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A Newsletter For Members Of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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September 4, 1980

NOTICE

GENERAL MEETING TUES. SEPT. 16/80 @ 7:30p.m.

- From the Loudhailer -

For the 1980 club race series the Race Committee has chosen a different scoring system than in previous seasons. It's easy to determine the winner and other finishing positions in a single race and at first glance it would seem just as easy to determine a series winner. In each race just assign a boat one point for finishing and a point for each boat she beats and then at the end of the series the boat with the highest number of points wins. This is one way of doing it and perhaps one of the more popular ways. Even in a series wherein every boat must enter every race, however it is not necessarily the simplest nor fairest method. We won't discuss all the various scoring systems here, but will explain the reasons for choosing our present, "Cox-Sprague" system. It is named after its Developers Bill Cox and Henry Sprague and is a mathematical curved line system. The perfect scoring system would combine the utmost in simplicity and the utmost in fairness. Such a combination, however, is mathematically impossible. Usually, the simpler the system, the less fair it is and vice versa.

So, it is well to decide which you want most - the utmost fairness or the utmost simplicity. You can't have both!

Our race series are voluntary and the purpose of any voluntary series is to permit a yacht to miss some of the races without penalty, provided, of course, she sails in enough to qualify. To accomplish this end, the scoring system selected should award points so that neither advantage or disadvantage will accrue either to starters or absentees, even though some races may have fewer starters than others.

The Cox-Sprague system is printed here for your convenience. As you can see, it offers the most encouragement for improvement and, at the same time, the least discouragement after a DNF or unusually bad finish. So, if you get hot you will move up in your rankings faster under the Cox-Sprague system, since it would have you already nearer your class leaders before your improvement. Conversely, if you tank it your class standing will drop slower because last place in any race is relatively closer to first than in any other system.

Series scores are obtained by the percentage method; i.e., dividing each boat's total possible points into her total actual points, with the highest percentage winning.

You could consider this number your batting average or proficiency percentage or PP for short.

Ralf (Fiedler), is the race committee's statistician and he has prepared a race progress chart for the first series and has all race records on hand and will surely answer all your questions. And, by golly, all this service and the remaining nine races of the second series for only \$4.00. So, please, make sure that you are registered for the rest of the season.

- From the Regattas -

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mariners at large--- Emanuele and crew with a third place in division in the G.I.Y.C. Downriver, Dick and Co-pilots of "Whiplash" with a spectacular first to finish and first in division in the same event - and in Lake St. Clair in the Feeder race to the TRY-Sea a second place for Ralf and "Elan's" Vikings, a fastest elapsed splash for "Whiplash", in the regatta a second in division for Rino's escape with "R Escape" and a bloody good race for Dave and members of "Valhalla II" for a first in division and second overall and a third in division and some more viking mania from Ralf's "Elan"... Next came the hardsailed 3 race South Port Regatta with a top "Circus" act for a division win and second place tie for overall PHRF for ringmaster Alex and performers, third in division for Los "Amigos" (Staying south of the border) and a second in division and one point behind "Circus" overall for "Rakaia's" Le Femmes Bom Bastique. The finishes were very close (10 boats in PHRF in a span of 2 min.) An the starts exciting with some bumping and a general recall! But unexpectedly, there was wind for all three races! An the weather for our own regatta was just great too! 85 boats registered, 54 of those in the PHRF classes. Two did not start and one did not finish and that shows enthusiasm for this event. And right in the cookie jar was the "Cookie Monster" helped there by Rachelle, Paul and Dennis to grab a first in division and a big first overall corrected in PHRF. Gerhard Lorenz's C&C 35 "Kismet", again had the fastest elapsed time followed by "Whiplash" and "Rakaia", who also hung onto a second place in division. Gord's "Raven" flew into first place in division, Ralf's "Elan" showed some more viking mania with a very close second place in division. Emanuele and crew just shaded a group of rival fellow clubmembers with a third place in division. This regatta with its party-like atmosphere ashore and big racing fleet demands a great amount of coordination and hard work by both the waterborne and shorebased committees and volunteers and they should take a bow and be applauded! And next we shall remember our manners in raising our flag, courtesy flag and burgee, hopefully on that long overdue flagpole!

The Race Committee duty roster shows the names that lady luck chose for the fall series. Instead of the draw out of a hat at the last general meeting these names were drawn by a charming young lady out of an empty sauerkraut crock on the front steps of funkenwagler's delicatessen. It shows that justice prevails!

#2	Sept. 10th	R. Allen
#3	17th	M. Wood
#4	24th	H. Porter
#5	Oct. 1st	R. Munden
#6	8th	R. Fiedler
#7	15th	R. Goyeau
#8	22nd	A. Buliga
#9	29th	J. HendeI

If for any reason the person assigned for Race Committee duty on their specified date cannot be present, the person next on the list will be required to take his place and will be notified at the first opportunity. In this case please contact Dennis Hendel, Race Committee Chairman - 252-9544 8:00 - 5:00, 734-6968 evenings.

From time to time we have mentioned how close the standings were in the club's race series and how hotly the first three places in each division were contested. Well, here are the results and you may judge for yourself!

L.M.Y.C. SPRING SERIES RESULTS

**CLASS B** **OVERALL**

Nereid	1	.9775	.8907
Cookie Monster	2	.9771	.9102
Gallant Lady	3	.8858	.7671
Chinook	4	.7595	.7015
Sparjammer	5	.7513	.6610
Thumper	6	.6719	.6118
Golden Age	7	.6337	.5892

**CLASS A**

Rakaia	1	.9461	.9356
Elan	2	.9174	.9348
Circus	3	.8678	.8731
R Escape	4	.7870	.7535
Valhalla	5	.7544	.7745
Hedonist	6	.6371	.6324
Abegweit	7	.5450	.6268

**COX-SPRAGUE SCORING SYSTEM**  
as recommended by Y.R.A. of I.I.S.

No. of Start-ers	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20 or More	Place
	10	31	43	52	60	65	72	76	80	84	87	90	92	94	96	97	98	99	100	1
	4	25	37	46	54	60	66	70	74	78	81	84	86	88	90	91	92	93	94	2
	(0)	21	33	42	50	56	62	66	70	74	77	80	82	84	86	87	88	89	90	3
	(17)	29	38	46	52	58	62	66	70	73	76	78	80	82	83	84	85	86	87	4
	(26)	35	43	49	55	59	63	67	70	73	75	77	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	5
Pts in ( ) are for	(32)	40	46	52	56	60	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	6
DNF & Disq.	(42)	48	52	56	60	63	66	68	70	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	7
	(46)	50	54	58	61	64	66	68	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	8
Place Pts.	(48)	52	56	59	62	64	66	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	9
	(50)	54	57	60	62	64	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	10
	(52)	55	58	60	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	11
	(53)	56	58	60	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	12
	(55)	57	59	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	13
	(56)	58	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	14
	(57)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	15
	(58)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	16
	(58)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	17
	(58)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	18
	(58)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	19
	(58)	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	20

In Class "B", "Gallant Lady" should resort to torpedos in the second series to get by those two hotdogs! They don't even want to leave second places! There seems to be a little more "Lebensraum" in Class "A" but there is plenty of heat also! The boats listed have sailed the required number of races to be eligiable and as always it pays off to participate, so, keep up the good work and congratulations!

You will hear the names of the boats and their skippers mentioned above when you go to other regattas when its time for the awards. There is good reason for that happening with consistency - these guys sail fast!

The last of the regatta series, Cedar Island's Labour Day Regatta and the feeder race to it brought to a close a very busy and exciting month with a great long weekend in Lake Erie. The delightfully fast feeder race had almost fifty entrees answering the starting signals. Mariners took the PHRF "A" class, one, two, three, "Elan", "Circus", and "Valhalla II" respectively, and in the other PHRF class it was commodore Art's "Chinook" in first and Bob "Nereid II" in third!

In the regatta the following day, more cookies for the "Cookie Monster", a first place in division and a second in the same division for "Nereid II". Ralf's "Elan" garnered a thrid place in the large PHRF "A" division to prove that Saturday was no fluke. Emanuele's "Obsession" and his navy took a 3rd in her division. "Rebel Rouser" sailing again!!

This weekend will always remain my favourite of the regatta circuit and I hope that even more mariners will next year come to enjoy this great month of fast sailing, the visiting with these very fine neighbouring clubs, their hospitality and the company of their sailors.

And now on to sailing in some fresher winds of Fall (not far away), the fall series and don't forget the Harvest moon regatta September 20th at South Port.

- From the Marathons -

It is true that the month of August, 1980 can be remembered for its heavy sailboat race schedule, but it also has been a well raced month for our L.M.Y.C. Roadrunner, Doris DallaBona. All the rough training paid off for Doris and after running in the Run for Roses on Aug. 17, 1980, a 12 mile race Doris came charging to the finish and was awarded with a 3rd place in her age group. Having that L.M.Y.C. (Lady Make Your Comeback) spirit, she ran the FireFighters Field Day Fitness Run on Aug. 31, 1980, a 6.2 mile race and came in 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS Doris!! Keep up the good work.

Welcome Aboard!!!

We are pleased to report that we have four new members and would ask that you add them to your L.M.Y.C. Membership list to keep it updated.

They are: Frank and Colleen Fox, 1504 Goodview Street, Amherstburg, 736-2808  
Terry Borton, 1467 Kirts Street Apartment 102, Troy Mich, 313-649-1635  
Gus and Cheryl Martin, 305 Laird Avenue, Essex, N8M 1S7 776-8422  
Courtlyn and Marcie Meloche, 1170 Dot Street Amherstburg,  
N9V 2Y4, 736-4647

Also please make the following corrections on your list. Jim Kainz lives at 6 Main Street S. Amherstburg, and his new number is 736-6792, Eric Oldenburg has a new telephone number 258-8098



"Relax Henry that's the starbord hand beacon, I know where we are to the inch."