.

Monday Luncheons

Monday Luncheons have returned to LMYC with the first lunch hosted by Bob MacKenzie on Monday October 17, 2005.

These luncheons will continue until the spring when the boats are launched for the 2006 sailing season. This is a great opportunity for members to try their hand at cooking and preparing a great feast for the Monday Luncheons.

A list will be put up shortly for members and friends to sign up for their day as Chef at LMYC.

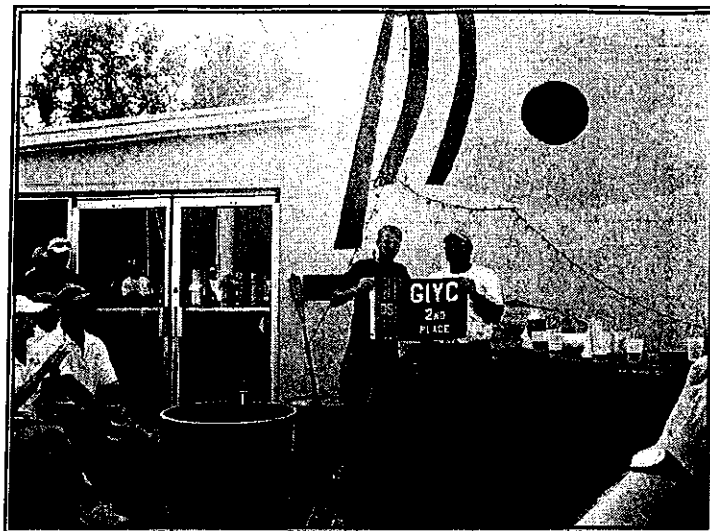


Bob Mackenzie

One Designs and Harvest Moon



Andy Kozieradzki Receiving His Flag



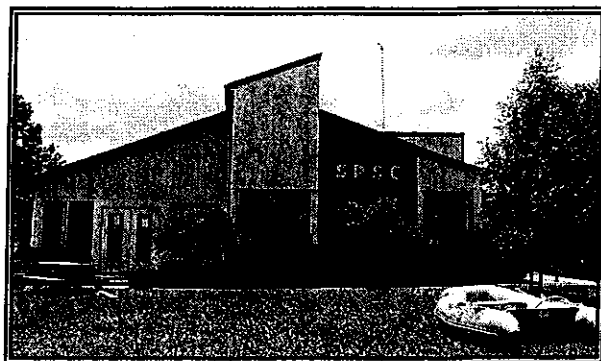
Rob Ferguson Receiving His Flag

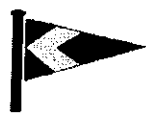
One Designs by Rob Ferguson

This year like many others in the past, LMYC members participated in great numbers and in great spirit at the annual Grosse Isle Yacht Clubs *ONE DESIGN* Regatta. There was a X-Yacht (2 boats), Abbott(6 boats) and Viking (5 boats) Fleet. Races started early on Saturday. With a gentle breeze competitors sailed 3 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday through moderate winds on a windward leeward courses. In the Abbot fleet Andy and crew on "Yes" dominated once again this year. In the Viking fleet Noyle and his two sons on "Blue Jay" took most of the bullets except two races where George on "Whatever" and Craig on "Kyree" finished 1st. In all of the fleets the races were close and competition high. The most aggressive race although did not take place on the water but took place on Hickory Island where race participants on Sunday morning were battling it out to be the first in line at Rick and Kelly Bohl's house who generously fed all participants an amazing breakfast.

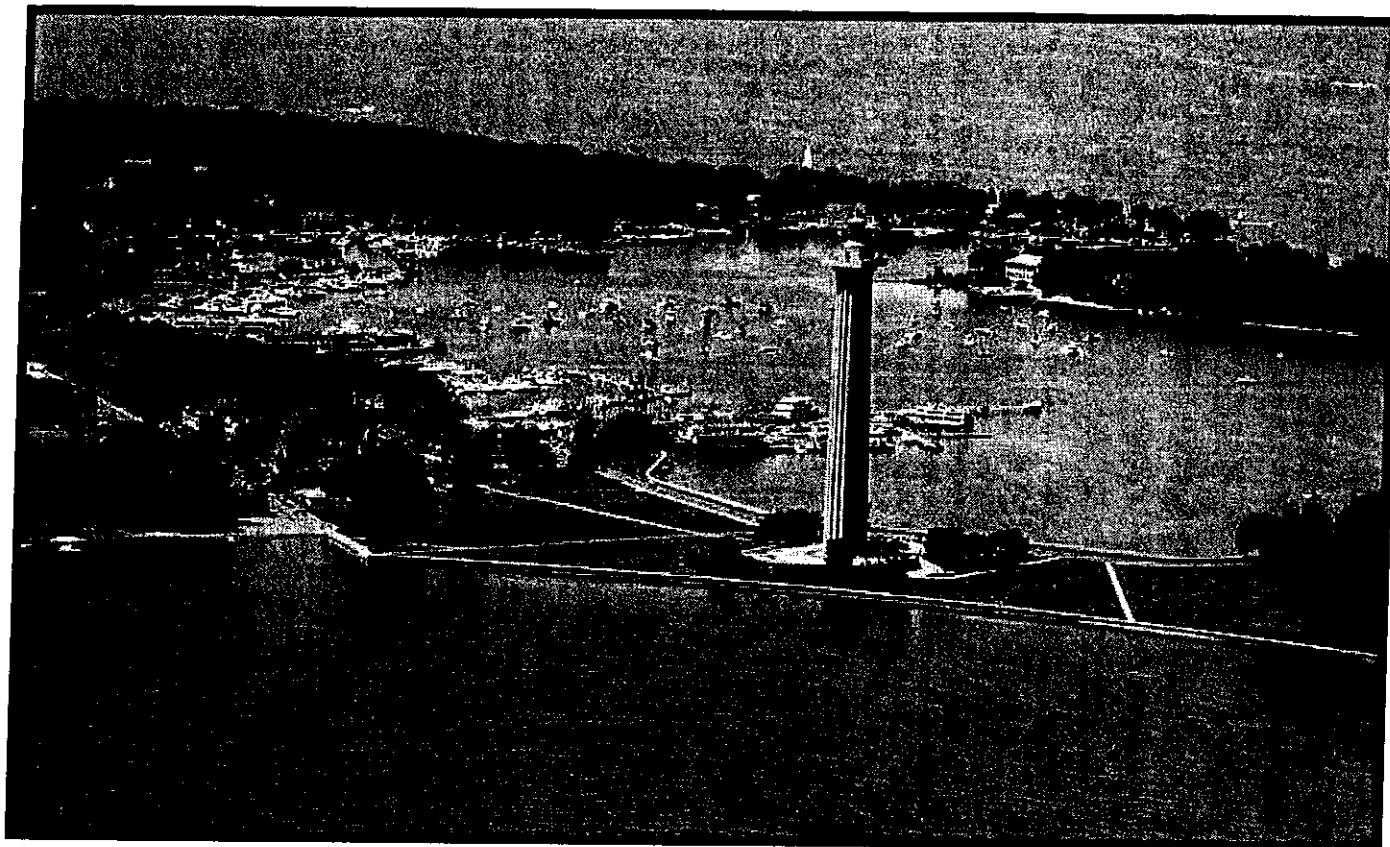
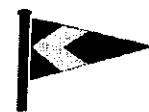
Harvest Moon by Rob Ferguson

This year Harvest moon was moved a weekend later due to the conflict between it and the GIYC One Designs regatta. Once again many LMYC boats participated such as Tom with "Casper", and Bob Bingham with "Special Delivery". The wind gods shined down on the racers with fair winds. They were a little nicer to those racers heading upwind who stayed close to the shore heading out to the Belle River mark. This first leg provided the factor to make or break crews in their outcome for the race. After the first mark rounding all sailed downwind close to haul speed to the middle of the lake and then after rounding a shipping lane structural Buoy headed on a reach back to Southport. In the end a Shark won best corrected time. The shallower draft vessels made their way back to South Port while the deeper keels headed to city marine and then drove back to the club where all had a good time eating free chili and Beer back at South Port.





Fall Bay 2005



Put-in-Bay

The morning weather was cold and windy as we left the dock on Blitz, our destination one last weekend of fun and racing on the Island of Put in Bay before our boats are put to bed for the winter. Heading down the river I found myself asking the same old pre regatta questions. Are all the sails onboard? Where's my toque? Would you mind mixing me a drink? And the classic fall bay question; if its blowing 30 knots out of the north is anyone else gonna show up? As we reached the mouth of the river all questions were soon forgotten as we spent the next 3 hours and 20 minutes enjoying a sleigh ride to the bay. With lots of time to kill we napped and looked for an open bar to warm up in as we waited for the ferry to deliver the rest of our sailing crew. Unfortunately later that evening, rough weather forced several boats from Ohio to turn around and head home, with one losing an engine and washing up on the rock wall outside of Port Clinton. In all, 30 boats made it for this regatta.

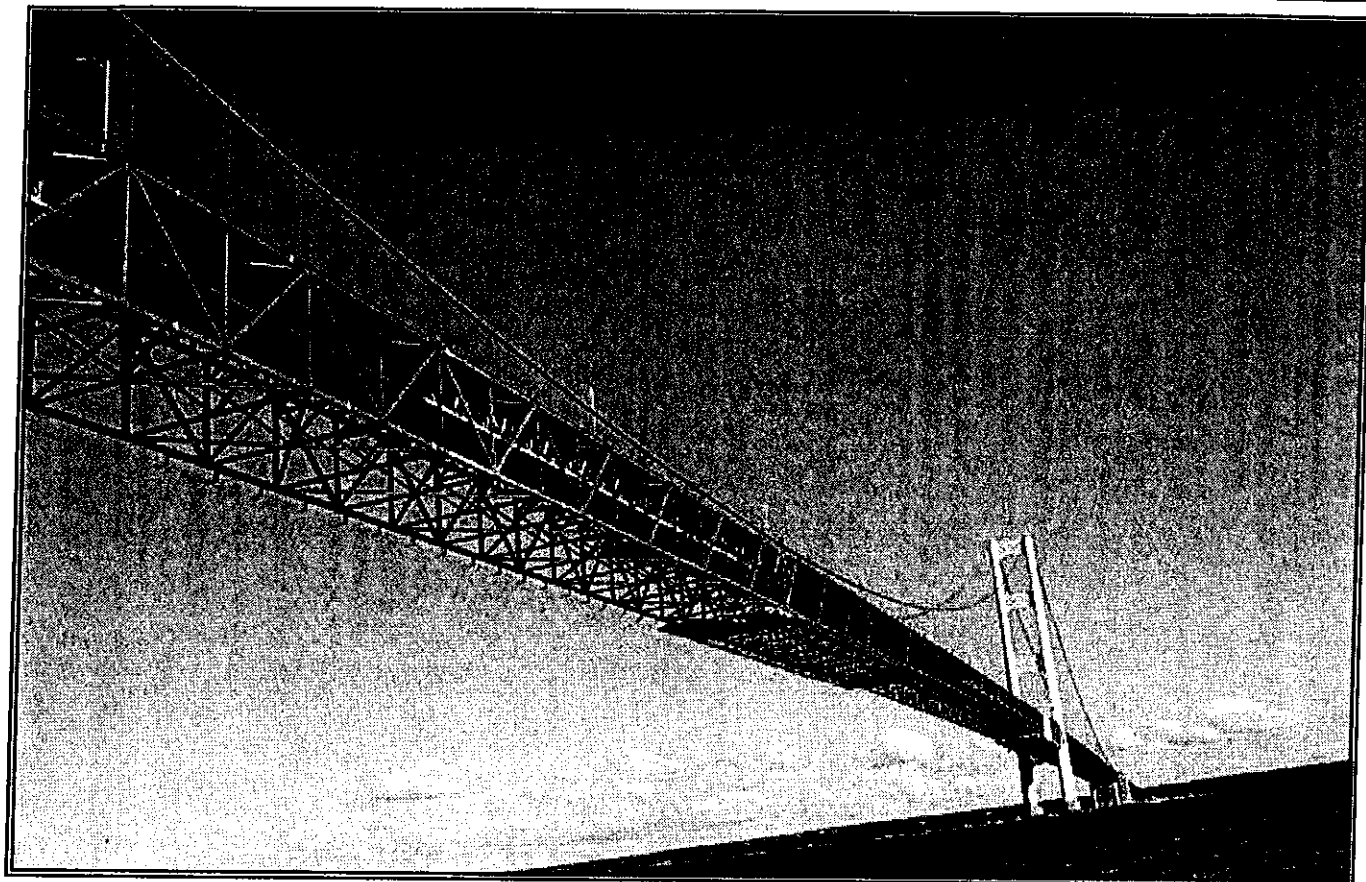
Saturday morning brought us overcast skies and a steady 22-25 knot northeasterly breeze. Blitz sailed fast upwind but rounding the weather mark we watched a hobbie 33 sail by us as if we were standing still, easily going 3 or 4 knots faster. On one downwind leg we learned the hard way that a reefed main and masthead spinnaker is not a happy combination as we spun out of control and into the most spectacular jibe broach I've ever experienced. Two Races later we limped to the dock, cold, bruised and battered and tied for second place. Sunday brought a more manageable 18-22 knots of breeze, one race was sailed and Blitz took a second place and a second in class, beating the Evylen 32 Wizard which we were tied with the previous day.

The sun came out for the long sail home and shortly after dark we arrived at LMYC. Cold and tired I happily greeted the comfort of my own bed, all the while wondering what motivates us to do these things... But at the same time looking forward to going back again next year.

Article by Nick Lintunen



The Great Loop



Sailing Under The Mackinac Bridge

End of Leg 1...onto Leg 2 August 23rd to Sept. 18th 2005

Although my trip began on July 31st from LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club, I have to say that my adventure really began the closer I got to Mackinaw City and the Mackinaw Bridge. I met up with several fellow "Loopers" and I knew then that I was really doing the America's Great Loop. Because of the weather I remained in Mackinaw City for 5 nights. During that time I had a wonderful time visiting the other boats and the day before I left I took the ferry to the island.

Finally on August 23rd the weather cooperated for all of us to be able to leave. I have to admit I was very excited about finally leaving Lake Huron and entering Lake Michigan. This was a HUGE milestone for me. I couldn't believe I had actually gone this far by myself. While I was sailing under the Mackinac Bridge I was sooooo excited...I was blasting "I am Woman" by Helen Reddy (sp) and dancing in the cockpit. I celebrated with a small bottle of cranberry juice and a small bag of Nutter Butter Bites. It definitely was a Kodak moment. One of those moments in time that will be treasured forever. Hurayyyyyy for me!!!!!!



Mary Ellen on Indigo Lady

I continued on my way to Beaver Island...my first stop in Lake Michigan. I arrived too late in the day to be tourist so in the morning I walked about the little town and went to a couple of museums. This was an interesting little island.

Around noon I left the island and sailed to Lake Charlevoix, where I anchored for the night. It was the first bridge that I had to wait for to open. I had left the anchorage slowly so as to not throw any kind of wake and as a result missed the opening. There was a nice big bay to wait in so was no problem at all.

From there I continued on to Leland, Michigan. It is the nicest town I had visited so far. I just loved it. The Old Fishing Town was sooo amazing. All the old fish shanties had been redone as shops. Such a pretty little town. Unfortunately the weather turned a little sour and the waves were just too big to leave for a few days, so I just played tourist and worked on my boat.



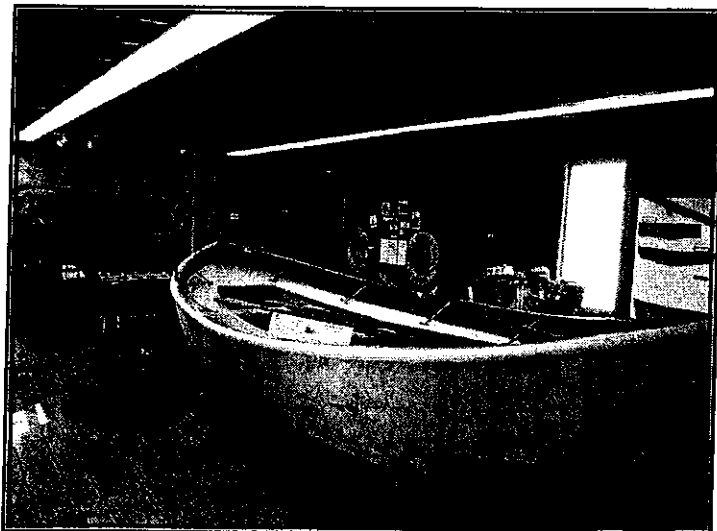
Ecarte Channel Marina

When I left Leland the weather didn't seem too bad... the waves didn't seem too high and the weather report was more encouraging.

However....that wasn't the case as I progressed. Two of the sailboats had turned back, but I knew if I did it would be quite a while before I would get a window again. Sooo I reefed the main, slowed the motor (I was motor sailing) sat back and decided that if this didn't work I would turn back too. It was very much like sailing in Lake Erie on a bad day...but still doable. Just uncomfortable. One of the boats that had to turn back...for the second time was a 44 ft boat which had no mast. They hadn't bothered to bring it from Florida because they knew they would have to take it down a few times. Just imagine being on this lake with no mast...waves around 4 feet at this point. I don't blame them for turning back. I knew once I got passed Sleeping Bear Point things would settle down.

My next stop was an anchorage in Arcadia. This was a comedy of errors for me. There were two couples on two big Beneteaus watching and laughing at me as I tried to solve my problem of pulling up the anchor and having my motor stop. I was even laughing at myself as I was trying to row my dinghy out to drop my anchor out further so I could try to bring myself away from the shore where I was headed. A fellow from the marina across saw me and came and towed me over. I had called them earlier to let them know I would be stopping there for gas and they wondered why I was taking so long. When they realized I was having problems...they came over to help. After gassing up and changing the spark plugs the motor started and off I went.

My next stop was in Manistee. A nice little town where Judge came to visit. Because it was the Labour Day long weekend Judge got to visit longer too. So I ended up staying there for 6 days. We had a really nice visit. Visiting different areas. He got to meet some of the other Loopers and could see that I wasn't always alone. I hope this made him feel a little more comfortable...but not sure.



Beaver Island, Lake Michigan

Well...on Labour Day I shoved off again and went to Ludington. Here I met another single handed sailor. A fellow who was sailing in a 40 ft sailboat. We had corresponded previous to meeting as we both were members of the forum for the loop. We travelled together until Michigan City, stopping in White Lake where we anchored, Saugatuck where I went to a marina and he anchored. In Saugatuck I met up with a couple that I had met in Leland...I had promised to let them know when I got there. They are really nice people. They are members of their local Power Squadron and the evening I got there it was their first meeting. They took me and I was their "show and tell" of what was good or bad about their summer vacation. It was fun. I even ended up in their newsletter.

Well, from Saugatuck, Kip (the other single hander) and I went to Benton Harbour/St. Joseph. One side of the river is Benton Harbour and the other side is St. Joseph. We stayed on a free wall on the St. Joseph side. I have grown up among freighters and have marveled at their size, etc. I have to tell you that I was totally amazed at their maneuverability. In the river here, in order to

get back to the lake they back out. The only problem there is that they have to pass through a swing bridge BACKWARDS. I could not believe they could do this...I would not have believed it had I not seen it myself. Kudos to that pilot.

From St. Joseph we went to Michigan City. Sunday, Sept. 11th we left Michigan and entered Indiana. I was almost out of Lake Michigan ... almost ending my second leg. I was getting pretty excited now. Looking forward to my 3rd leg...looking forward to finally making it to Chicago. Unfortunately, Chi-

cago seemed so far away even though I could see it. The waves and winds got very nasty when we got to Michigan City and as a result we...along with other loopers would have to remain in Michigan City for 6 days. So close....yet so far. We all made the most of our time there, visiting, seeing the sights, etc.

Judge and Terri came to visit me and help me take down my mast. On the Saturday morning I had a window to get out and left. All the loopers went to different places that day but we knew we would meet again either in Chicago or down the river a ways. Terri and Judge drove to Jackson Park Yacht Club and I sailed there. When we met up again we took my mast down and got me ready for the river system. I was now out of Indiana and into Illinois. On Sept. 18th Terri, Judge and I said goodbye and my 3rd leg would begin. It was a beautiful day, sun shining, not many miles to go, lake was calm and I was nervous. I stopped in Burnham to fill up and get a pump out.

My time in Chicago was great. I left Burnham Marina and went on to DuSable Marina and was docked right next to Columbia Yacht Club where I went for dinner my first night in Chicago. That night it really blew and I was up in the middle of the night putting out more lines and putting out more fenders. There was a 55 ft catamaran behind me on the next dock and he was out doing the same. He yelled and asked if I was okay and if I needed help or wanted to stay on his boat since he wasn't crashing against the dock like I was. What a nice offer that was, but I said. "I was fine thanks". That same fellow helped me off the dock when I was ready to leave after a 3 day visit. He just couldn't believe I was doing this trip alone. When I was leaving Chicago... I was feeling all anxious and nervous again...like the day I started my trip, but even more so. Although I have crewed a lot in the river systems, this was something new for me. I was

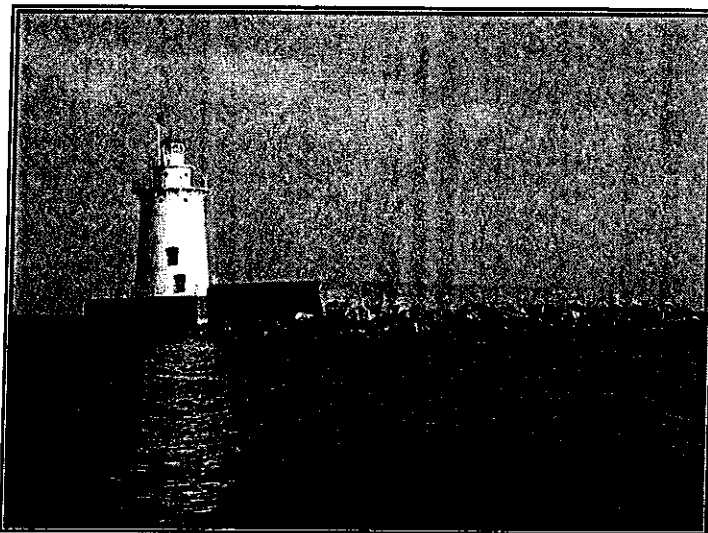
to enter my first lock, I would be motoring with no mast up, not knowing how the boat would respond and it was a whole new experience being alone on the rivers. So now my 2nd leg ends and my 3rd leg begins.

For those who have never single handed, you might not realize that you really are ALONE...in every sense of the word. It is much more than just double the work of a couple...it seems more like 10 times the amount of work, responsibility, etc. Every decision is yours, every mistake is yours to fix, every problem is yours to solve, if you forget something in the cabin...you have to go get it, etc. etc. I used to wonder why...at the end of the day...I was exhausted, but now I know why. It is wonderful though. It is a growing experience and a learning experience that no one else can teach you. When I have been in bad weather, had to reef the main, etc. I did think about how it would be different to have had crew. Would I have done anything different? I have to say that although it would have been much easier, less straining and tiring to have had help...I haven't come across a time yet, that crew would have made a difference in my decision.

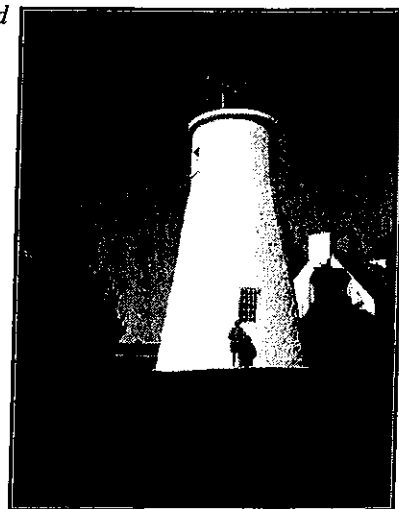
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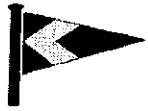
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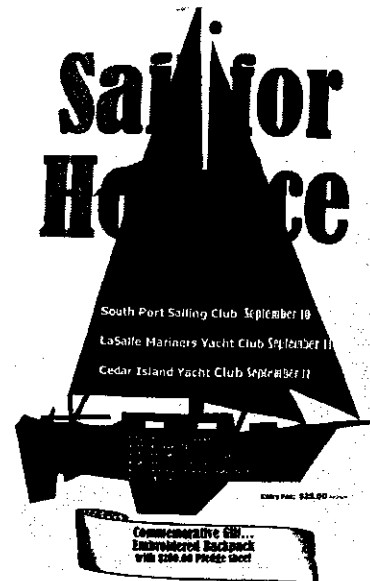
Slo Poke and Blitz Approaching The Finish Line

This year former Commodore Bob Reaume had the honours of organizing the LMYC portion of the 19th Annual Sail For Hospice on Sunday September 11, 2005. This race is also conducted by South Port Sailing Club and Cedar Island Yacht Club during the same weekend.

The race on Sunday started off with a Skippers meeting at 11:00 am, with the race scheduled to start at 1:00 pm. Sunday was gorgeous, with south winds between 6-10 knots with eleven boats at the starting line.

The race finished just south of the Widow's Walk with Blitz and So Poke fighting for the first boat to cross the finish line with Blitz 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 Gail Oliver, Vicki Boyce, Betty Durham, Mike Puchantj, and Maggie



Evarns with over 46 meals served..

LMYC collected over \$7,356.00 for this event. George Mooney and the crew of Whatever brought in the most pledges for LMYC well over \$2,000.00.

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, Sandy Mailloux, Judge Mangile and the Chase Boat Carl Durham and Gord Freeman for a job well done.

PHRF "A"

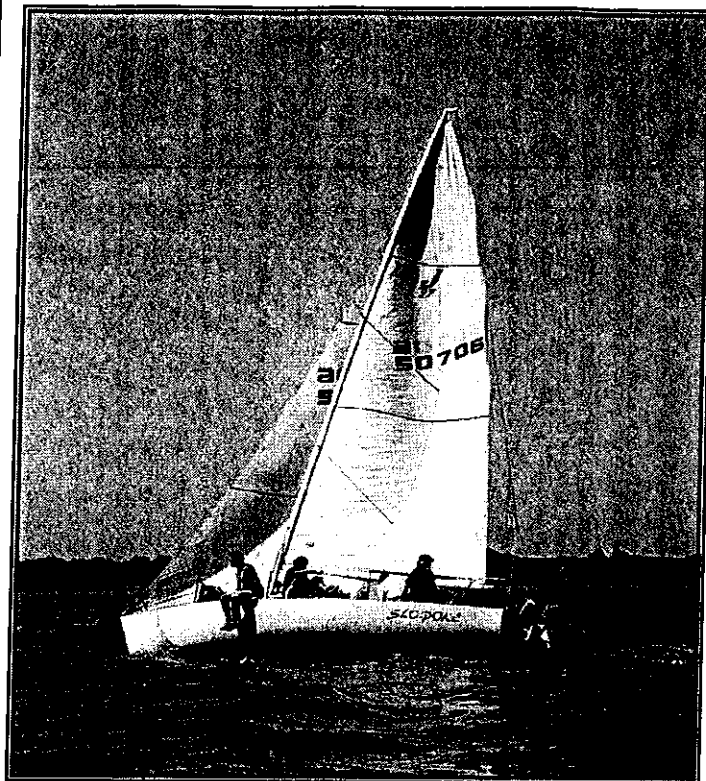
| Yacht | Skipper | Corrected | Place |
|----------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| Slo Poke | The Lintunens | 2403.42 | 1 |
| Blitz | Buliga/Amyot | 2415.56 | 2 |
| Knotty | Larry Laing | 2621.42 | 3 |

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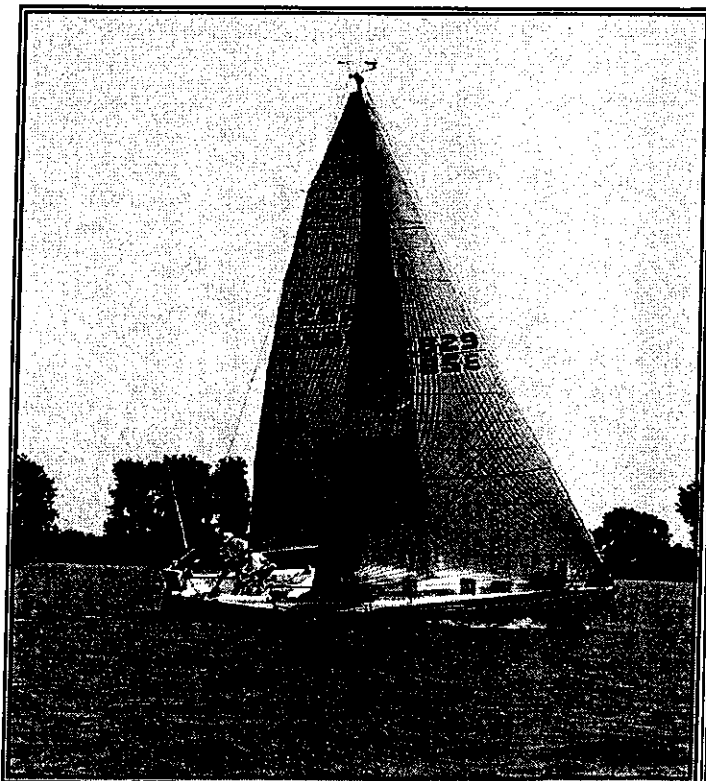
| Yacht | Skipper | Corrected | Place |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| Whatever | George Mooney | 2839.82. | 1 |
| Dingo | Bob Reaume | 2877.82 | 2 |
| Kyree | Craig Morrison | 2892.82 | 3 |
| Bottoms Up | John Vandereerden | 2894.06 | 4 |
| 2nd Wind | Brian Casey | 3050.06 | 5 |
| Casper | Tom Boyce | 3118.82 | 6 |

PHRF "C"

| Yacht | Skipper | Corrected | Place |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| Dragonfly | Guy Meseck | 3138.88 | 1 |
| High Anxiety | Bernie Wolter | 3443.12 | 2 |



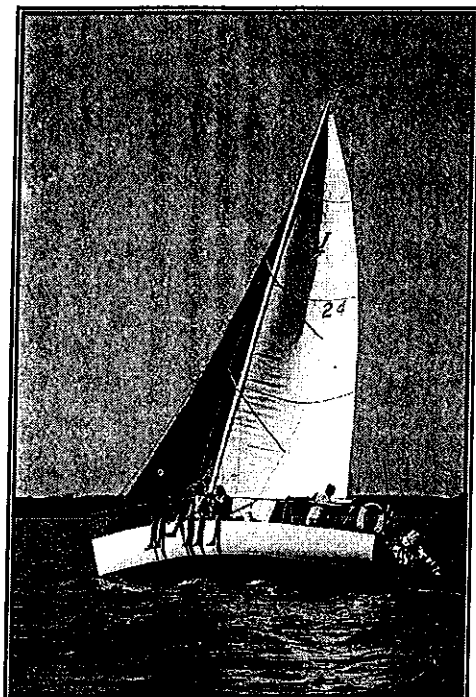
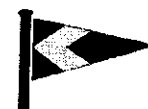
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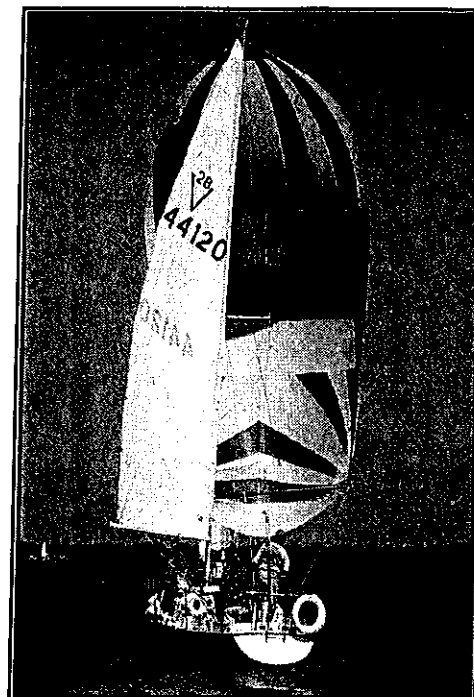
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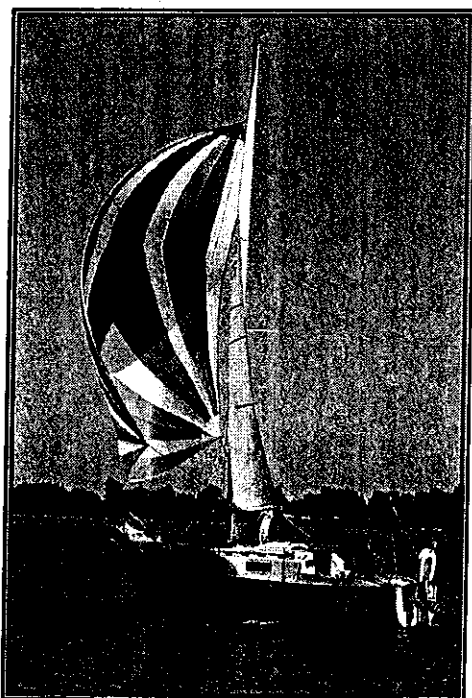
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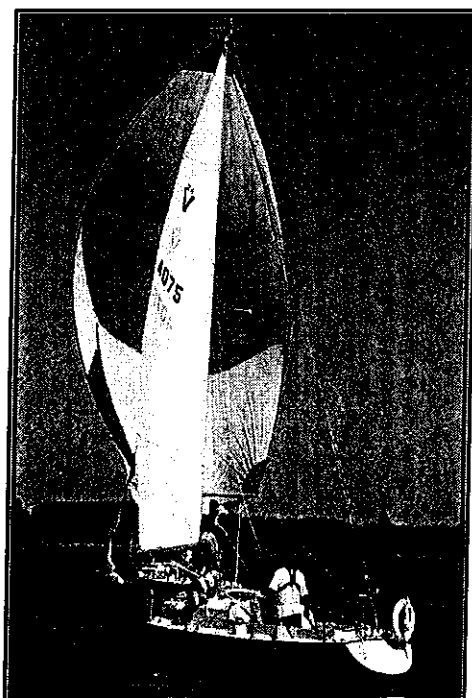
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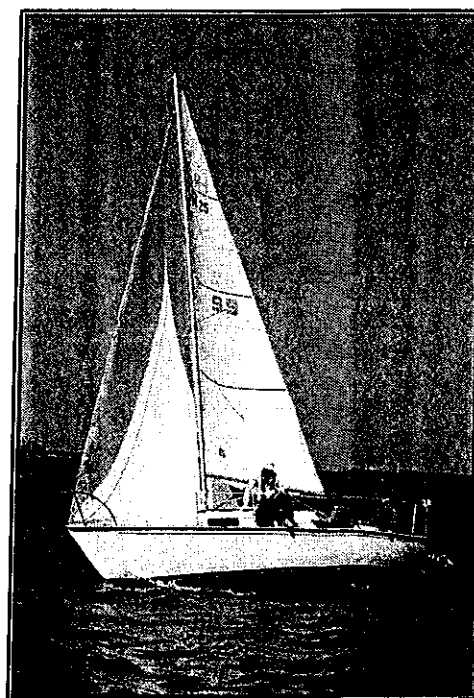
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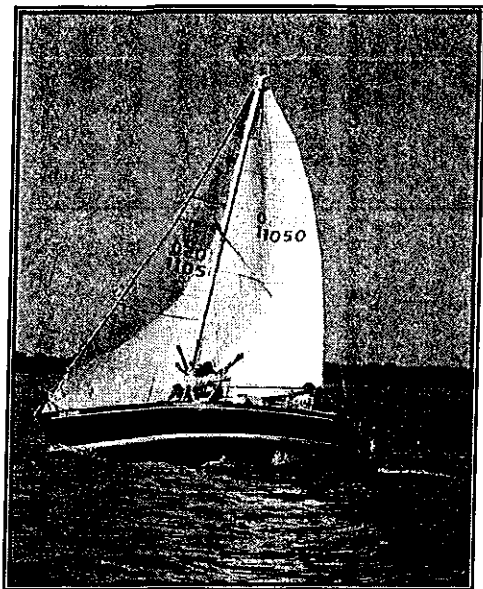
Bottoms Up



Kyree



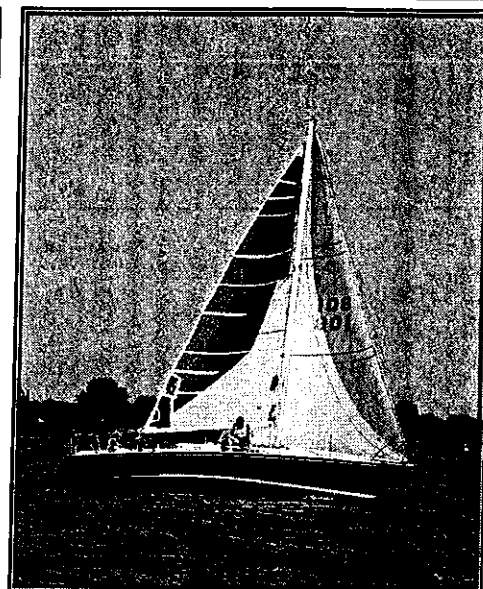
High Anxiety



Dragonfly



2nd Wind



Dingo



**Race Committee Judge Mangile, Dennis Douthart,
Sandy Mailloux**



Chase Boat—Gord Freeman & Carl Durham



**Collecting Pledges—Anne Marie Ofner, Bob Reaume,
Maggie Evans and Gail Oliver**



Mike Puchantyj



KNOTTY— —3rd Place PHRF "A"



BLITZ— 2nd Place PHRF "A"



SLO POKE 1st Place PHRF "A"



KYREE 3rd Place PHRF "B"



DINGO 2nd Place PHRF "B"



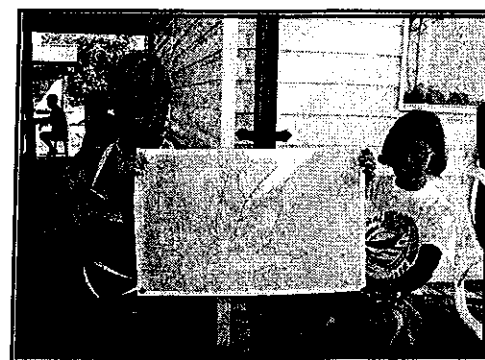
WHATEVER— 1st Place PHRF "B"



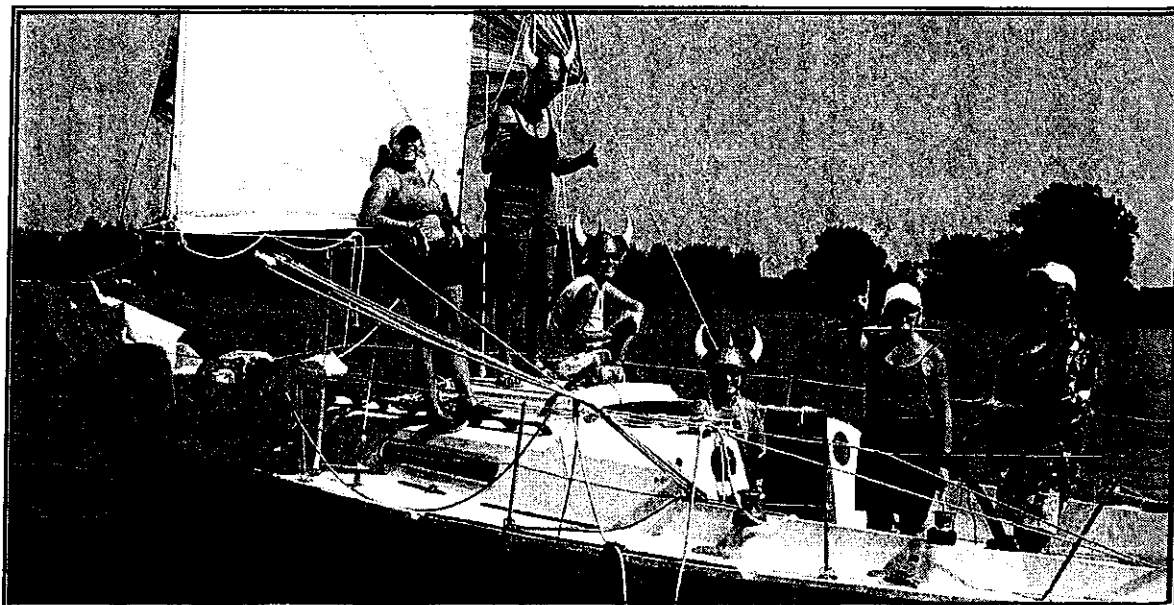
DRAGONFLY— 1st Place PHRF "C"

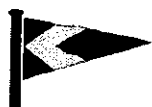
Whatever with Skipper George Mooney crossing the finish line with his crew of horned sailors. Whatever's crew collected the most pledges this year for Hospice.

Congratulations Whatever

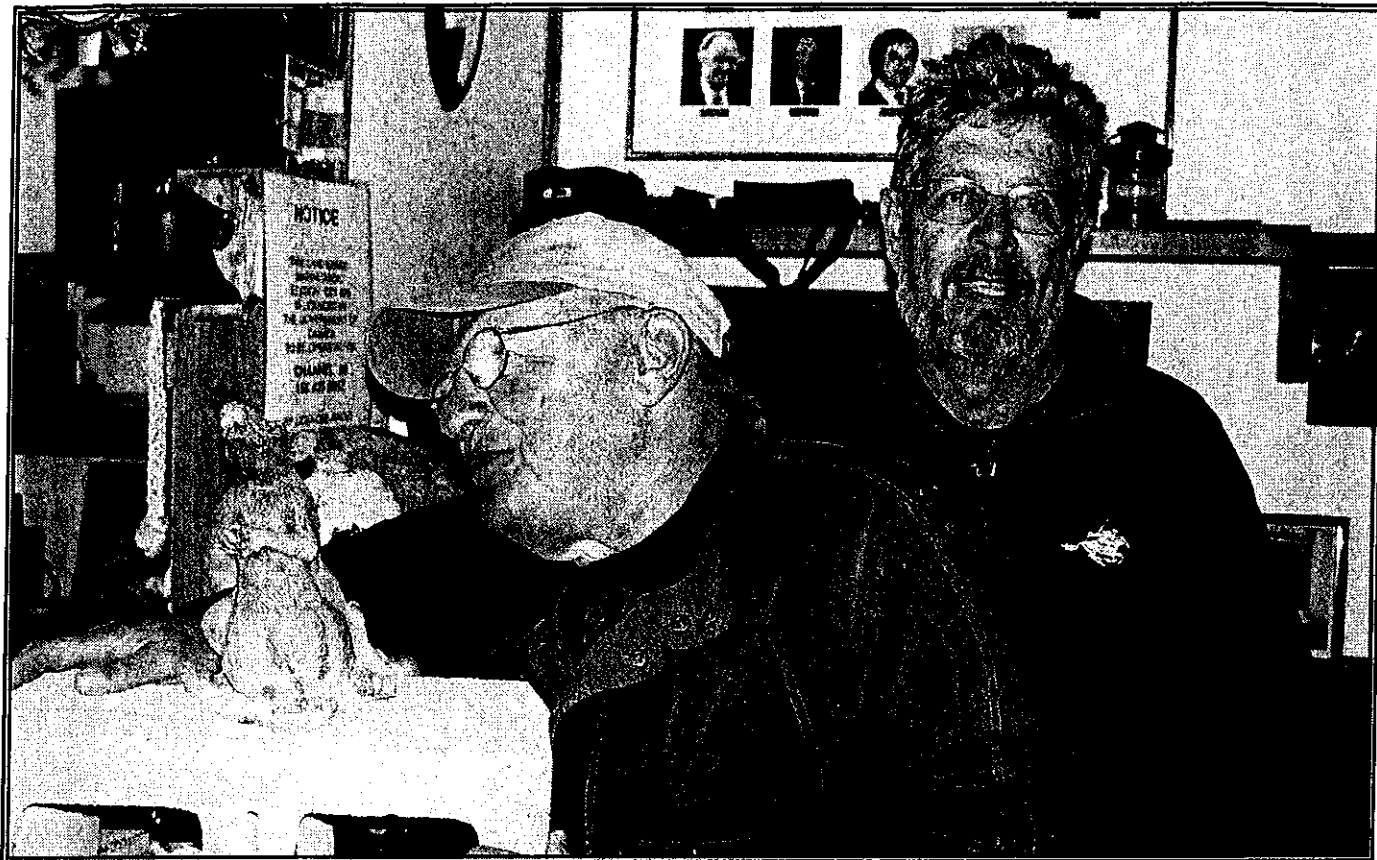


WHATEVER—MOST MONEY RAISED





LMYC - River Rat



Alex Buliga Preparing To Kiss The River Rat With Race Chairman Bob Bingham Looking On

The River Rat Race was held on Sunday October 16, 2005 which signifies the end of the sailing racing season. The Skippers meeting was held at 11:00 PM by Race Chairmen Bob Bingham for the skippers of the 20 plus boats entered for this event. This meeting informed the racers of the course and any changes from previous years. Again as last year the main theme was **NO FEES, NO PRO-TESTS, NO QUESTIONS**. The race started at 12:00 noon with three divisions, but this year there would be a new twist to the start. The Jog fleet went first followed by PHRF "B" and then last was PHRF "A"



Race Committee Dennis Douthart, Bob MacKenzie & Ralph Allen

The race this year was just over 13 nautical miles and started at the usual location for the Wednesday Night Races at LMYC. At the start the boats proceeded South rounding Fighting Island and returning North rounding Fighting Island and then heading South between Fighting Island and Grassy Island finishing just North of the Widow's Walk at LMYC.

The weather report for this day was winds blowing from the west around 15-20 knots, with the temperature around 45 degrees F.

It was a quick race again this year with the winning boat crossing the finish line around 2:30 PM.

After the race the members collected at LMYC to enjoy the festivities. In the clubhouse food was everywhere. The big hit this year was the hot apple cider waiting for the cold and tired skippers and crew. There was soup, Octoberfest sausages, sauerkraut, meatballs, pastas, and an abundance of pastries.

The Rat Trophy this year was presented to Alex Buliga (Blitz) who will proudly carry it during the 2006 River Rat Race.

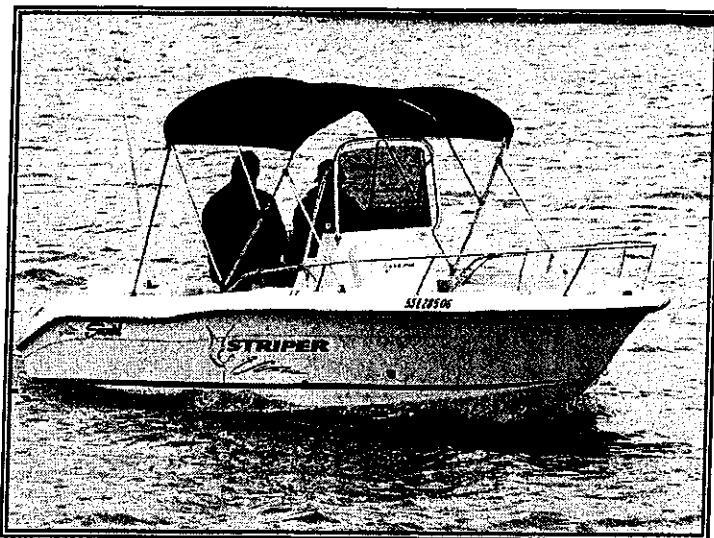
From The Race Director Bob Bingham

I would like to thank all those who participated in the River Rat Race on such a beautiful sailing day. As a closer to our sailing season we couldn't have asked for better weather or conditions.

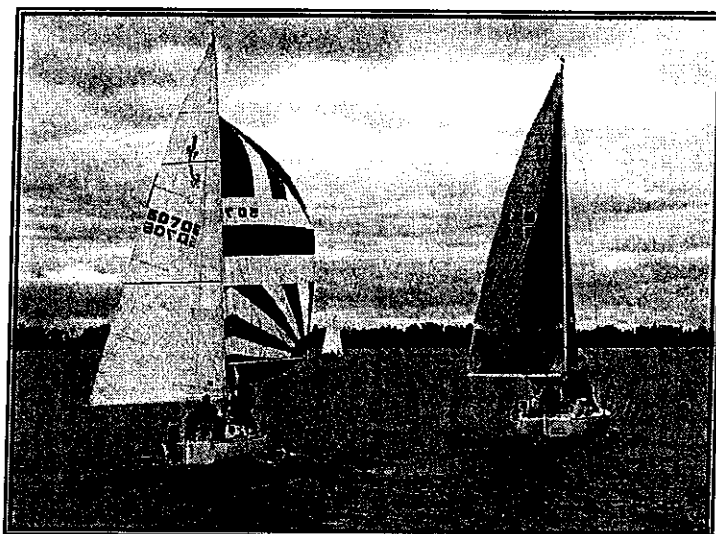
To the Race committee and chase boat a job well done.

To Mary Nantais and the club members who assisted in the kitchen and/or brought dishes to compliment a great meal my thanks.

To Al Buliga, John Amyot and the crew of Blitz a great race.



Chase Boat Striper
Gord Freeman and Carl Durham




Slo Poke and Blitz At The Start




PHRF "B" At The Start


JOG FLEET






| Skipper | Club | Yacht | Rating | Finish |
|-----------------|------|--------------|--------|--------|
| J. Vandereerden | LMYC | Bottoms Up | 198 | 1 |
| B. Wolter | LMYC | High Anxiety | 234 | 2 |
| R. Beresford | LMYC | Wind Song | 214 | 3 |
| D. Pare | LMYC | Mananan | 214 | 4 |




PHRF "B"





| Skipper | Club | Yacht | Rating | Finish |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|--------|--------|
| G. Mooney | LMYC | Whatever | 183 | 1 |
| C. Morrison | LMYC | Kyree | 183 | 2 |
| B. Ferguson | LMYC | Gringo | 228 | 3 |
| R. Ferguson | LMYC | Dingo | 183 | 4 |
| A. Prettyman | LMYC | Grey Gannet | 219 | 5 |
| C. Barron | LMYC | Sunkist | 213 | 6 |
| G. Meseck | LMYC | Dragonfly | 222 | 7 |
| T. Popel | LMYC | Azura | 177 | 8 |
| D. Fuller | South Port | Cheers | 228 | 9 |
| B. Casey | LMYC | 2nd Wind | 189 | 10 |
| T. McWilliams | LMYC | Ten Ticket Thrill Ride | 171 | 11 |
| T. Boyce | LMYC | Casper | 183 | 12 |



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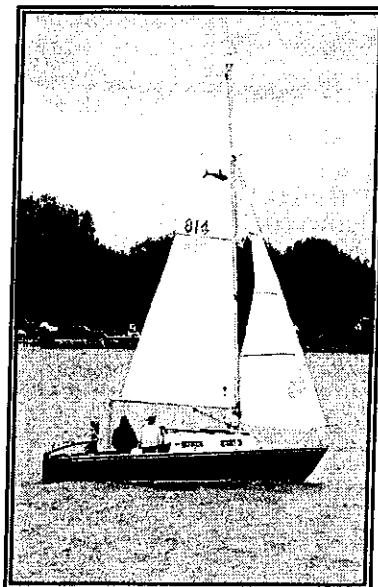


| Skipper | Club | Yacht | Rating | Finish |
|--------------|------|------------------|--------|--------|
| Buliga/Amyot | LMYC | Blitz | 114 | 1 |
| N. Lintunen | LMYC | Slo Poke | 123 | 2 |
| B. Bingham | LMYC | Special Delivery | 123 | 3 |
| R. Reaume | LMYC | R Escape | 123 | 4 |
| L. Laing | LMYC | Knotty | 123 | 5 |
| R. Fielder | LMYC | Joe Louis | 114 | 6 |
| J. Murphy | LMYC | Flirt | 150 | 7 |

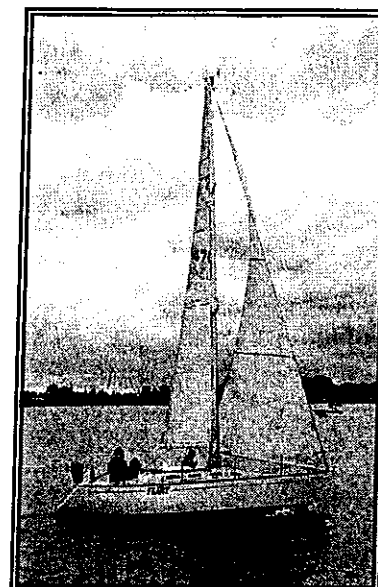




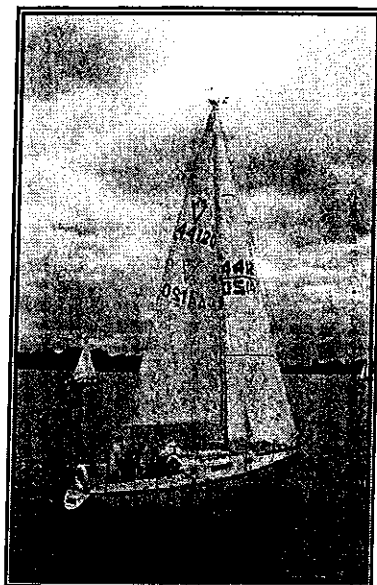
2nd Wind



Gringo



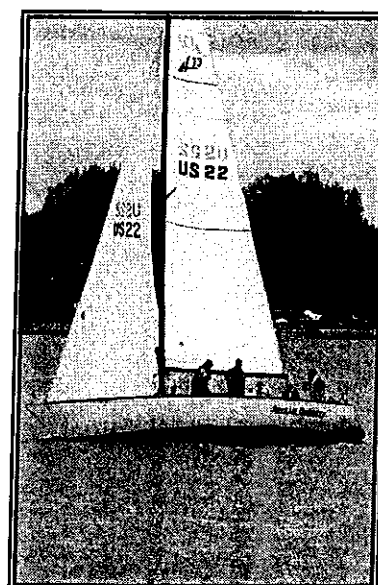
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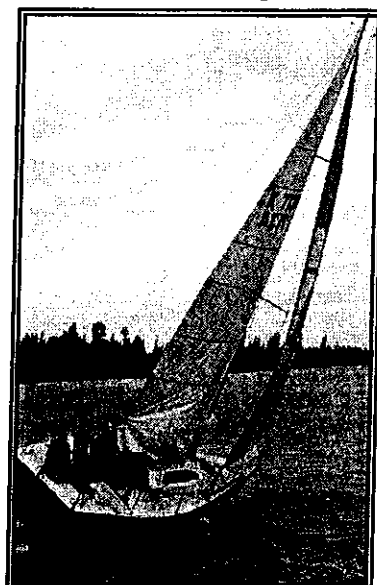
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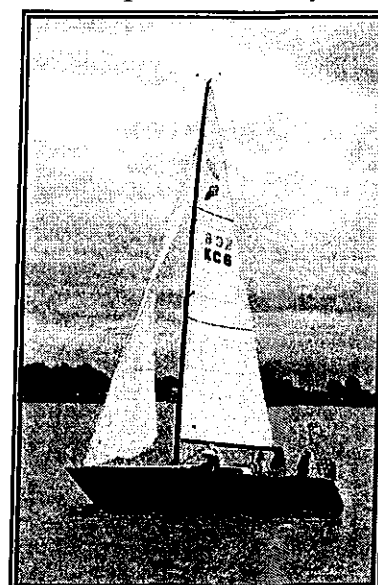
Special Delivery



Knotty



Joe Louis



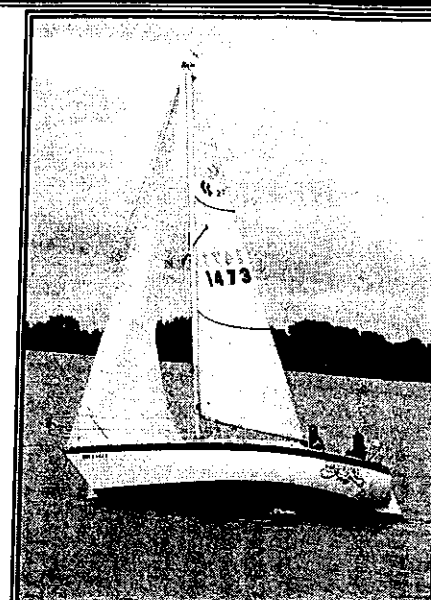
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Ten Ticket Thrill Ride



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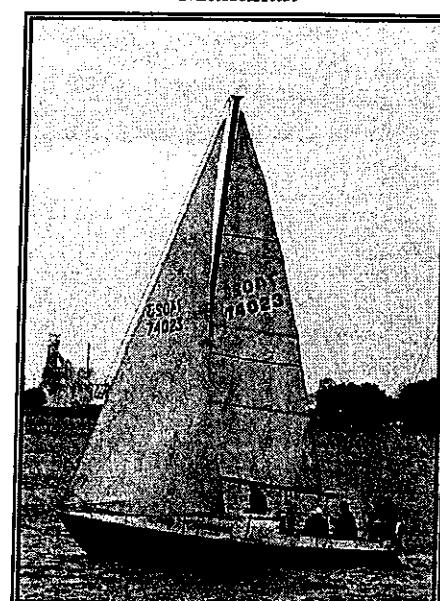
Mananan



Wind Song



High Anxiety



Whatever



Dragonfly



Dingo



Kyree



Vicki Boyce, Betty Durham, Mary Nantais, Lu McKim



Linda Schreiber & Bev Angus



Bob Bingham Reading Race Results
Bob Reaume Observing



Chris Baron, John Trepanier & Jeff Kepran



Ralph and Molly Allen



Tom Boyce, Dave Evans, Bob Reaume, Craig Morrison



Nick Lintunen & John Amyot



Kevin Conrad, Jim Beaudoin, Michelle Grondin
Alan Prettyman, Heather Hartley, Dave Nantais



Larry Laing, Bob Ferguson, Adam Prettyman
John Amyot and crew members



Guy & Paulette Meseck, Lindy and Bob O'Brien

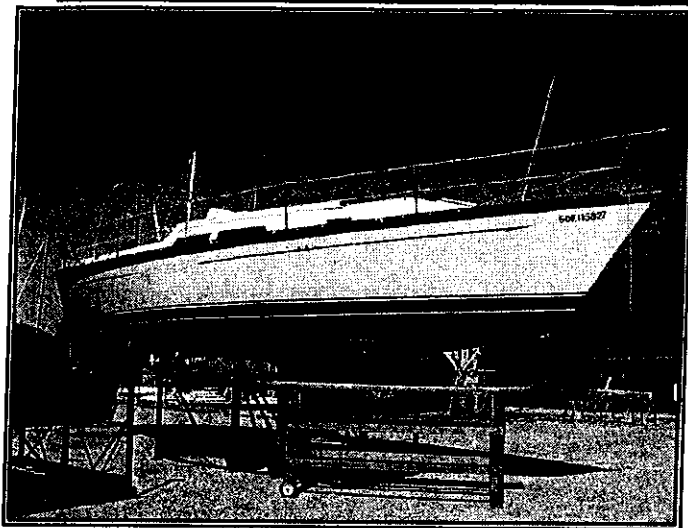


Dennis Douthart and Sandy Mailloux



Bodo Schaefer, Mary Nantais, Betty Durham

Around The Club



First Boat Out—October 1, 2005



Carol & Betty Durham



Steve & Ralph Kepran



Tim McWilliams



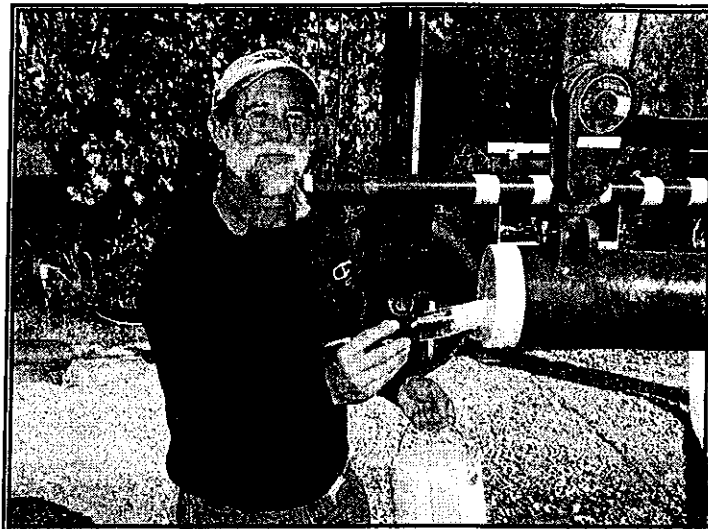
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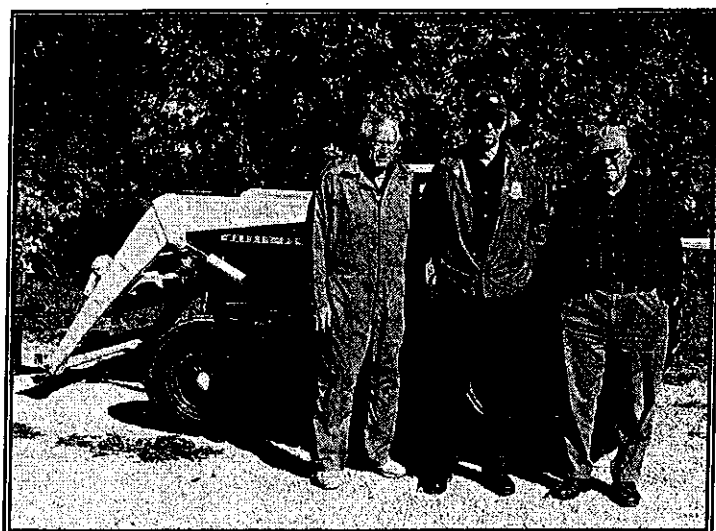
Manfred & Barbara Albrecht



Rob and Amy Doiron



Kevin Conrad



Lift Crew
Jerry Angus, Carl Durham, Tom Boyce



Bob Henson & Brian Dumouchelle



Up Coming Events



Halloween Party

To be held on Saturday October 29, 2005 beginning at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass. More information to follow on internet.

Haul Out Breakfast

LMYC Annual Haul Out Breakfast will take place on Saturday November 5, 2005 beginning at 9:00 PM. Menu includes bacon, ham, sausage, home fries, eggs, toast, fresh fruit, juices


and coffee. Come down and keep the tradition alive.

Awards Banquet

To be held on Saturday November 19, 2005. See Flyer in this newsletter.

General Meeting (Election Meeting)

To be held on Sunday November 20, at 1300 hours.



L.M.Y.C. Annual Year End Banquet

Saturday, November 19, 2005

Price - \$35.00 per person

Place Concorde

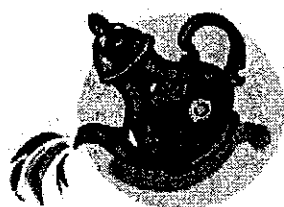
7515 Forest Glade Drive

**Take EC Row Expressway East
Exit - Lauzon Parkway North**

The Canadienne Room

Cocktails - 6:00 PM

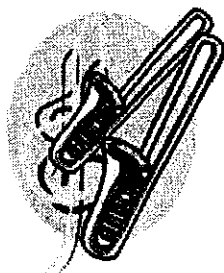
Dinner - 7:00 PM



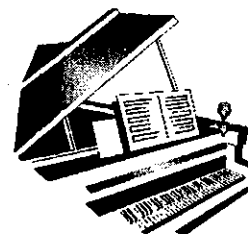
Menu



**Salad, Pasta with Meat Sauce, Rolls & Butter
Roasted Chicken, Cabbage Rolls
Glazed Baby Carrots, Roasted Potatoes
Coffee & Tea
Crepes with Fruit Toppings**



**Music from Geno
Your D.J. for the Evening**



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