



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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From Commodore John Amyot Sr.

Isn't it great to be back out on the water again!! Lots happening around the club, boats launched, racing program is in full swing. (not too late to register), Blessing of the Fleet, BOOM program just to mention a few. Get engaged and come on down. This is your club. See you there.



From Secretary Cheryl Clark

I am happy to be back to sailing. It is a pleasure serving the many wonderful club members. Don't forget to let me know when your personal information changes (such as address, telephone, email address) so that I can keep our records up to date and you informed.



From Vice Commodore Gus Martin

A great amount of work has been done to improve the entranceway to our club and kitchen/bar area. Please see me for ideas on how to build up your work hours.

I am setting up this newsletter in an effort to find an enthusiastic, creative volunteer to take up the task of producing a bi-monthly publication. If interested, please contact me at cheryl.clark@international.gc.ca



From Treasurer Herb Lajoie

I enjoy serving the members and keeping the records straight. Please see me if you have cheques or invoices on club-related matters.



From House Director Lothar Bauer

Please remember to leave the club in clean and decent order. Give me a heads up if something needs to be fixed or replaced.



From Race Director Brian Casey

Lots of good racing weekly as well as signature races such as the Shakedown, Annual Regatta, Hospice, River Rat. The more participation the better.



From Social Director Tracy Wilton

Blessing of the Fleet by Father Stan Fraser is coming up. Bring a dish to pass and come join fellow members. We are always looking for volunteers to help at our major functions (eg Annual Regatta, Hospice and Pursuit Races)



From Harbour Master Ralph Allen

Our harbour is at capacity. Remember to maintain your cradles while the boats are in the water in prep for haulout. See me regarding your docking issues. To those members with adjustable pads on their cradles, they may want to take them home for the summer.



From Roads & Grounds Manager Frank Marmara

I'm looking for someone to help with doing some basic maintenance on our collection of small grounds equipment, like weed wackers, small lawn cutting tractor, etc. Nothing really major, unless you feel ambitious. Please contact me or any of the executives if you are interested.



From Refreshments Chair Bob Bingham

See me for your keys to the refreshment cooler. Remember – feed the duck



From Regalia Manager Tom Smith

Contact me if you would like to purchase golf shirts, burgee flags, mugs or burgee stickers for your boat and/or vehicle.



From Junior Sailing Manager Ted Popel
The BOOM Junior Sailing Program begins July 13-17 – ages 8-14. For info, please contact me at tjpopel@hotmail.com or contact LMYC at 734-1363

Contingency Seamanship Excerpts from a book by John Clemens

Coping with the unexpected in
harbour and at sea.

*In this page you will find a situation.
The challenge will be to read the
situation, determine your response
and in the next issue – read the
recommended solution to the
situation. There are 45 situations in
total. Some may be no-brainers,
others real challenges and life-
threatening to you and your crew.
Enjoy!*

SITUATION 1:

Dragging Anchor

You're anchored for the night in a
small, protected bay with a light
breeze off the land. It's a perfect
spot, you think, and with a scope of
8:1 on your nylon rode, you and your
crew are comfortably asleep.

At two a.m., you are awakened by
the noise of increasing wind and the
uncomfortable roll of the boat. Going
up on deck in your pajamas, your
suspicions are confirmed. The wind
has shifted almost 180 degrees and
is blowing a Force 5. The anchor is
dragging.

There are breakers to leeward, about
300 meters off. You have no reserve
anchor.

You decide not to leave until
daybreak due to unmarked rocks in
the entrance. You figure you've got
about 20 minutes before your boat
wrecks on the beach.

Next Issue – Recommended
Solution and New Situation

Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Fleet – Sat., June 6
at 1 pm sharp

Couples Race – Sat., July 4th to
Boblo Island

Pelee Island Regatta – Sat., July 11

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