

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

The Currents

January 2011



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2011 OFFICERS

❖ Commodore	Andy Kozieradzki
❖ Vice Commodore	Craig Morrison
❖ Treasurer	Shelia Rowland
❖ Secretary	Dave Nantais
❖ Race Director	Tim McWilliams
❖ House Director	John Murphy
❖ Social Director	Valerie Gujban
❖ Harbour Master	Bob Bingham
❖ Road & Ground	Tony Bernard
❖ Refreshments	The Wilton's

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From Your Vice Commodore

Hello Fellow Club Members;

I am writing this before the budget meeting, thus I don't know yet how much I will have to pick on all of you. We are planning a couple of bigger jobs that will require some help to get completed. As always there will be lots of other jobs to be done and I will be looking forward to working with all of you to get them completed.

For now we are stuck looking at hard water and white grass, longing for the spring to set in. Happy dreaming!

Tyne.

From Your Social Director

Hello Everyone!! on this **COLD WINTER DAY!!!**

We ended last year with a bag.....The New Years Eve party was just fabulous!.....

And now we are starting this New Year with another great start.....the Robbie Burns Night is the promising of a great night.....beautiful Scotch, great food, and lots of good company and laughs.....as usual the club was "standing room only" for this event, keeping our reputation as the most fun and best yacht club on the river.....Thank you members for helping make my job easier!

Coming up next is the Winter Family Fest and Chili Cook off...on January 30th, at 2pm...bring a dish to pass for the Winter fest....it's \$5.00 to enter the chili contest, and that money goes to the Junior Boom Program.....just show up at the club with your best chili recipe.....I will also have hot chocolate to warm up from the snow activity.

Then don't forget the L.R.P.C. OPEN HOUSE.....come see the future plans for the new L.M.Y.C.....come give your input and share ideas on what will benefit us all!!

Finally.....THE SUPER BOWL PARTY!.....coming on February the 6th.....**PLEASE** see Tracy for details!!

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Valerie

LRPC

The Planning committee is having thier first open house on Sat Feb 5th. We hope to have a fun evening of showing the ideas that we have come up with. Please come and share your ideas so we can include them in the master plan. Remember, The Planning Committee is only showing what could be, Not what has to be. The Master Plan will take many years and many changes as projects get done. The members ideas and dreams will be the ones that shape the master plan. Please come out and be a part of the future.

Also, we are looking for some new faces to join the committee. We have filled one place but currently have two more spots open. If interested Please call Bob Reaume or any of the executive members.

Bob

From Your Race Director

Hi everybody, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you participating in the racing events that are planned for the 2011 racing season. There are multiple opportunities to get out there and participate: one of the 9 regattas that LMYC will host or over the course of the 18 weeks that JOG or PHRF racing takes place. If that's still not enough there are multiple other regattas that our very friendly neighbouring clubs will be hosting.

To make note of regatta schedules, there is a tentative list posted on the racing bulletin board so that you can begin to plan your summer racing schedule. I say that it's tentative not because a date may change, but only because I'm waiting to hear from some of our other neighbouring clubs race directors about their regatta schedules to make sure that our schedules don't conflict. I'll post a confirmed date as soon as I can along with our Monday/Wednesday race schedule.

So the first item that you should all keep the date for will be the Racers Meeting and Breakfast. That will take place on March 27th. Breakfast will start at 10 and the meeting will immediately follow at noon. Like I did last year, again this year I want to solicit from all of you ideas and suggestions to create an agenda for the meeting. I'll send out an email to everybody for you to respond to and I'll create the agenda. For those that don't have access to email please write your suggestions and ideas on paper and just place them in an envelope and drop it off in the Race Director mail slot in the galley.

Thanks!

Tim McWilliams

Sail for Hospice

Report Sail for Hospice September 12th, 2010

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club	\$5001
South Port Sail Club	\$2780
	<i>Total</i>
	\$7781

Tentative 2011 Regatta Schedule

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| ▶ Racer's Meeting and Breakfast | • March 27 |
| ▶ Cinco De Mayo | • May 7 |
| ▶ Shakedown | • May 21 |
| ▶ Couples Race | • July 2 |
| ▶ Pelee Island Race & Cruise | • July 9 |
| ▶ Short Handed Race | • August 13 |
| ▶ Fighting Island Regatta | • August 27 |
| ▶ Hospice Regatta | • September 11 |
| ▶ Pursuit Race | • September 25 |
| ▶ River Rat Regatta | • October 16 |
| ▶ Haul out Breakfast | • November 6 |
| ▶ Awards Banquet | • November 12 |

From Your Harbour Master

A form emailed to all members on the current email list and hard copy forms available here are to be updated and submitted to me

This form is a request for 2011 dockage and contains a section for insurance verification.

This information will help me to provide adequate dockage for member's boats knowing their length and beam.

This may result in the need to move some boats to a different well.

I know I will of course upset some members who have been in wells for many years but with the return of some boats that were not launched last year and the purchase of new boats by our members this move is necessary.

We cannot expect a member with a boat with narrow beam stay in a well that will accommodate another boat with up to two feet or greater beam.

Until I receive this form, I cannot submit my proposal for dockage without knowing who needs a dock this year.

Please fill out and submit to me ASAP.

Bob Bingham Harbor Master

From Roads and Grounds

Projects for 2011 are:

Snowplowing will be the major challenge this winter, seeing as we do not have the tractor anymore, and will have contract out any needed snowplowing.

cutting the dead tree on the property across the south canal - ideally this will be done in the winter, when the canal is iced over and we transport the wood back to the fire pit.

Grading the driveway and putting down additional gravel

Replacing the flag pole and repairing the base

Gail and Roy Oliver are taking a break from the plants and flower upkeep in 2011, thanks Gail for your help these last years. To maintain the flowerbeds, plants and trees, an idea may be to ask members to adopt a flowerbed, tree and look after it for the year. I will work this out further, make an inventory of the flowerbeds and trees available and get back to everyone in the spring.

I will also be looking into raising the curbs at the circle in front of the clubhouse.

I look forward to working with everyone in maintaining our Roads and Grounds this year.

Tony Berends

Monday Lunches

Christmas Luncheon.

A great turnout and a wonderful meal (I Hope) was enjoyed by club members and friends .

Thanks to the weather gods a beautiful day also allowed everyone to arrive on time with no problems driving or parking.

40 participants had signed up and were greeted on arrival to a sit down lunch of Turkey (36 lbs.),dressing, breads, potatoes/gravy, two types of carrot dishes, Caesar salad and choices of deserts to end the meal.Of course fine wine was also available and everyone was advised to partake keeping in mind the new laws of our country. When I left around 3:00 many were still enjoying the company of boating friends.

To mention all who helped would result in me forgetting someone and instead I would like to thank all who helped set up, prepare, donate, serve, pour and of course clean up after for a great job . Without them I would never be able to accomplish this annual luncheon.

Merry Christmas to All BINGY



Tree Trimming Christmas Party

The Club was decorated just beautifully,
The tree was trimmed.
The wine was sipped
The rum was drank
Just in time for Santa to come.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a wonderful turn out!
Thanks to all for helping out.
Thank you Santa for coming out!!



New Years Eve

Ringin' in 2011 went off with a BANG!!
With Champagne at midnight and lots of noise
With wonderful friends and lots of smiles
We had a fantastic dinner catered in by Franco's,
and a big THANK YOU to Val for all her work!.



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 16, 2011 - 1-pm

Board Members Present

Andy Kozieradzki, Craig Morison, Sheila Rowland, David Nantais, Tim McWilliams, Val Gujban, John Murphy , Tony Berends, Bob Bingham , Tom Boyce

Commodore Andy Kozieradzki brought the meeting to order @ 1:00pm

Minutes from the December General Meeting Read – motion to accept minutes as read –

Phil Smith 2nd by Mark Wilton – all in favor – carried

Commodore Andy asked that one motion to except all reports at the end

Harbor Master Report: Bob Bingham

Read letter to explain reason for boats moving to different wells. Also the need for all members to fill out the Docking Request form that will provide the Harbor Master with the correct information to so he may complete and submit his proposal to the Board for approval.

Roads & Grounds Report: Tony Berends

- ☐ Snow removal – original quote of \$60 to plow the lane way & parking lot was increased to \$120 due to the actual size of the job. One plow has been done and payment went out. Have looked for another quote and found one that will do the same job for \$100. Plowing will be done upon request by the Roads& Grounds Director. Parameters are the safety of the members / events scheduled / amount of snow.
- ☐ Will need volunteers to help remove fallen tree that is on the new property while there is ice to cross over on
- ☐ Curbs along the drive are in need of repair – will set up in spring
- ☐ Flower bed – looking at changing them around to help in the lawn care process as well looking to start a new imitative – adopt a garden or flower bed
- ☐ Flag pole needs work as well the base will be spruced up as well

Major Equipment: Tom Boyce

- ☐ Every thing is OK – nothing new to report

Commodore Report: Andy Kozieradzki

- ☐ As the result of the special Motion meeting in December upon request by the membership a committee has been formed to look at the issue of Senior members Rights & Privileges / work hours & the language all ready serving LMYC
- ☐ Committee Members chaired by Craig Morison will consist of 2 senior members with 20+ years , 2 members between 12 to 20 years & 2 members with less than 12 years in the club
- ☐ The names of these members is being held in order to let them have an opportunity to discuss and evaluate all information available to them. If you have something you wish to be considered submit it to Craig and he will insure the committee gets it.

Vice Commodore Report: Craig Morrison

- ☐ Several approved project to be started – will be contacting members soon
- ☐ Regardless of your status if you are doing something for the benefit of the club please contact Craig in order that he can record the activity and the amount of time it took
- ☐ A Job list will be posted once it's been decided the Jobs to be tackled.

Treasurer Report: Sheila Rowland as of 12/31/10

Account Balances

LOC -\$17,706.12

Mortgage -\$81,748.51

Cheques written 13

Total Debits \$5,686.80

Credits \$2,526.74

Outstanding Checks \$1,879.12

Secretary Report: Dave Nantais – Nothing

Social Director Report: Val Gujban

- ☐ News Years Eve party went well – food catered by Franco's \$25.00 per person
- ☐ Robbie Burns night coming Jan.22/2011 - \$15.00 per person
- ☐ Winter Family Fest & Chili cook off – Jan.30th - \$5.00 to enter your chili – skating, hockey & food – all monies go to Boom Program
- ☐ Super Bowl Sunday – see Tracy Wilton for more info
Reminder - If you need the Club for a personal affair Please check with Val for availability & Rules governing the use of the facility.

House Director Report: John Murphy

- ☐ Mice seem to be gone
- ☐ Minor maintenance & repairs to be done – if you wish to help out please contact John

Race Director Report: Tim McWilliams

- ☐ Dates are close to being finalized and will be posted in the club soon.
- ☐ Racers Breakfast & Meeting will be March 27th with breakfast @ 10:00 meeting to follow
- ☐ Looking for ideas / suggestions – for an agenda for the meeting- e-mail will be sent out for you to respond to with your thoughts or leave in the mail slot

Grey Duck Report: Tracy Wilton

- ☐ New Dart Board - \$132.18
- ☐ LMYC Fighting Island Ice - \$96.84
- ☐ Total Checks - \$229.02
- ☐ Balance owing - \$1,513.61
- ☐ Bank Balance as of Jan.14th/2011 - \$4,291.93

Comments on having a limit – there is only one person that is outstanding, everyone else takes care of their bill. It would not be fair to penalize everyone. Grey Duck will continue to track and charge accounts overdue interest.

Regalia Officer: Tom Smith – Absent

Commodore spoke with him on some ideas for this coming season.

Motion to Approve Reports – Gus Martin 2nd by Phil Smith – all in favour – carried

Budget for 2011 – Presented by Treasurer Shelia Rowland

Copies provided to the membership in order to follow along with questions that came up

Dredging – Question - do we need \$30,000 – Answer – there has been quote in the past which was in the area of \$17,000 for a small area on the South harbor – we are looking @ building up the shore line to prevent erosion into our canal as well as other work.

Social Events -Question \$12,290 – wouldn't revenue cover majority of cost? There looked to be a need to increase the budget due to some new events as well as low attendance that was unforeseen and was unable to offset fixed cost with revenue. Despite the increase in the budget there will be more scrutiny when planning events to assure cost is kept to a minimum.

House – Repairs & Maintenance increase \$8,400.00 - Few projects such as Kitchen area cabinets as well as \$5,000 for a shelter for the Fork lift tractor on the back end of the existing garage.

Capital Expense Account – not reflecting the correct amount or in proper manner. Sheila understands and will investigate and correct.

Tractor Shelter – suggestion to look into a possible opportunity to have a structure built @ no cost to the club. Solar panels are fixed to the flat roof and the energy is sold. Gus Martin will supply more information

Property Taxes 25% increase – this is due to being re-evaluated by a satellite picture of our property

Raising Dues - With the increase in the Budget – No - Dredging which is the biggest cost needs to be there but there are different scenarios that may take place as well as grants to help limit the cost.

Looking for other quotes for Dredging – sensitive issue and could have backlashes. Need to aware of this before. There could be benefits using Hotie due ability to work with ERCA

Motion to Accept Budget as presented – Gus Martin 2nd Bob Clark –Majority in favor – passed

New Business

- Dan Denome has opened a new business inside Happy Days Boat Center. Will supply sailing gear.
- Motion to have Minutes E-Mailed to members and those without will e-mail will receive them by regular mail.
- Also the Currents will also publish minutes. Bob Reaume 2nd Phil Smith all in favour - carried
- Sheila has Membership cards now – after Sunday meeting see Dave Nantais
- Monthly payment see Sheila
- Phil Smith read letter from Frank Chauin to thank LMYC
- Motion to Adjourn the Meeting Ralf Allen 2nd Gus Martin – all in favour – carried

IT'S A GIRL

Proud "GREAT GRANDPARENTS" Tom and Vicki Boyce

Announce a beautiful baby girl

Katelyn Anabelle Waspe

Born December 23, 2010 at 2:25pm

Weighting in at 7lbs. 10 oz



CONGRATULATIONS

Rick Wilton and Caitlin Cadarette



Engaged to be married June 30th, 2012

Crystal Bay Days!

It seems most local landlubbers and sailors alike have heard of Crystal bay. Images from the serene crystal clear waters with blue herons sitting on the limestone shoreline to loud offshore boats clad with gold chains and deck fluff blaring music come to mind too many who have experienced the "Bay".

The water is crystal clear due to the current going through the limestone rocks. These rocks act as a natural brita filter thus filtering the water. It is the most popular destination within the Detroit River for all boaters in the local area. Well it was up until 911 (Sept 11th, 2011). The falling of the twin towers and the resulting increased border regulations discouraged a lot of Americans going to Crystal Bay. This is due to the fact that all American vessel and their anchors planning to touch Canadian land whether it is above or below water us first report to a designated landing (Duffys) to call in and report in with the Canadian Customs. This and increased fuel prices have dropped the number of boats in Crystal Bay heaps!

As a child growing up on my Dad's shark we spent many of weekends at the Bay. My many memories of Crystal Bay consisted of getting food from the two aluminum "Burger Boats" clad with girls wearing cut off jeans from Duffs marina or the "Domino Pizza" boat. Zodiacs zipping around throwing water balloons and splashing each other with buckets of water. Feeding fish chips. A lot of times I remember both my sister and I freaking out while all this was happening since this chaos was happening right over where my Dad was snorkelling.

Well times have changed. Instead of close to 1000 boats in the 80s that would be there on the weekend. You may get about 50 now. The burger boats are gone and even on a weekend you can swim without the worry of some drunk running you over with their zodiac. And on weekdays most of the times you may be the only one in the bay which will allow you to see the Deer, Coyotes and even pair of Bald Eagles that call the bay its home.

The "Bay" that most go into is actually not crystal bay. It is actually Big Bay. Crystal Bay was the name of a smaller bay that is towards the northwest of Big Bay. When the Islands (Dykes) were completed by the Corp of Engineers in the 40's . Big Bay where most of us go now was too weedy to swim in so most people would go back to a small weedless bay with crystal clear water in which they named Crystal Bay. Some of you may know this bay where the rope swing was before the American Sheriffs cut it down due to a serious injury. Just south of the original Crystal Bay is "Skiers Bay" in which is mostly used by wake boarders and water skiers. Just south of that bay is a hill called Spider Mountain in which you can take a dinghy to and climb and have a good perspective on the lower Detroit River.

Towards the middle of the eastern shore close to where most of us anchor in Big Bay is Hidden Lake. This is by far the best place to snorkel. As you work your way through the entrance of Hidden Lake the depth is about 4 ft and you can see many round gobies (invasive species). Once you round the bend it drops off to 20 ft and if you proceeded all the way to the northern end of Hidden Lake. You will find a diving bell. This diving bell is 15ft tall and shaped like a Coke can with a diameter of 8 ft with four portholes towards the top. It was designed like all diving Bells to hold Air that would be put down there by divers so you can snorkel down and then come up in breathable air and sit and look out the portholes underwater. Unfortunately today a couple of the port holes are busted so it does not hold any air anymore.

Well whether you like nature watching or people watching Crystal Bay is the place to go. As long as you dare to go in the bay. My dad taught me the best way to get in is stay about 25ft away from the eastern shoreline except at the entrance of the bay in which you have to give room since there is an underwater peninsula there.

Random Memories of Crystal Bay

- Labour day weekends you would see rafts of up to 18 boats close to where "Eagle 1" a huge yacht would bring a barge and have bands play on.
- A 30 ft Searay leaving Crystal Bay drives itself right up on a Livingston channel dyke.
- A 25 ft Bayliner sinks in front of our house from hitting a buoy . The captain after we helped plucked him from river of empty beer cans claimed he hit a log but after a crane lifted it exposed a green streak along the hull to a 6 ft gash in the fibreglass.
- Drunk guy climbing a tall tree along the shoreline to jump into deep water fell from the top branch down 25 ft and his body bounced off the rocks. He claimed he was fine.
- Multiple zodiacs and jet skis hitting rocks on the shallows to get into skiers bay
- A 40ft commercial vessel parked along the shoreline running a restaurant. (Only last 1 year)