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Joe Louis —LMYC Fighting Island Regatta

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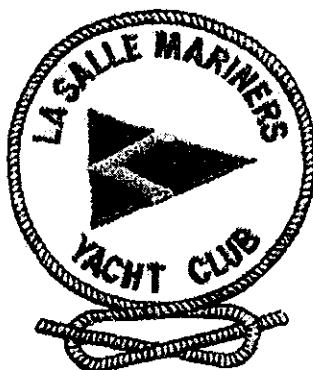
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From the Commodore and Vice-Commodore



Commodore Chris Barron



Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

Thanks to all those members and guests who made the regatta a success. It was a beautiful day and everyone looked to be enjoying themselves. Of course, I have never seen so many large powerboats in my life. It made sailing difficult at times but we survived.

The days are getting shorter, but fortunately fall usually brings more wind and cooler weather. There are still events to get involved in before haulout so get out and go sailing.

Commodore Chris Barron

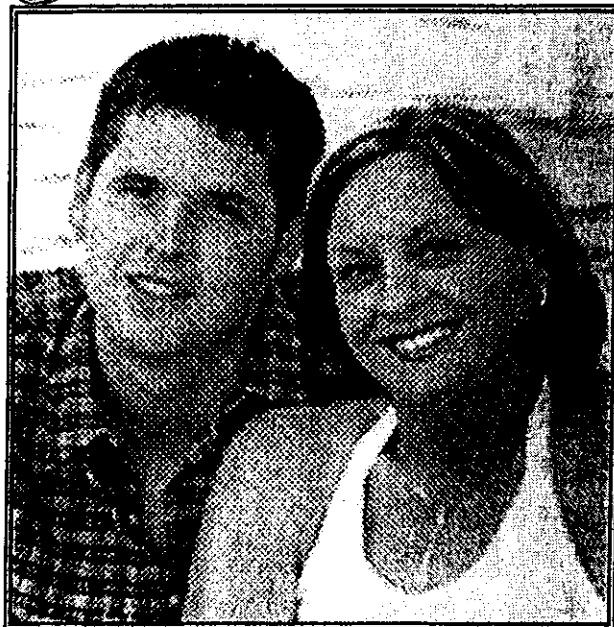
When you receive this newsletter many members still have to put in work hours. Work hours for the current year end at the end of October. Some projects which need to be addressed is the Mast Moving Project and the Siding of the shed.

Vice-Commodore Ralf Fiedler

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News and Information



Congratulations

Congratulations to Donnie Beneteau LMYC club member and his bride Maryann Beneteau on their marriage at the end of August. We wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness



From the Treasurer

Yvonne McRobbie

Members who have a dinghy residing at LMYC will be billed out this month.

By the first of October winter storage billings will be posted in the clubhouse. Burgees for \$20.00 and decals for \$4.00 are available from the treasurer.



Personal Note From Bjorn Dolby

I have traveled to many countries and to many sailing clubs over the years. Without equivocation LaSalle Mariners Yacht is the friendliest club we have ever visited. No other club came close to LaSalle Mariners in its gracious attitude to visitors. Wherever we went in our travels no other club compared to LMYC and its high standard of friendliness. We spoke of LMYC wherever we traveled and hopefully many of those members from other clubs will find their way to LMYC to enjoy your hospitality.

We hope to be back again sometimes to visit with our friends at LMYC.

Bjorn Dolby

Must Do Work

There are a number of projects that **MUST** be accomplished before the end of the sailing season and before the weather becomes to cold and unforgiving.

MAST RACKS

A work party or a group of members who or ANY-ONE willing to give some of their time to move the Mast Racks to a new location. The purpose of this move is to make boat moving during haul out and launch more easier for the workers. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please contact Harbor Master Bob MacKenzie so that a suitable date for this venture

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can be agreed upon.

The siding on the shed needs to be done before the cold weather sets in. Volunteers are needed to do this job. If you are in need of work hours or would like to contribute your time to LMYC please contact Ralph Kepran who with enough helpers will schedule a day to complete this project.

The tractor has been sent in for repairs. Hopefully it will back soon for Haulout.

From The Social Director Mary Nantais

The LMYC annual awards banquet will be held again at Fox Glen Golf Course on November 15, 2003. This year the tickets are \$25.00 each. This year music again will be provided by a D.J.

If you wish to have a group table for you and your crew please contact Mary Nantais early so arrangements can be made. Table seats 8.

Menu to follow.

Members do not delay. Purchase your tickets early and reserve your table early. Remember those who wait and contemplate may not be able to get the tables they wish.



River Rat Race



LMYC annual River Rat Race will be held October 19, 2003 at LMYC. Food will be provided at a nominal fee. More information to follow.



Club Party



The traditional Halloween Party held at LMYC over the last few years has been low in attendance. Perhaps members were shy to dress-up. This year the social director is planning a club party with the only provision at



this time is a dish to pass. More information will be forthcoming.

Thinks about it. This is your club. Only your participation will make our events successful.

Up Coming Races

LMYC Hospice Regatta
September 7

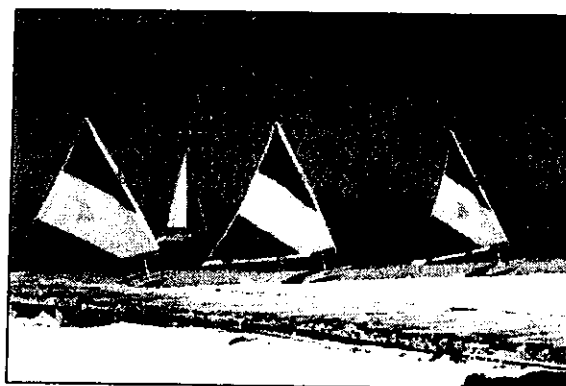
GIYC One Design Regatta
September 13-14

SPSC Harvest Moon Regatta
September 20

Single Handed Race LMYC
September 27



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Fighting Island Regatta



It was a beautiful, cool, breezy Sunday afternoon for LMYC 40th Fighting Island Regatta with 35 registered boats for this event. LMYC members have been working hard to bring this event up to the caliber it has been in the past. The club is immaculate with manicured lawn, shrubs, and grounds.

The race began at 12:00 with boats beginning the race at the Detroit Anchorage just north of Fighting Island. Steady winds, intermittent sunshine and a balmy 80 degrees made this Fighting Island Regatta perfect competitive sailing. The wind was at about 10-12 knots in a Southerly direction. It was a fast race with a spinnaker finish at the clubhouse with the first boat crossing at 2:40 pm.

With racers returning to the docks the food began to be served. Again this year under the direction of Jim Blackton the food division was a complete success. Hamburgers, Krinkis, potatoe salad, cold slaw, corn, watermelon, and refreshments were in abundance.

While racers ate and reflected on the day's race John Vandereerden provided the musical entertainment.

Early in the afternoon the Commodore Chris Barron and Ralph Allen gave out the flags for this year's event.

After the awards many members left to sail back to their respective clubs while others partied until the wee hours of the night.

Our Special Volunteers

Race Director: Ted Popel & Rob Doiron
Race Committee Boat — Dennis Douthart
Race Committee — Ralph Allen, Charles Oldfield, Amy Doiron, Tony Beresford
Chase Boat — Betty and Carl Durham

Cooking Crew — Ticket Sellers

Jim Blackton, Tom Boyce, Gus Martin, Kelly Meeking, Celso Guiang, Linda Parchoma, Bev Angus, Bill Ganton and son.

Special Apology from the Race Committee on the computer glitch which resulted in

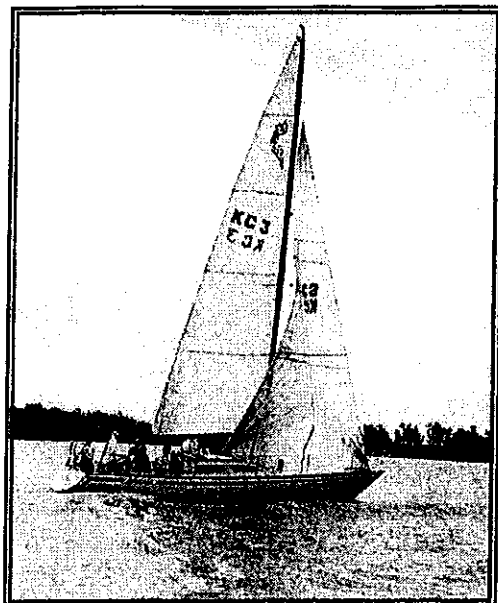
CLASS P.H.R.F. "A"

Yacht Name	Club	Skipper	Place
FEISTY	GIYC	Brian Hartwell	1
I LOVE YOU BABY	GIYC	Todd Duffett	2
R-ESCAPE	LMYC	Bob Reaume	3
BLITZ	LMYC	Buliga/Amyot	4
TRILOGY	LMYC	Judge Mangile	5
RAKAIA	LMYC	Juergen Hendel	6
SPECIAL DELIVERY	LMYC	Bob Bingham	7
ZEPHYR HAWK	GIYC	Rick Bohl	8
JOE LOUIS	LMYC	Ralf Fiedler	9
RUFFIAN	SPSC	Bill Noakes	10

CLASS P.H.R.F. "B"

Yacht Name	Club	Skipper	Place
BOTTOMS UP	LMYC	John Vandereerden	1
CELIDH	LMYC	Ralph Kepran	2
DYNAMO HUMM	SPSC	Joe Davidson	3
ON A TACK	SPSC	Ken Blyth	4
WHATEVER	LMYC	George Mooney	5
COMMOTION	GIYC	P. Dewar	6
SOUL MATE	GIYC	R. Goddard	7
FLIRT	LMYC	John Murphy	8
2ND WIND	LMYC	Brian Casey	9

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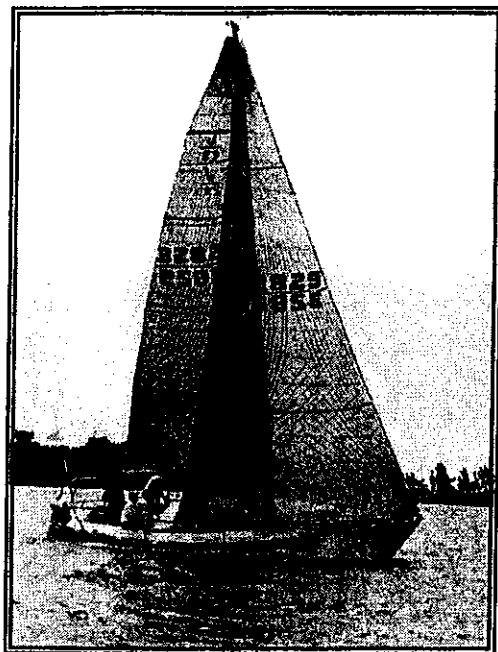
Rakaia — Juergen Hendel

CLASS P.H.R.F. "C"

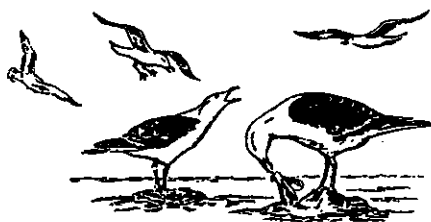
Yacht Name	Club	Skipper	Place
BREAKAWAY	LMYC	Rob Ferguson	1
DRAGON FLY	LMYC	Guy Meseck	2
SUNKIST	LMYC	Barron/Trepanier	3
GREY GANNET	LMYC	Allen Prettyman	4
HORSE FEATHERS	SPSC	Ray East	5
GRINGO	LMYC	Bob Ferguson	6
WINDSONG	LMYC	Rick Beresford	7
KATABATIC	SPSC	R. Malone	8

CLASS J.O.G. ALL

Yacht Name	Club	Skipper	Place
YES	LMYC	Andy Kozieradski	1
HIGH ANXIETY	LMYC	Bernie Wolter	2
THUNDER	CIYC	W. Hallatt	3
THE DOVE	LMYC	Roy Oliver	4
OBSESSION	CIYC	R. Taillieu	5
ALCOHOLICS ALLUVUS		Scott Giles	6
AERIAL	LMYC	Gord Freeman	7
RECKLESS	LMYC	Mike Puchnatyj	8



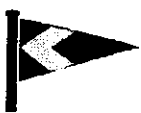
Blitz — Alex Buliga



Racers enjoying LMYC hospitality



Around The Club



Jim Blackton pulling weeds



Charles Schindler cleaning up around the club



Rob Ferguson cleaning up by club entrance



Dennis Douthart at regatta



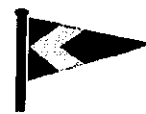
Scott Giles – John Vandereerden



Craig Morrison & Jack Penney



Visitors from Denmark



Bjorn and Stove Dolby have come home again arriving at LMYC on August 31, 2003, but instead of arriving by sailboat they arrived in a 29 foot motor-home. Since visiting us last aboard Laura (a 36 foot sailboat) in 1998 they have traveled extensively in Laura putting many thousands of miles under her keel. When they left us in 1998 they cruised, Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and the North Channel and winter in Penetanguishene.

In 1999 they traveled Trent – Severn from Lake Huron to Lake Ontario. This was not a good experience. Because of Laura's draft they dragged the bottom extensively sometimes they could only reach speeds of 1-2 knots pushing through the muddy bottom. Reaching Lake Ontario they continued down the St. Lawrence and along the Nova Scotia shore to New York City. From there down the intra-coastal waterway where they wintered in St. Mary's City in Georgia near the Florida border.

In 2000 they sailed to the Bahamas and spent 7 week cruising Cuban waters. While in Cuba a reunion of family members occurred. Leaving Cuba they cruised, the islands between Cuba and Trinidad and eventually storing their boat in Trinidad for the Hurricane season (June to October).

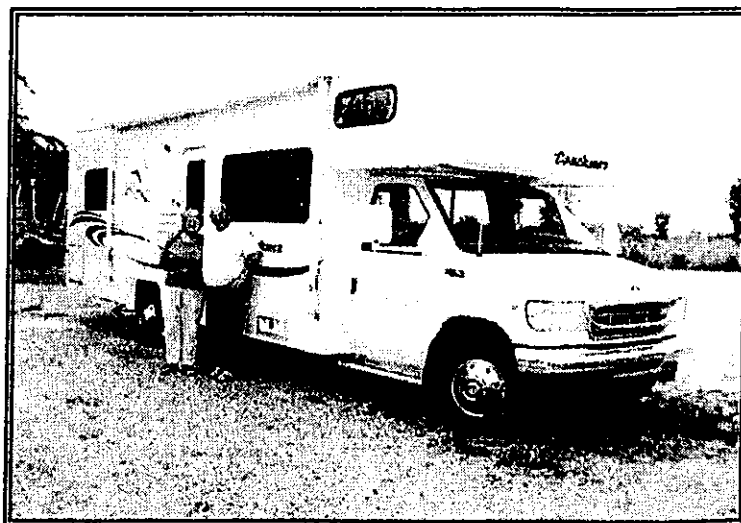
In 2001 they cruised from Trinidad to the Virgin Island exploring and stopping at different islands along the route. They returned to Trinidad in June to store the boat again for the Hurricane season.

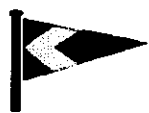
In 2002 they left Trinidad and headed for Florida and then cruised leisurely along the intra-coastal waterway to New York City where the boat was wintered.

In May of 2003 Bjorn and Stove returned to New York City to work on their boat and made at that time the decision to sell her and buy a motor-home. Laura was sold in July and within two days a motor-home was purchased and a new adventure began.

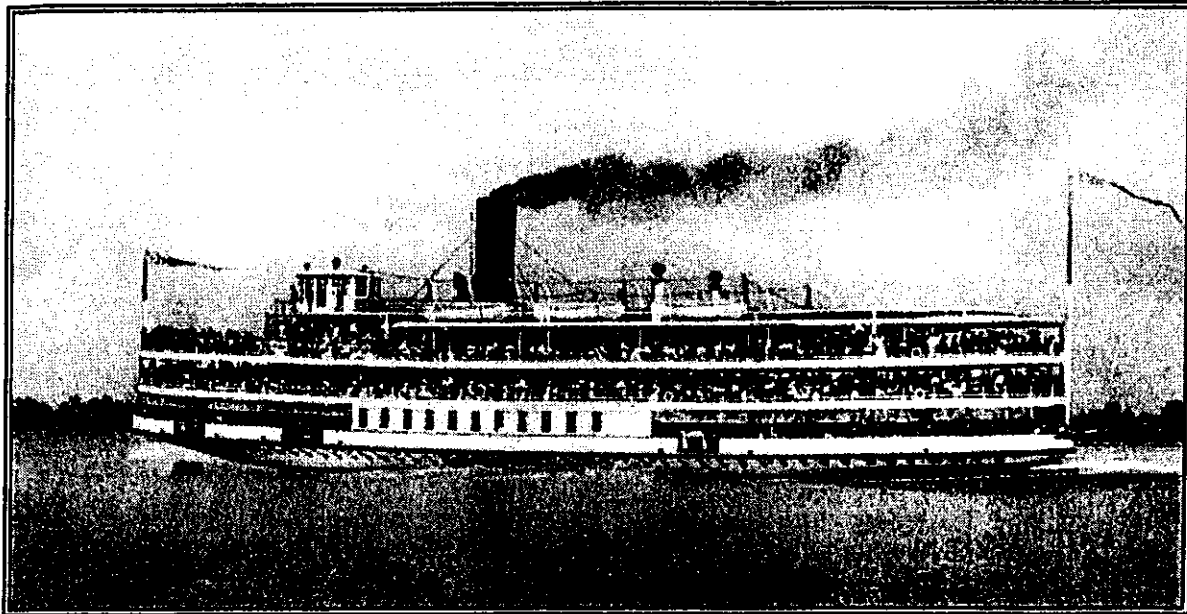
During the month July, the Dolby's toured Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine and eventually crossed the St. Lawrence motoring to Toronto and then to Penetanguishene. From there they continued north to Cochrane and Moosonee where they took the Polar Bear Express. They traveled along Lake Superior arriving in Duluth. Here they decided it would be a great opportunity to visit LMYC on their return trip to New York City. August 31 late Sunday afternoon the Dolby's arrived at the steps of LMYC.

LMYC wishes you the best in your travels over the next few years.

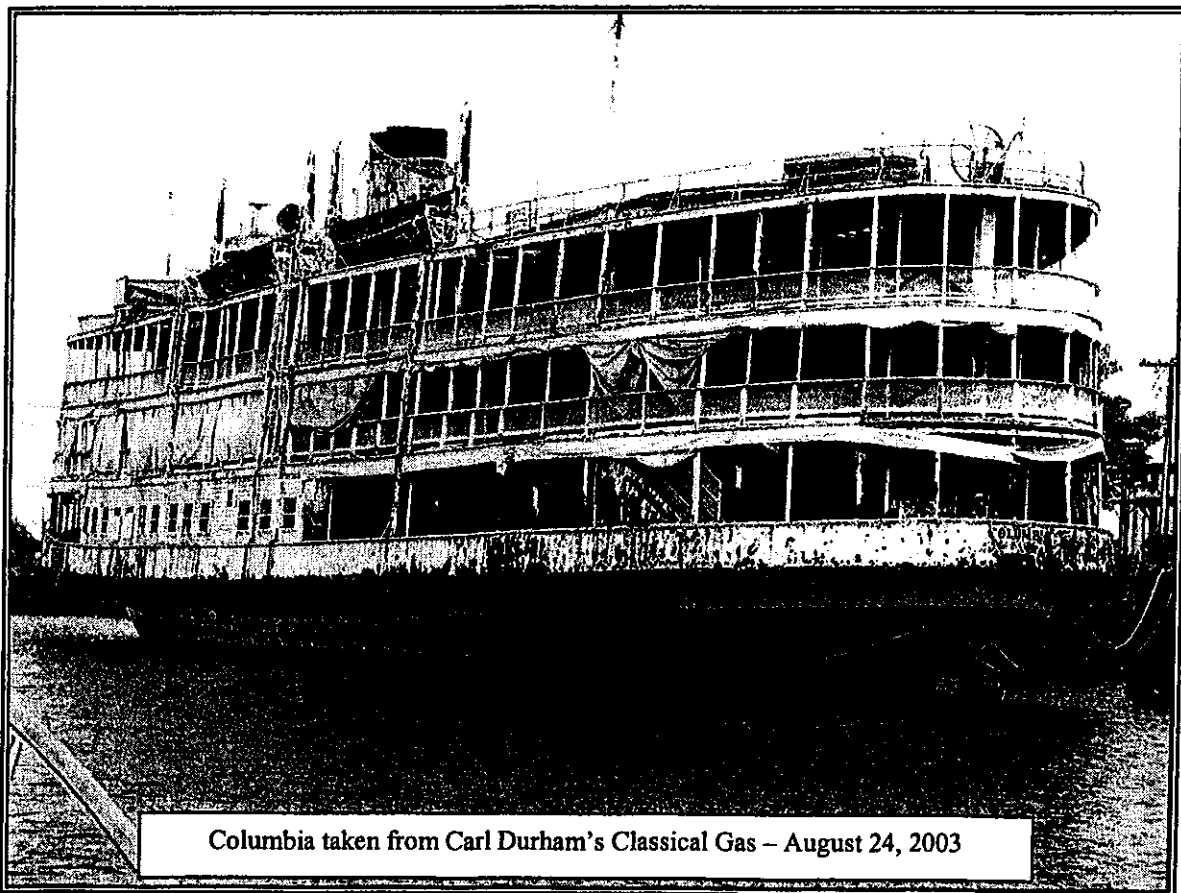




Bob-lo Boat Update



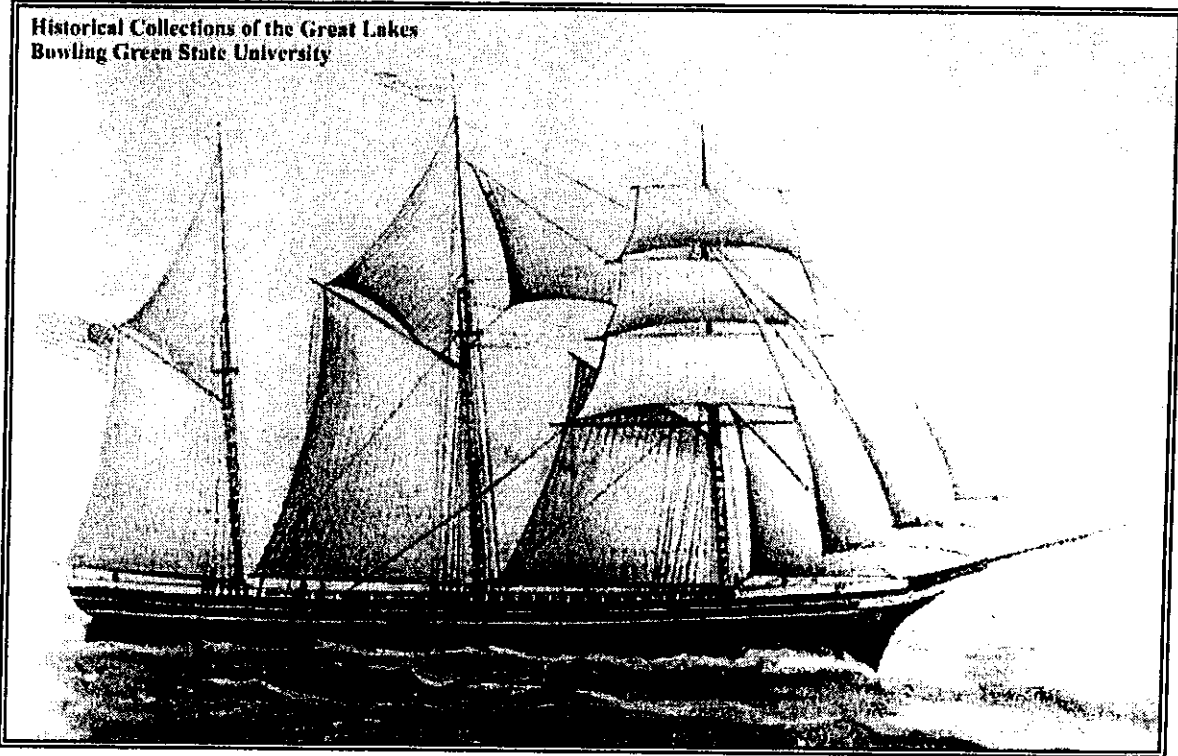
Restoration efforts may be in the works for the second of two steamers that ferried thousands of people to Boblo Island amusement park. Time and inaction have taken their toll of the three-story, 216 foot long ship. The engine works but its wooden structure is starting to rot. Columbia was built in 1902. Her sister ship, the Ste. Claire, was bought in 2002 and is being restored. Both vessels brought people to Boblo until it declared bankruptcy in 1991



Columbia taken from Carl Durham's Classical Gas – August 24, 2003

Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes

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Wilcox

Built May 2, 1868

Sank May, 1906

Length - 137 feet

Depth - 26 feet

Wilcox was a 3 masted schooner Launched May 2, 1868 Sunk May 9, 1906 Location Colchester Harbour, Western Basin, Lake Erie Loran Co-ordinates 43802.2/56959.8

The Wilcox, was a 3 masted schooner, primarily used in the lumber trade. She was launched on May 2, 1868 and 38 years and one week later, on May 9, 1906, she met her fate. She was caught in a SW storm in the western basin of Lake Erie in only 26' of water as she was blown into the shoals and shoreline of Colchester, Ontario.

This ship's standing rigging was wire cable, a luxury in its day, and is a noticeable feature on this wreck. The deadeyes, blocks, winches, anchors, donkey boilers, Steering gear, ship's wheel, some dishes, etc. (everything you would find on a pristine shipwreck) IS STILL THERE!

It is illegal to remove any artifact or souvenir from a shipwreck in Canadian water, and this is monitored closely. This wreck is only 0.4 miles from Colchester Harbour so any small craft will suffice, however, there is only occasionally a small float on this site, and because the wreck is flattened by winter ice it is difficult to locate.

