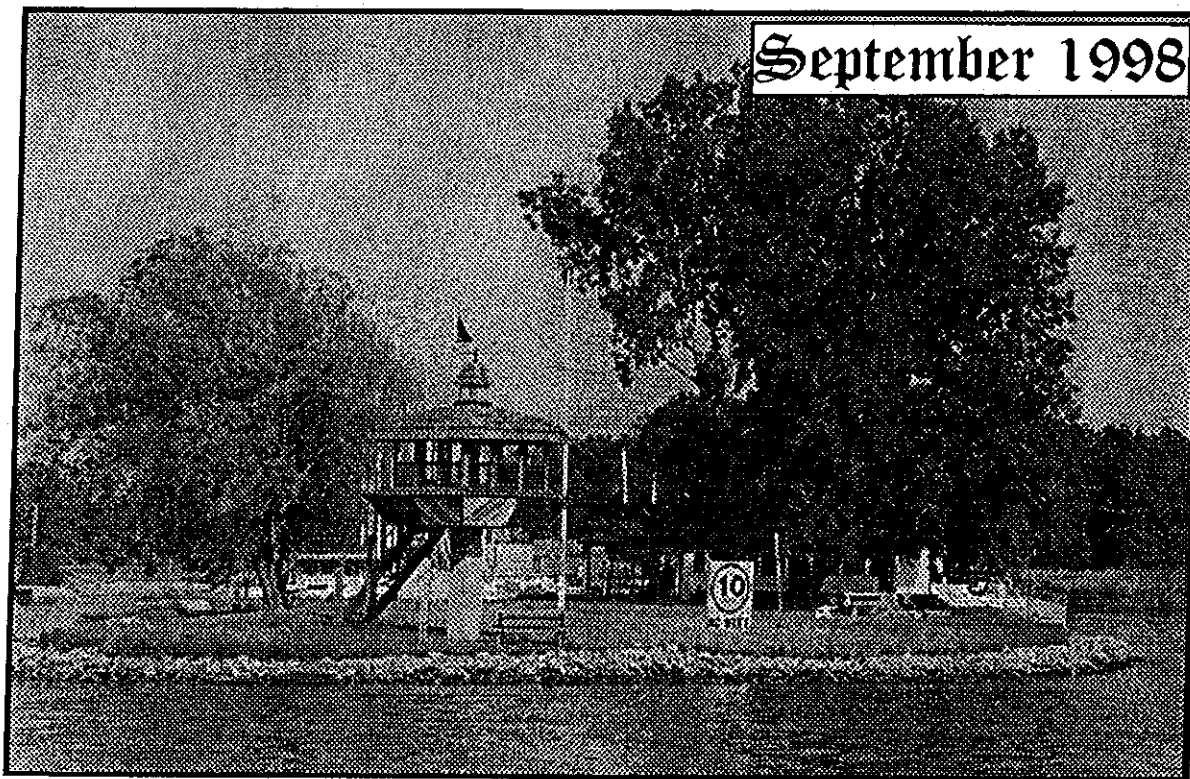


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# La Salle Mariner's Yacht Club

LMYC view from the Detroit River

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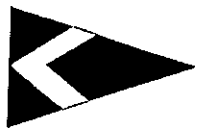
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# LaSalle Currents



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## From the Commodore



I cannot believe it's already September. What a great summer we have had so far. Many things have happened during the last month. The brick patio entrance is now complete and sodded. The wooden walkway along the south harbour is near completion. Patio doors and steps are in place and regatta time is fast approaching or will be here when you read this newsletter.

We have had many visitors to our club this year, one couple as far away as Denmark. Many of our visitors return year after year which indicates our keen sensitivity to their needs and the absolute beauty of our location on the Detroit River.

We have recently have had a number of thunderstorms in our area, accompanied by lightening and high winds. During one of these storms our club suffered wind damage. Thank you, to the members who came to help clean up the debris and repair the damage left by the storm.

I would like to officially welcome three new members to LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club. Fred and Shirley Bolton who are the proud owners of St. Elsewhere and Rob Ferguson, son of Carol and Bob Ferguson, the youngest member of LMYC.

To have a club virtually encircled by water, must be the dream of many boaters or water sport enthusiast. It's a dream that's a reality for the members of LMYC. There are no other clubs which can compare to LMYC. It is the perfect place for sailors or all ages and interests.

To keep our club attractive and a "dream", work parties are a necessary evil for any club. I would encourage club members to come on Saturday and Tuesday evenings or any other evening to put in some valuable time for our club.

I would also give my personal thanks to all the club members who put in time working on the wooden walkway and other projects. Club members have demonstrated the ultimate, in standards, workmanship and care. It was a lot of work, but our club sure looks great. Thank you.

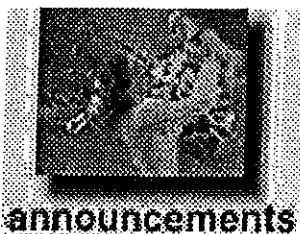
**Special Note:** Some club members are using our dumpster for their personal (HOME) garbage disposal unit. I would strongly suggest that offending members refrain from continuing this practice.

*Commodore: Bob Bingham*

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# News and Information



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## It's a Boy!

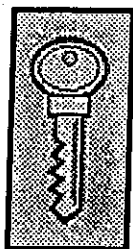
Congratulation to Manfred and Barbara Albrecht on the safe arrival of their new grandson GRANT MITCHEL FAUCHER, born July 22, 1998, weighing 9 pounds. Proud parents, Britta and Greg Faucher are doing fine. Ninth time grandparents, Manfred and Barbara are also in excellent condition.

## Cedar Island Race Results

This year Alex Buliga (Mad Max, J 29) won the eight-boat Performance Handicap Racing Fleet A Division as well as having the best corrected time of all boats. Chris Barron (Sunkist, Mirage 25) second place winner and Alan Prettyman (Grey Gannet, Columbia 26) third place finisher in the seven-boat PHRF B fleet. All sailors were off the water to enjoy Cedar Island's famous fish fry.

## Need a Key?

Since the ice machine has been moved to the pumpout and a new lock added some members are experiencing difficulty with their key. The club key will access the ice machine. If you have trouble please see Ralf Fiedler at your earliest convenience.



## Help Wanted

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club has an immediate opening for an aggressive, ambitious, motivated, enthusiastic, energetic Cleaning Personnel (male or female, young or matured). **The successful candidate must be:**

- I. Polite and Presentable.
- II. Able to work flexible hours.
- III. Able to work with minimal supervision.
- IV. Able to demonstrate initiative..
- V. A self starter.

The successful applicant must be available for work 2 days a week during the summer months and once a week during the winter season. No experience necessary -- will train.

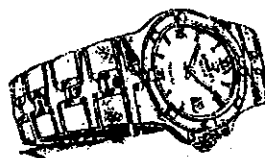
We offer fair pay rates, modern equipment and an air-conditioned facility.

Please send application to John Murphy (LMYC-House Director or call 256-3302), no later than September 15, 1998

I thank all those who apply and advise only those under consideration will be contacted.

## LOST AND FOUND

A wrist watch was found during the April launch at LMYC. If you have lost your watch and wondering where it has been for the last 5 months. Not to fear. It has been found. Contact Ralph Kepran.





FROM THE TREASURER



*Yvonne McRobbie*



*The Grey Duck Bay Co-op* would like to thank you for using our service. Since all of our members are equally important to us, we pledge to provide you with the best possible service at all times. Our goal is to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction. Those members who have not made contributions lately are encourage to do so.

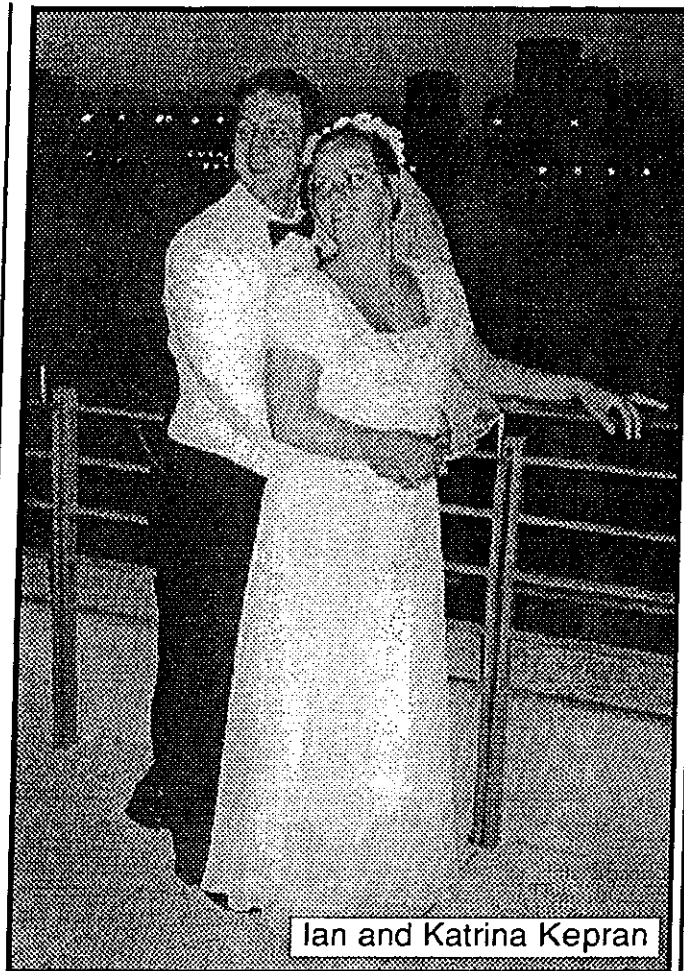
### **THE DUCK IS HUNGRY.**

Our short term goal is provide all members with the services of a new ice machine to be installed in the clubhouse in the near future.

Please note: Haul out will be here before you know it. Those members who wish to pay on the instalment plan, please get in touch with the secretary.

## **Work Hours**

Are you short a few work hours? Do you like working outside? Come on out and volunteer to mow the lawn and enjoy the fresh air and aromatic smell of freshly cut grass. This is an easy way to earn work hours and it's fun. Let's make our club look presentable all the time. We are very fortunate to have such an exquisite location on the river. Be proud of LMYC. If interested please contact Lothar Bauer who is in charge of Roads and Grounds.



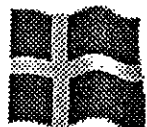
Ian and Katrina Kepran

Congratualtions to Ralph and Doris Kepran on the marriage of their son Ian on August 1, 1998. The couple honeymooned in Northern Ontario and Virginia Beach, Virginia. We wish them happiness and prosperity in their future together.

### *Deepest Sympathies*

*The officers and members of LMYC would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Frances and Kevin Hart on the passing of Kevin's step mother, Dorothy Viola Hart on August 12, 1998. Your prayers are most appreciated.*

Fighting Island, known as Des-chree-shos-ka, is an Indian term meaning "a place to catch good fish,"



## Visitors From Denmark



**T**his year we had an interesting visitor to LMYC. They were Tove and Bjorn Dolby from Denmark. I met them at Pelee Island and invited them to visit our club as they made their way to the North Channel. They arrived in their 36 foot sailboat (Laura) at LMYC on July 17, 1998. When speaking to Bjorn he told us of their trip from Denmark.

Bjorn a retired manager of a shipyard and his wife Tove, a medical secretary had been preparing for this trip for about 20 years. They left Denmark in July of 1996 in their 36 foot Hallberg Rassy and visited Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and the Northern coast of Africa before arriving at the Canary Islands. The crossing took 20 days and 12 hours, sailing wing on wing they arrived in Barbados without incident.

In the Caribbean they visited Tobago, Trinidad, the British and US Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, the Bahamas and many other islands too numerous to mention.

June 1, 1997 they arrived at Fort Lauderdale. After a short stay in Florida they travelled up the Intra-Coastal waterway to Chesapeake Bay and then up to New York City and to Long Island. They wintered the boat on the Potomac and flew back to Norway.

This year they left the Potomac and entered the Erie Canal to tour the Great Lakes. They made their way to Pelee Island, to Leamington and finally to LMYC. Bjorn stated that he is very glad he stopped at LMYC, indeed a very friendly club on the Detroit River.

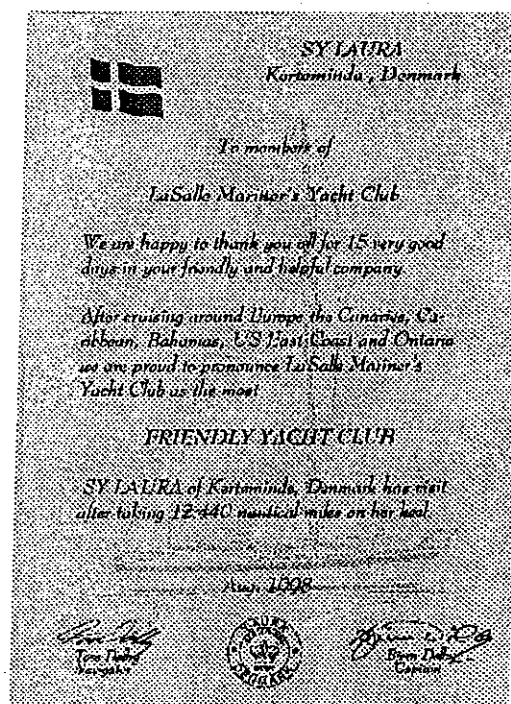
Plans for this year includes cruising Georgian Bay and the North Channel. They will winter the boat somewhere in Northern Ontario perhaps Midland for the winter of 98 and fly home to Denmark.

In 1999 they hope to cruise Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.

In the year 2000 they hope to have their boat shipped to Vancouver and then cruise to Alaska.



*Bjorn and Tove Dolby*

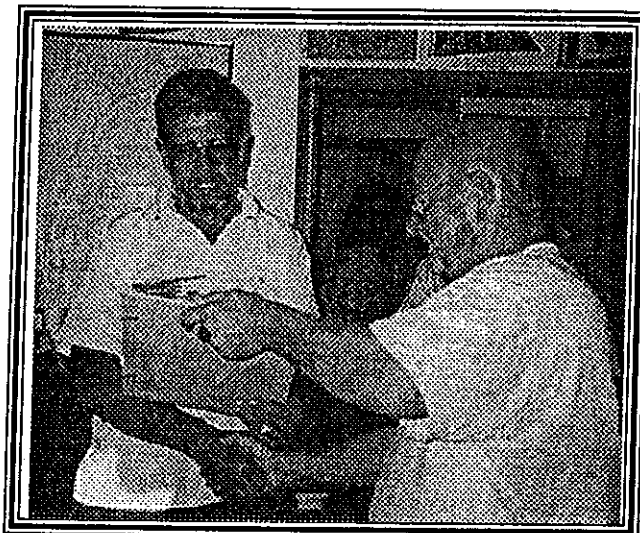


*Certificate of Appreciation Plaque*

On their last day at LMYC (Saturday August 1, 1998) a little party was conducted for Bjorn and Tove. Tove made Danish pastry and sausages while club members brought food and drink to compliment their effort. Bjorn presented Bob Bingham with a plaque to LMYC. On the following day with two friends Annie and Vagn Petersen who had just arrived from Denmark they left LMYC on their way to the North Channel.

They have given me their EMail address and I hope they will contact us from time to time on their progress. Our club wishes them Good Luck on their voyage.

Note: Bjorn, Tove, and their friends made an unexpected visit to LMYC on Friday August 14, 1998 by automobile returning their friends to Detroit to fly back to Denmark. Again they enjoyed the hospitality of LMYC.



*Commodore Bob Bingham receiving plaque from Bjorn Dolby*



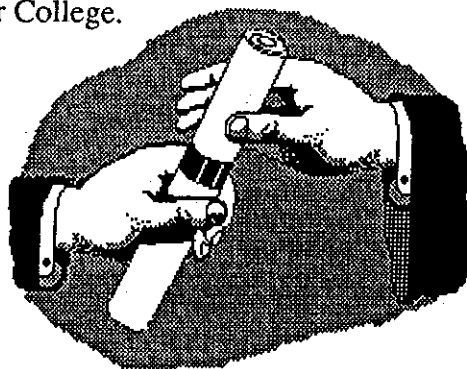
## ***From The Harbor Master***

Looking around the boat slips I have noticed that many boat boxes are in disrepair. If your boat box needs repair, or is just an eye sore, please give it some tender care and restore it. If this is not possible then please remove to where the cradles are stored. Many dock lines and hoses are left in an untidy manner and could be injurious to another club member. Make sure your area is tidy and safe.

Ralf Fiedler (Harbor Master)

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Susan MacKenzie wife of member Bob MacKenzie on the completion of her Doctorate in "Higher Education". Susan will continue in her teaching career at St. Clair College.



## ***Nautical Definition of the Month*** **Idlers**

The name which used to be given to those members of a ships crew who, by reason of their employment, did not stand the normal watches. Typical onboard Idlers were skilled crew such as carpenters, cooks, sailmakers, boatswains and painters.





# Bay Week Summer Camp for Grownups

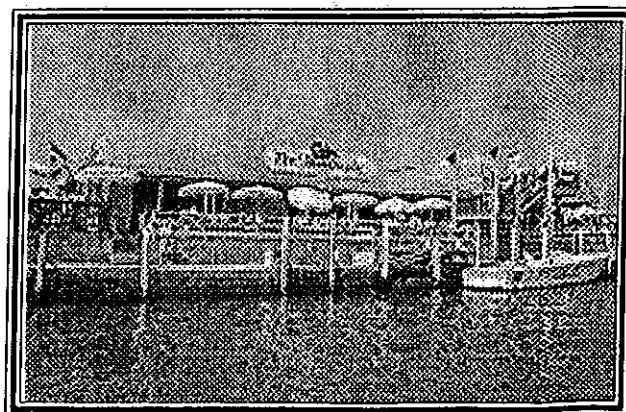
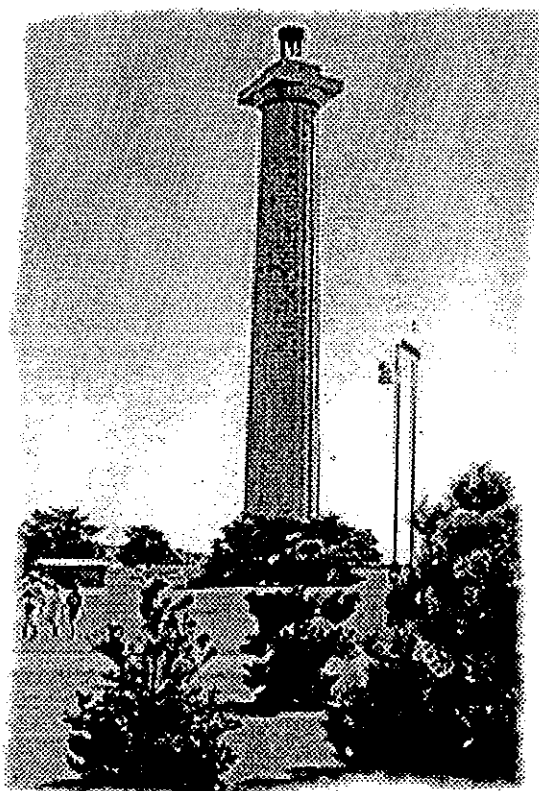
by Maggie Evans



**T**he first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of August have meant Bay Week for the last 105 years. There are a number of reasons for the popularity of Bay Week. The most important of these is that there is almost always "good air" around the Bass Islands in the mornings. The races start early in the mornings and usually finish in the early afternoon. There are enough boats to make the races close and competitive. The organisation of the racing is amazing. As can be expected, with over a century of experience, the race committees do a professional job in all aspects of their duties.

After mornings of exciting racing there are organised events for the afternoons. The rum party, beer bash, baseball game and ladies tea all draw crowds. Other groups organise their own activities. The Abbott Owners Association has its own theme party on Monday afternoon. This year the theme was buckets. Each Abbott was assigned to decorate a bucket for another Abbott. The results were appropriate, funny, and clever. The next morning the skippers were wearing their buckets on their heads at the start line. Linda Schreiber was heard calling, "My, aren't you a little PAIL today", to the bucket headed skippers.

During the evenings of Bay Week sailors are free to do what they want. The very best thing to do is sit on the porch of THE CREWS NEST, drinking Long Island iced teas, watching the activity in the harbour and on the street, laughing and giggling with friends old and new.



# FORD YACHT CLUB NIGHT RACE

◀ by Juergen Hendel ▶



After twenty some years of its first running, it is truly a staple of Western Lake Erie's Race Calendar. Sadly, the days of boat entering from as far as Toledo seem gone. But a resurgence is afoot, bolstered by LMYC stalwarts. When three years ago, the event was cancelled for lack of participation, our sailors promised their usual strong support for the year following and presto, things are looking up. Thus, this year a fleet of about 25 boats assembled for an 8:00 pm start below Grosse Ile to sail the now somewhat shorter (34 NM) course. Fourteen spinnaker class boats of various sizes squeezed across a rather short start line. The J.O.G. boats followed to sail an upwind-downwind course to the Toledo outer channel mark and back. Beds of floating seaweed, some as big as the boats, are always a problem on the course in the mouth of the river and demand a keen look-out. To run into one of those will surely impede your progress and can ruin a good race from the start.

But it was a beautiful evening, with a moderate southerly on the nose and a wonderful beat through the gate between the Detroit River Light and the #9 Buoy to the East Channel Tower. Most of the boats in our fleet were not familiar to us, so that before dark we took count to see where the immediate competition would come from. The scratch boat, a Soverel 39 "Hellion" stretched from the start to a comfortable lead to round the tower first. We rounded in company in fourth and started the leg to the Colchester Reef reaching at 6-7 knots under Genoa and Staysail like the two boats near us. The boat behind us flew a chute on this leg of approximately 12 NM and gained every so slowly to round together with us at Colchester. Didn't know who he was, but looked pretty big in the dark!

What a glorious sail! Wind on the beam about 15 knots, warm and clear sky and a moon on the rise. After

rounding the reef our attempt to fly the spinnaker ended with a bang and the sail floating down onto the water. The head of the Spinnaker gave away and our course to the Detroit River Light make the Genoa-Staysail combination a "maybe faster" but certainly less arduous undertaking. Heh, seven knots moonlight, overtaking the "Big One", (sans chute now). What can top this?

At the light we squared a bit and surfed into weed haven at a pace of 8 knots plus. We hoped that John's (Maddog) Amyot Junior feeling that, "Floating weeds sink and sleep on the bottom at night", would prove true!

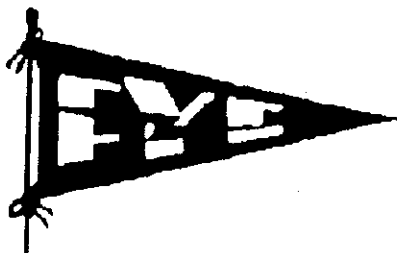
Finding the unlit race mark "C" was our next concern on the way to the finish. We never saw it but held a course well to the west of it, jibed, found the strobe light on the Committee Boat and finished as third boat in the fleet.

Just a fabulous ride, everyone aboard agreed. A short jaunt to Ford Yacht Club and their customary sausage and pancake breakfast at well before 3 am. Like Bernie (Wolter) a crew member on Ralf Fiedler's "Boxer" proclaimed, "I really like it and you don't need suntan lotion."

Four LMYC boats, Boxer, Flirt, 3 Ring Circus and Rakaia all had a memorable sail. Flirt garnered a third place in her class, Rakaia a second in her class. Oh yes, "The Big One" won our division. It turned out to be a CAL 33 with a big rating.

Ford Night Race. Put it on your calendar for next year and maybe it will be there for the next generation of sailors to enjoy.

A special thank you to my hard working and cheerful crew of John Amyot Junior, John Trepanier, Big Ken Morris and Bob Reaume. I shall remember "NIGHT RACE 98".

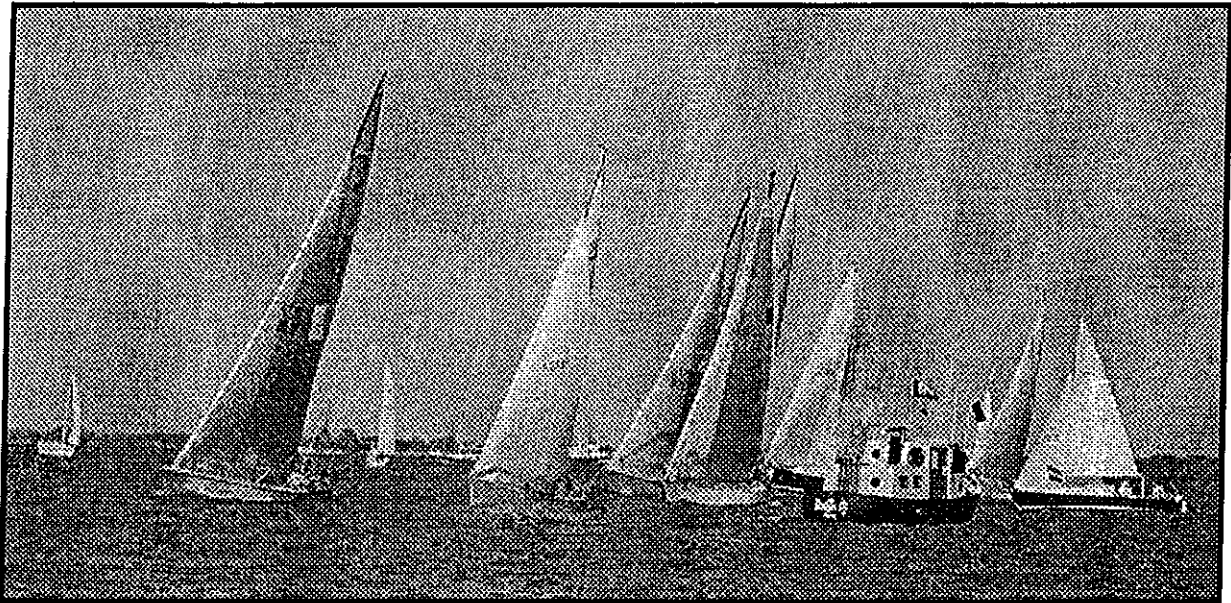




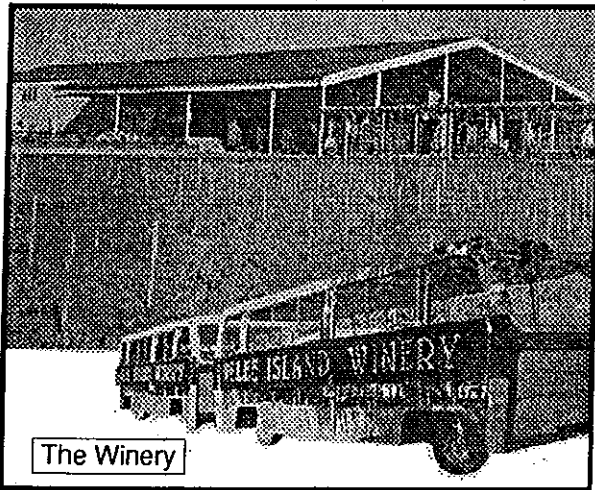


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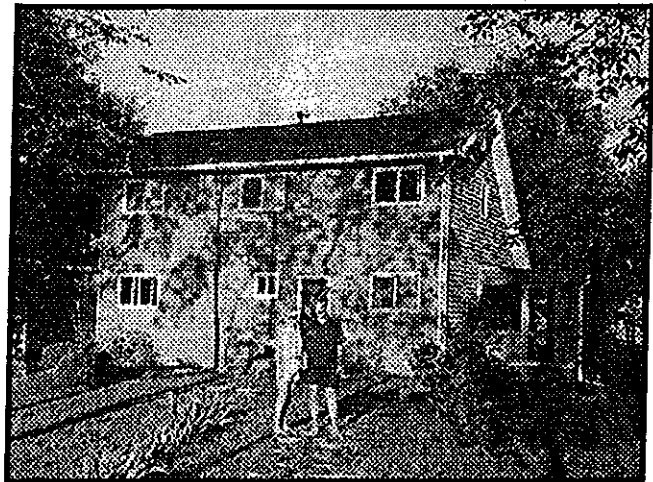
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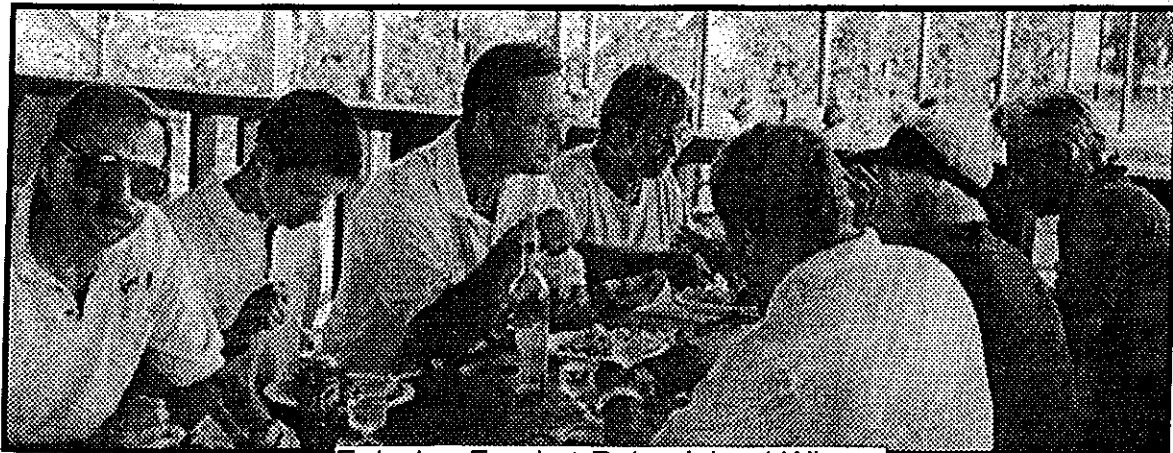
Start of the Race



The Winery



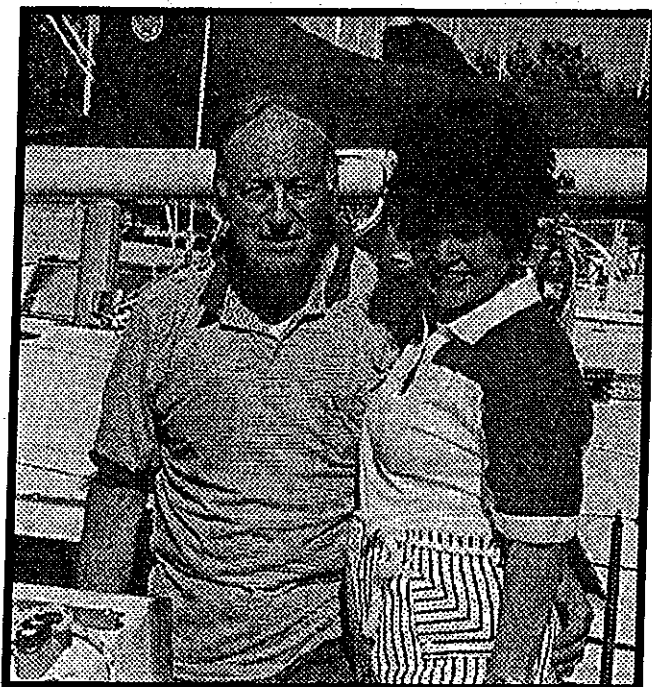
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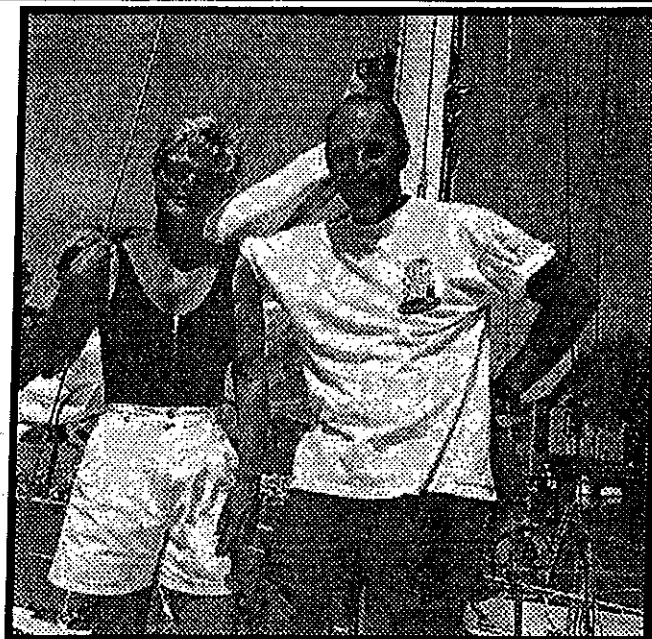
Enjoying Food at Pelee Island Winery



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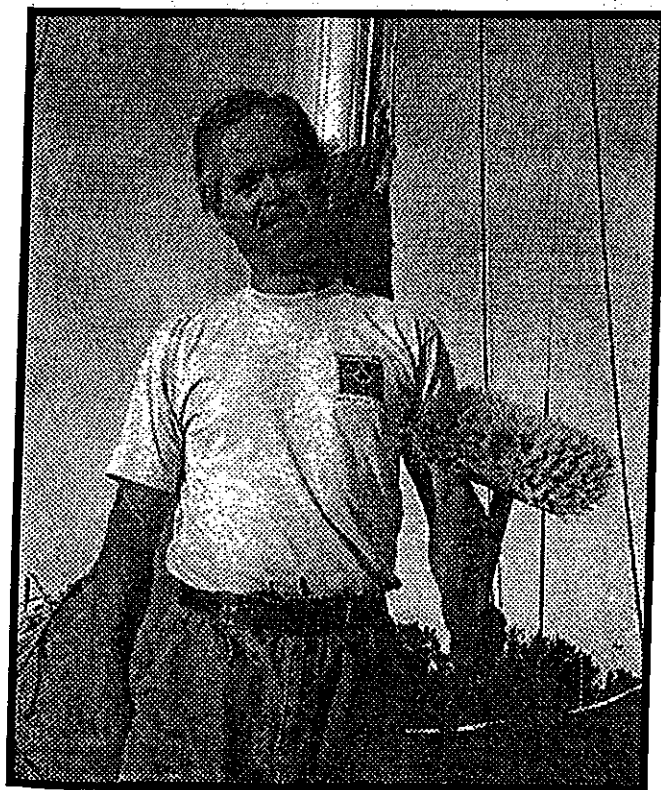
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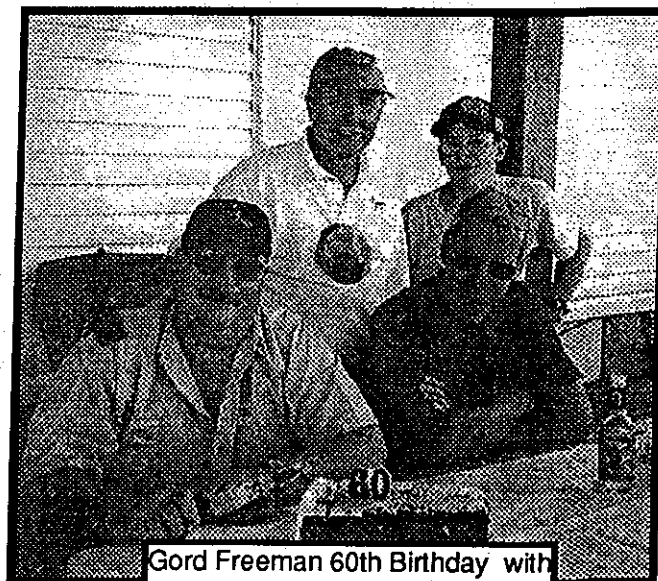
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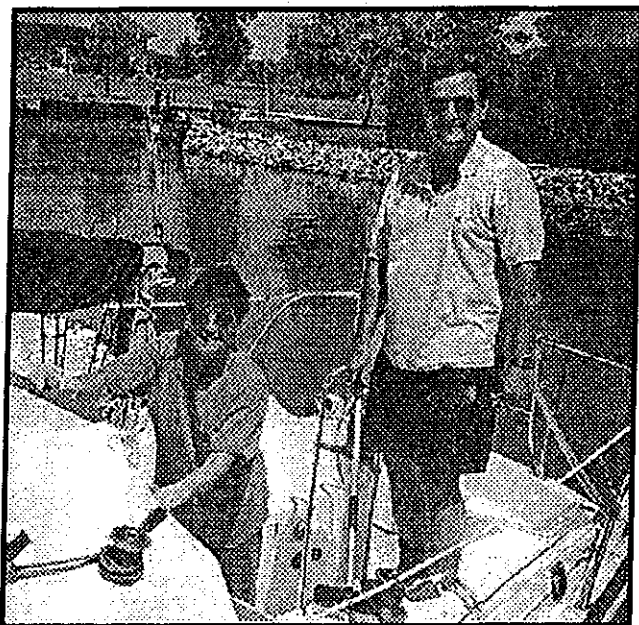
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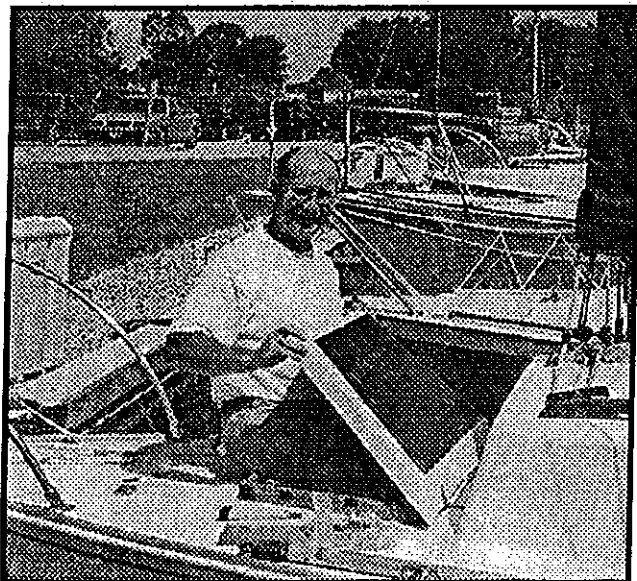
Gord Freeman 60th Birthday with  
Bernie Wotler, Carl Durham



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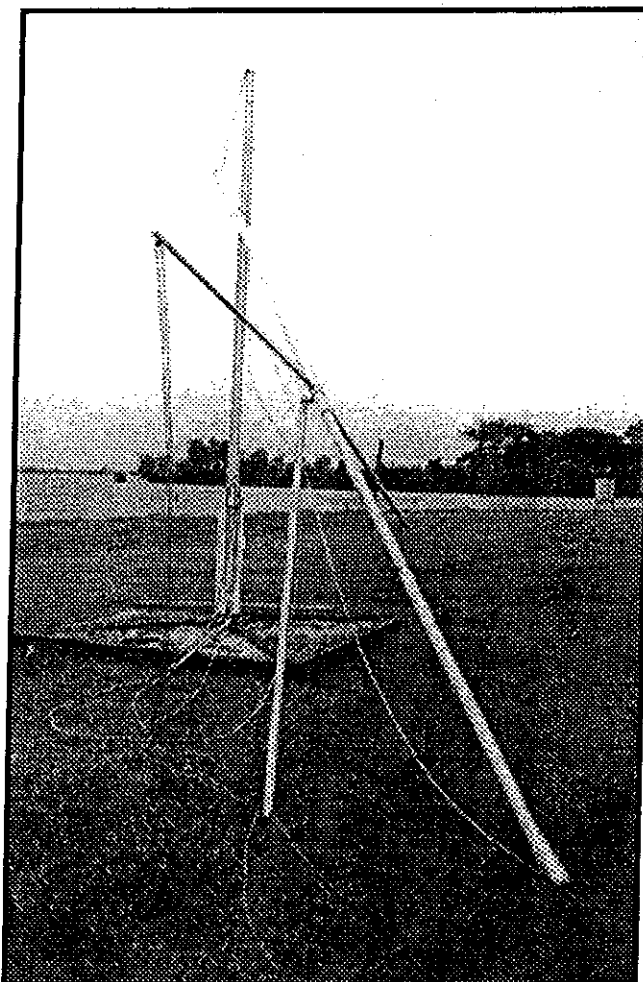
Fred Bolton and wife Sharon, new club members  
on St. Elsewhere



Richard Beresford on Spin Drift



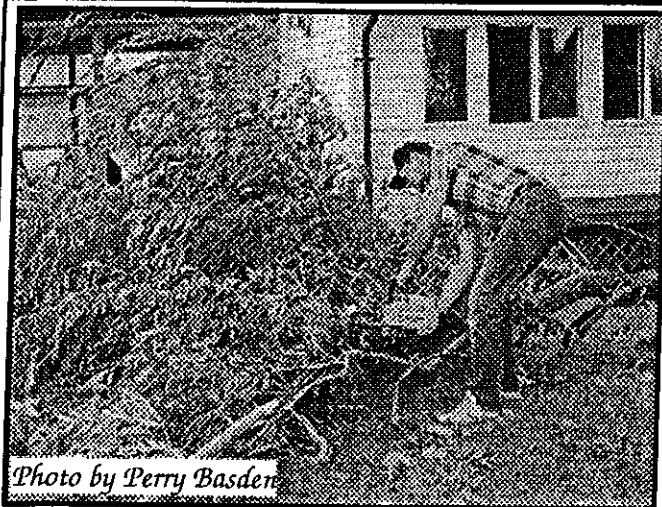
Rob Ferguson new and youngest member of LMYC



Damage to LMYC flagpole during the July 1998 storm

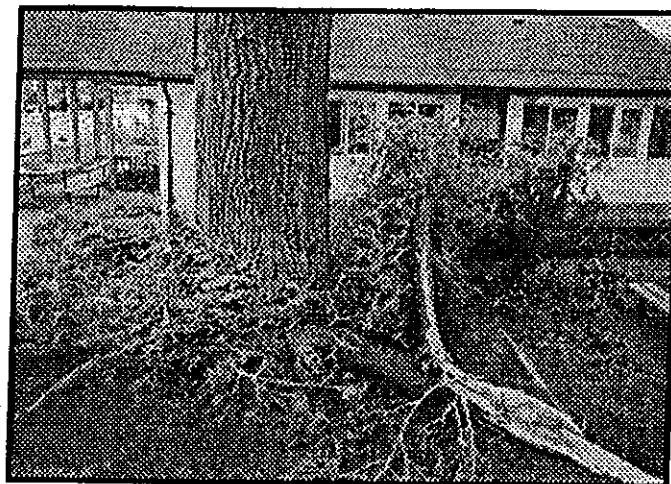






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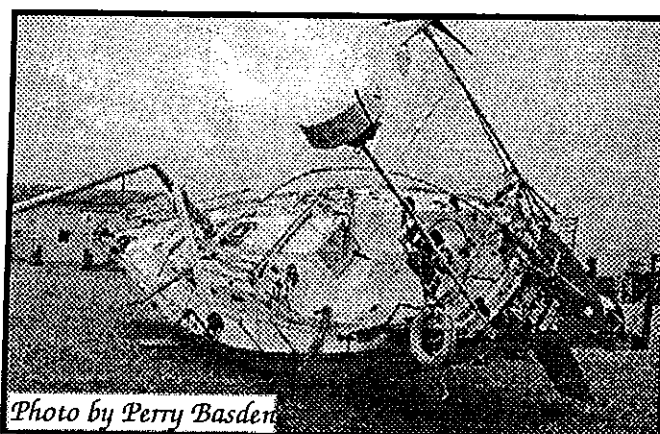
Fred Bolton clearing debris after the storm



Tree damage during July 1998 storm

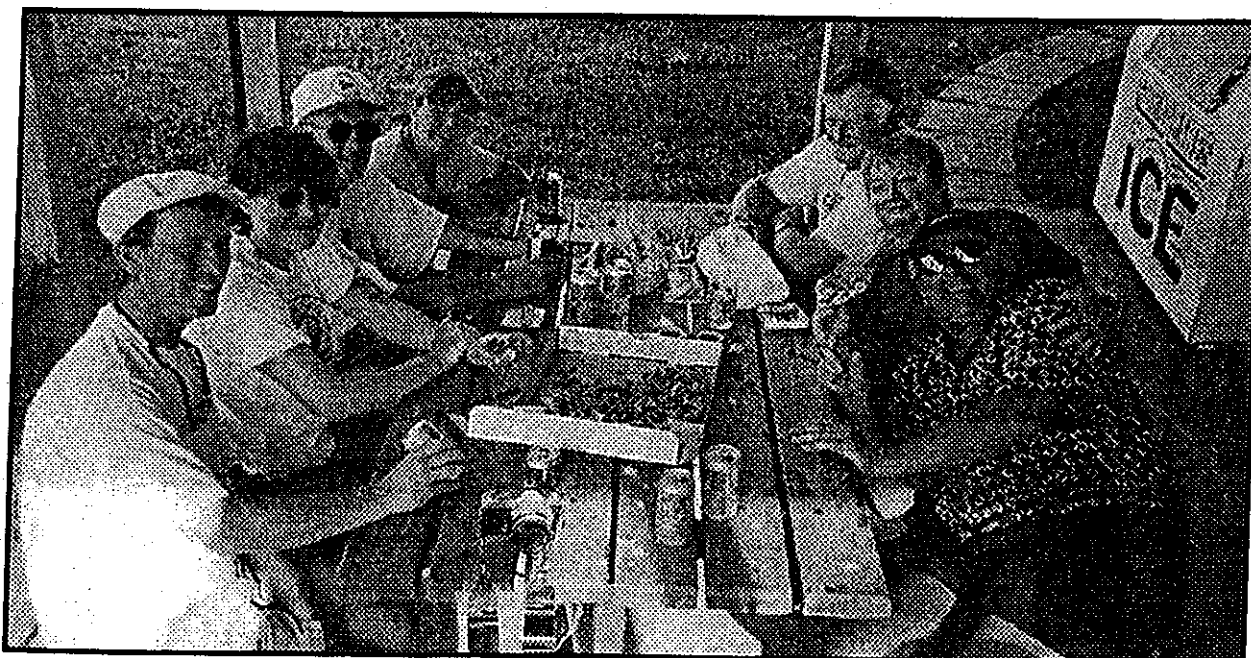


Tree damage during July 1998 storm



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Boat at St. Clair Marina during July 1998 storm



Kevin Hart, Renee Laird, Alan and Elaine Prettyman, George Mooney, Linda Schreiber and Jurgen Hendel enjoying a pizza prior to the big July storm of 1998