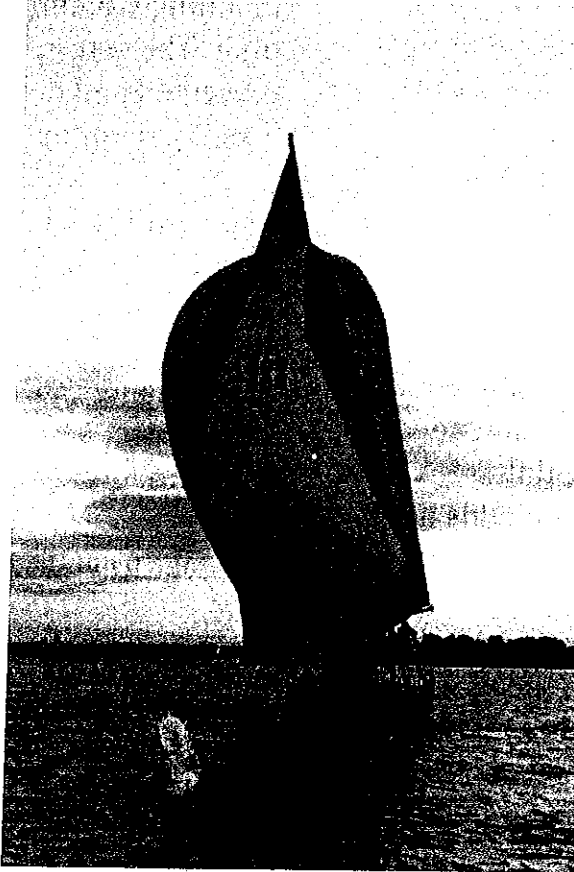


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*Sailing Season soon over!*

September 2007

**From the Commodore:**

Hello Everyone,



September has passed faster than a blink of an eye and I am sure October will do the same. That means the sailing season is winding down fast, so get out and use your boat before it is pulled out for the long winter months.

Speaking of winter, our lift crews have already started to organize cradles in preparation of haul out. These lift crews do an excellent job from launch to haul-out and should be commended on a job well done. Having the lift and these well trained lift crews is a real luxury and adds a lot to our club. Thanks Guys.

Bobby Reaume's Hospice race in early September was a big success. On the morning of the event participation was looking a little slim, but a fair number of last minute entries made for a respectable turnout and LMYC ended up raising approx. \$3,800.00. I believe Bob told me that we did better than any of the other local clubs. Thanks to Bob for organizing the event and thanks to all participants for raising money for this great cause.

Club membership has grown yet again. Mark Wilton and family are our latest members. If you see them around the club please welcome them. We have been very fortunate this year and have gained 4 Top Notch members (+ family) and we have another membership application hanging at this time. All the new members have been active in the club and all will uniquely contribute to LMYC.

The Grey Duck is in need of Money. Please try to pay your balance monthly even if you only

owe a small amount. If all the accounts are holding a small balance it adds up to a large sum of money outstanding and results in the Grey Duck not being able to buy refreshments.

The Membership Survey's generated by our Planning Committee are being tabulated at this time. These results will be summarized, presented and discussed at our next General Meeting coming up in November.

Our next big Club event is the River Rat Race. Come on out and enjoy a great day and the last race of the year.

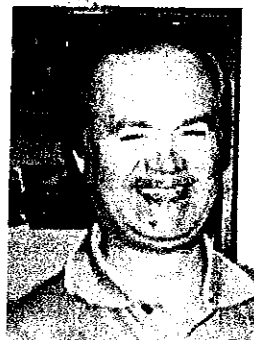
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**Message from the Vice Commodore**

From the Deck of Mananan

Again we are enjoyed an exceptional sailing



season and the autumn is always a great time to get out on the water. The Hospice Race was a fine event and Carol Ferguson again organized the featured Nautical Flea Market. A fine assortment of odds and ends.

The work hour spreadsheet shows most members have gotten in their required 12 hours. If you have not completed your hours as yet or are not sure where you stand on this just give me a call or email at: [pires@mnsi.net](mailto:pires@mnsi.net)

There are duties that are ongoing, e.g. returning empties for the refreshments account, and others that are one-time efforts, e.g. gathering up the beach stone from the parking lot. We also want to put in a few posts at the corners of our new property to the south. We all benefit when

everyone pitches in. The club hires out specialized duties at times of course but the shared talents of the membership allow us to keep club fees low. Mariners have always taken pride in their, "do it yourself", initiative.

The newly formed 40<sup>th</sup> committee has had only one meeting but they are on the move. Two projects are currently in the works. A logo contest will be offered to members and friends of LaSalle Mariners. It will be a chance for everyone to display his or her creative flair. Tim McWilliams will be issuing full details in the near future on this novel opportunity. Cheryl Clark will be bringing the other project to fruition. It is still in the planning stage but I will drop a hint in confidence just to you. You and your favorite nautical related recipes can find fame; just gather them up for a project new to L.M. Y.C. Stay tuned for more fun to come.

We have March 10, 1968 as our date of organization for the LaSalle Mariners Yacht club as we know it today. Certainly that is a good reason for a party. What kind of a party would you prefer? Banquet or ? We value your input. The committee members are all available to listen to your suggestions. See Cheryl Clark, Gail Oliver, Herb Lajoie, Tim McWilliams, Mary Allen and of course, our super Social Director, Mary Nantais, or myself.

## **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!!**

**From the Treasurer:**

There will be a statement account of everyone's balance for the Haul-Out and any other amount DUE to the LMYC. **PLEASE READ THIS !** before you make out a check. **THIS WILL BE POSTED AT THE CLUB. Thank you.**

## **From the Harbour Master:**

### **A REMINDER for FALL HAUL-OUT!!!**

Check your cradle for any needed repairs- Pads, Bunk-boards, Uprights Bolts etc.



Make sure the 6/8" Blocks of wood are attached to the bottom frame of the cradle, this will allow the Hyd. trailer to Pick Up the Cradle. Please bring 1 or 2 of your crew to help with Cradle moving.

Call the Harbour Master to arrange for a Lift Crew to haul and Park your boat. For those needing to complete their work hours — Bring out your weed cutter to the Cradle Storage Area to cut the weeds and small trees in and around the Cradles. This will allow the lift crew to move your cradle without any problems.

**Ralph Allen**

## **HARVEST MOON REGATTA**

**John Vandereerden Wins Harvest Moon Race-!!**

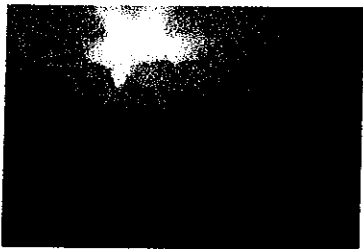
Light and variable winds dominated this edition of South Ports end of the season race. John and his crew JoAnne, Melissa, and Tom Boyce played the shifting winds to a first in class and a first overall on corrected time.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Bob Reaume took it upon himself to bring as many LMYC boats out for this event. Six of our boats made this trip to Lake St Clair. Way to go Guys and Girls! It's great to keep showing the flag for L.M.Y.C.

## ANOTHER HERO!

Bob Reaume had just returned from the Harvest Moon Regatta. It's early Sunday morning. Bob is alone on the boat (Sue has gone for some coffee). Suddenly Bob finds himself in the water. What a shock. he's wearing a heavy jacket which immediately starts soaking up the water. He surfaces after what seems like



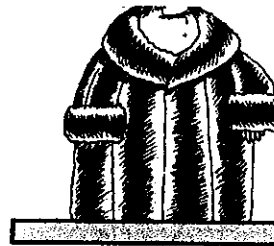
an eternity under water, during which his life flashed before his eyes (In Bob's case this takes some time). He swims awkwardly to the stern of the boat to grab the ladder and get aboard — can't reach the ladder. So he starts swimming toward the bow of the boat but it's becoming extremely difficult as his clothing becomes more and more waterlogged. At this point he reaches for the steel piling under the dock and wraps himself around it.

He remembers seeing Gus on the other side of the harbour some time before. Screams of

**GUS! GUS! GUS!** Finally gets his attention and his response "WHAT" —

I'm in the harbour come get me — Gus immediately starts to run toward the sound of Bob's voice (a sight I'd pay big bucks to see) Locating Bob under the dock Gus makes the rescue the way he was trained to do. At this point I'm not sure of the details but Bob does

remember Gus saying "for Cripes sake quit fooling around and get out of there".



Bob is now standing dripping wet on dry land— Yea! — Sue drives up and says "Bobby, quit fooling around — here's your coffee".

## BUILDING A BOAT

Year ago Gord Freeman and Carl Durham decided to build a sail boat — with the help from Bob Ferguson when things got really tough.

It was a beautiful boat — graceful lines — lots of character — good workmanship — twenty some feet of great fun.

Those of us who were around for the launch will never forget what follows — the boat floated well enough, looked very pretty — but when the sails were bent on the boat had a tendency to fall over to Starboard.

Fergie at this point suggested that Gord and Carl build an outrigger to be mounted on the Starboard side of the boat to correct this problem, and he was right. The boat no longer fell over to Starboard — now it fell over to Port.

Not to be deterred Fergie suggested that another outrigger be built and mounted on the Port side. Gord and Carl — realizing the inherent cleverness of Bob Ferguson agreed and attached a Pot side outrigger — Perfect — now they had a Trimaran.

**“Raven was born”.**



For years Gord sailed this pretty Tri. around this area — with its secret intact. Only a few people knew Gord's Tri. was actually built as a mono-hull — also helps explain why Gord sails like he does.

Years later when the Tri was sadly and lovingly being taken apart, the mast suddenly broke loose and fell narrowing missing Fergie and Carl — kind of makes you wonder doesn't it?.

## **LMYC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Design Contest**

**Attention all LMYC members, family & friends.**

2008 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> year of sailing at the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, and to help kick off the celebration we're holding a design contest to develop a logo that will be used to identify to everybody that we're 40 years old!

**Here's the rules:**

1. Have fun doing this! Get creative!
2. Members, family, crew & friends can all submit an entry...so make sure everybody knows!
3. Submissions must be into Tim McWilliams or left in the Vice Commodores mail slot by November 15, 2007 (...ok the only real rule is this one)

### **Inspiration:**

1. Three prizes will be awarded (winner and 2 runners up)!!
2. Get involved, 40 years only comes around once!

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will judge all submissions and the winner will be unveiled at the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet.

### **On a More Serious Note.**

In the month of May we lost Mary Hendel.



Mary was very active as a founding member of LMYC and also an integral part of the group responsible for establishing the club where it now stands.

Mary was very active in sailing and racing in an era when very few women

were, as a matter of fact she lost the tip of her finger in a winch while racing.

Mary loved classical music (turned up loud at her house). Flowers and plants were also a passion of hers.

Mary had a great sense of humour and often saw the side of a joke or story that no one else did.

It's unfortunate that many of our members never had a chance to get to know Mary Hendel.

**September 2007**

The Fun Race was held last Sunday, the results will be in the next issue we hope for results soon.