

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

The Currents

MAY 2011



Photo by Dexter Blackton

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❖ Commodore	Andy Kozieradzki
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❖ Secretary	Dave Nantais
❖ Race Director	Tim McWilliams
❖ House Director	John Murphy
❖ Social Director	Valerie Gujban
❖ Harbour Master	Bob Bingham
❖ Road & Ground	Tony Bernard
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From Your Vice Commodore

Thanks to all who came out in the rain to help get the club in order at the spring clean up. The boats are in the water so, despite the weather, it must be time to play. Please remember to look at the list of jobs posted in the club and contact the appropriate member of the Executive to sign up for the work. If you cannot find something to fill your work hours for the year please talk to me and we will find something for you to do.

Lets all have a great season under sail

“Tyne”

From Your Social Director

Spring has finally come, with a few glitches, but FINALLY come. LMYC has been busy with events and planning's for the coming year. Coming up is the Fitting -Out Breakfast on March 30th.....date was changed because the original date was set on Easter weekend, also the Past Commodore Dinner coming up on May 7th. Tickets are \$20 each and I'm now selling tickets. Please call me at 519-250-8574, or email me at gujban@sympatico.ca

Hoping to see you there!!

Thanks!

Val

From Your Race Director

Hello all LMYC Racers!

Finally... it's here. That glorious time of the year when the harsh Canadian winter passes and we can all go back outside and enjoy racing our yachts. The 2011 Racing season kicks off with our first JOG Fleet race on May 16th and then with the first PHRF Fleet race on May 18th. There will be a very quick Skipper & Crew Meeting at 6pm just before these first race dates to hand out Race Packages and to quickly review a couple of items.

Our first Regatta will be the 38th Annual Shakedown to Put-in-Bay on May 21. You can find forms to register in the clubhouse, hanging on the Racing Bulletin Board, or you can submit one on-line at:

<http://www.lasallemarinersyachtclub.com/races2011.html>

You can find all our Regatta and Racing information in many places. Please take a look for information hanging in the clubhouse on the Racing Bulletin Board, outside the clubhouse on the bulletin boards, and online at:

<http://www.lasallemarinersyachtclub.com/races2011.html>.








I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing all of you participating and taking full advantage of the LMYC Racing program and all our neighbouring clubs Regattas as well. Good luck this year, race hard, be safe, and most importantly have as much fun as you can!

Regards,

Tim McWilliams

2011 LMYC Race Director

2011 Monday Wednesday Race Calendar

 Summer Break	 Spring JOG	 Spring PHRF
	 Summer JOG	 Summer JOG
	 Fall JOG	 Fall PHRF

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2011 Regatta Schedule

- ▶ Racer's Meeting and Breakfast • March 27
- ▶ Cinco De Mayo • May 7
- ▶ Shakedown • May 21
- ▶ CIYC – Regatta for Cystic Fibrosis and Pig Roast – Distance Race – will be an early start from CIYC and probably be 30 - 40 miles or so, boats raising the most money will get a special flag and there will be lots of door prizes and fun Saturday evening! • June 18th (tentative)
- ▶ SPSC – Women's Challenge Regatta • June 25
- ▶ Couples Race • July 2
- ▶ Pelee Island Race & Cruise • July 9
- ▶ CIYC – Maple Leaf Regatta and Fish Fry – Distance Race • July 16th
- ▶ SPSC Invitational • Aug 13-14
- ▶ Fighting Island Regatta • August 27
- ▶ CIYC – Labour Day Feeder Race and Steak Dinner – Mouth of Detroit River to Colchester Light and to CIYC • Sept 4th
- ▶ CIYC – Labour Day Regatta – Type of Regatta to be determined • Sept 5th
- ▶ SPSC Harvest moon • Sept 10
- ▶ Hospice Regatta • September 11 (tentative)
- ▶ Short Handed Race • September 17
- ▶ Pursuit Race • September 25
- ▶ River Rat Regatta • October 16
- ▶ Haul out Breakfast • November 6
- ▶ Awards Banquet • November 12



From Your Harbour Master

There is still quite a few boats to go in but launch is progressing even with the weather. Buoys are in, New halyards on both Jin Poles and the center light post for drying out sails. Three dock poles in South Harbour and five in North Harbour along with one dock were driven down to appropriate heights. Thanks to Bob Reaume for coordinating with Hotte to get the work done. The major shifting with dock assignments appears to be working out with very little complaints. My thanks to all for helping in this matter.

Bob Bingham

From Roads and Grounds

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Spring Clean Up such a success..! A lot work was done, but it seems the more we do, the more items find their way onto the "To do List..." Also thanks to Anne & Lothar Bauer, Tracy Wilton, Jen & Jim Beaudoin and Val for adopting flower beds. Some are already looking great, the rest will follow soon, I'm sure. The next challenge is the drive/ lane way. There are many potholes, now that the weather is warmer and it has stopped raining, I hope to have these holes filled shortly. A better, longer term solution is still being debated. When next you are at the club, please have a look at the notice board: there are still a number of items that need work, let me know how you can help... remember it all goes to your service hours. Thanks,
see you out there...
Tony Berends
Roads & Grounds

LRPC

The Planning committee is having their 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



GREAT JOB!!!!

Robbie Burns



Super Bowl Sunday

FEB.6, 2011

42" Flat Screen TV Winner is Frank & Penny Marmara



LMYC 2011 Winter Cruise

On Feb.11, 2011, 27 members & friends of LMYC converged on the Red ROOF INN in Miami FL. to kick off a week of fun & excitement. In spite of the fatigue resulting from getting up at 2:00am (or possibly not going to bed at all), catching a shuttle to Metro and going through the stressful “process of flying”, spirits were high in anticipation of the adventure we were about to embark upon! For most participants, this was something new – not the “cruising” part – rather - cruising on a ship that weighed 110,000 tons & was 952 feet long. The cruise ship “Carnival Liberty” was to be our home for next seven days and our destination ports of Cozumel, Grand Caymen Island & Jamaica were all we could think about as we met on the Lido deck to enjoy a “welcome aboard” cocktail and a burger & fries. Although it took a while for the weather to catch up to our expectations, things just kept getting better from there.

The Ship was spectacular, as most are. There was always something to do, somewhere on the ship to explore, friends to hang out with, or if none of the above was available, there was ALWAYS somewhere to go to “eat”! As a group, we tried to meet in the dining room for dinner and were successful on about four occasions. Some made a habit of meeting for breakfast. Others met in the Venetian Palace in the evening to watch the stage shows. Some of us even got to be “on stage”! The valentines “necktie gala” was a highlight event attended by all.

In port, everyone went their own way. Some did an excursion, others walked around the port shops, while others just relaxed on the ship. There are many stories to be told of the things experienced on shore by our fellow cruisers, however, I’ll leave that up to the individuals who were involved to decide if those stories should be told.

All in all, a fantastic time was had by all! I’ve heard no one say they didn’t have a great time from start to finish. Every day brought a hundred laughs and added about 2 pounds! We plan on doing it again in 2013 so start planning your vacation. I don’t know how it could get much better, but with a group like this, I know it will!

Your “Cruise Director” ---- Dennis



Winter Family Fest & Chili cook off

Winter Fest 2011
by Brad Blackton

This year the 2nd annual Winterfest took place on Sunday January 30th. It was a great day that started out with icefishing, skating, and exploring on the South Harbour property. A friendly game of hockey broke out and a good time was had by all the friends and family that came out to see what the club has to offer in the winter. This event also coincided with Nick Rowlands 13th Birthday. The kids all had fun exploring the marsh and seeing the trees that have been cut down by our newest member - a local beaver! Hot chocolate was served along with hot dogs thanks to Keith and Sheila Rowland. Everyone gathered in the clubhouse to warm up for the Chili contest. The Chili was served and the judges made their final decision. All of them were delicious but the judges pick was the Blacktons Chili made by me! It was a great day that proceeded well into the evening. I would like to take this chance to thank those that helped me out shoveling/flooding the rink this season - Christine Drouillard, Rob Ferguson, Rick Wilton, Peter Skope and Commodore Andy for making the ramp to get down to the ice safely. Of course I can't forget Val Gujban for helping make this a great new tradition that I hope we continue in the future. Get out and enjoy what we have at LMYC!

Photos by Dexter Blackton

the winner to the CHILI COOK OFF was Brad Blackton.....winner received a very nice bottle of wine



BVI cruise By: Jim Beaudoin

An intrepid group of LaSalle Mariners enjoyed a two week vacation in the British Virgin Islands. Jim and Jennifer Beaudoin, John and Liz Metcalfe, and Herb and Anne Colling rented a 43 foot Beneteau from Moorings, and spent their time gunk-holing between the main islands of Tortola, Virgin Gorda, and Jost Van Dyke. There was lots of sailing, sunning, swimming, star gazing, happy houring, and feeding (of both human and fish); and it was generally described as a most excellent adventure.

Surprisingly, one of those adventures involved snorkeling the reef at Maya Cove. While snorkeling Jim, John and Herb were watching sea turtles, barracuda, black sea cucumbers, and sting rays; as well as the many-coloured reef fish which inhabit the coral. At one point, Herb sensed something poking him in the tummy, and figured it was Jim or John playing a joke. He looked up, but the guys were well off, snorkeling another part of the reef. The poking continued, so Herb did a barrel roll in time to see a baby remora trying to attach itself to himself!

Remoras are long green and yellow sea creatures with squarish heads that sucker onto larger fish to feed off whatever they leave behind. The group had seen remoras up at Saba Rock attached to the tarpon, which come in to feed at the local bar. This little guy was only eight inches long, and probably thought of Herb as a large sea bass, or grouper. Either that, or it realized just how much food Herb could consume at one sitting and decided to take advantage. At any rate, Herb figured he'd share his find with Jim and John, and snorkeled over to show them his prize.

The remora switched from Herb to Jim, and then to John, and then back to Jim again. As it tried to attach itself to its new hosts, Jim rolled a few times, went up to John to get it off, and then took off through the water like a shot with the remora following, apparently nibbling Jim's ear. John and Herb were laughing so hard that Herb swallowed several mouthfuls of salt water as Jim rushed to the boat with the remora in pursuit.

Back at the boat, the remora continued his chase just as Liz, not knowing what was happening, decided to have a swim. Jennifer sensing something a miss (the guys were laughing hysterically) urged Liz to get back onto the boat fast! John grabbed his underwater camera, but was too close-quartered for a decent shot. He handed the camera to Herb who captured three pictures of the remora: one close to John's face mask, another under his leg, and a third nibbling John's left nipple. Little did Herb know that the remora also nibbled him because when he surfaced, Anne noticed little red marks near Herb's navel, like little underwater hickeys! And when John emerged , well let's just say his nipple was in bad shape!

The next day at Manchioneel Bay on Cooper Island, Herb and Jim were again snorkeling when they spotted another remora eel relaxing on the sand bottom in about 25 feet of water. This one was quite large, about two feet long. Jim lifted his head up out of the water, looked at Herb, and said, "Let's get the _ _ _ _ out of here," as they both finned hastily away... just one more of the many excellent adventures gunk-holing around the British Virgins. Beware the tickling of baby remoras.

Someone who was there!



CONGRATULATIONS

Engaged to be married



Nick and his fiancé Danica

INFORMATION PAGE

Please remember to submit pictures of your boat . It can be past and present. Red will hang an envelope in the clubhouse. Also Red is looking is always on the lookout for pictures pertaining to club history.

Does anyone have a picture of the Past Commodores taken on the 40th?

Anyone willing to part with old race results?

Thanks

Red

Interesting Facts from Roger Renaud

Link to Racing rules for sailing

<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>

<http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=638>

Nine out of ten DSC calls not linked to GPS

By John Kettlewell (Oceannavigator.com)

The U.S. Coast Guard has sent a letter to the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) requesting assistance in resolving several major problems with the use of radios equipped to provide Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC radios, which are now the only type of VHF marine radios that may be sold in the U.S.A., have an emergency alert function that may be triggered by a mariner in order to send an automated message to the Coast Guard. If properly hooked up to a GPS unit, the boat's current position will be included as part of the automated distress alert, along with the boater's Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number.

However, in the letter, the Coast Guard notes that 9 out of 10 alerts do not include GPS information because boaters have not made the proper connection to their GPS units, and 6 out of 10 alerts do not include the MMSI because boaters have not registered. The Coast Guard notes in the letter that one of the major problems is that currently available wiring in radios and GPS units requires some skill to set up and essentially means that most boaters must hardwire the connections, making it difficult to remove the equipment for theft prevention or winter storage. This means a lot of boaters are reluctant to wire up the units.