



Aerial photo – a view of LMYC – courtesy of the Essex Regional Conservation Authority



The Currents

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club

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Commodore's Report

Despite the slow start to the spring weather our Harbor is filling up quickly. The last couple of weeks have provided exceptionally great temperatures. The Lift crew has been most accommodating helping and encouraging members to get their boats in the water in order to meet the May 15th.dead line. I am only aware of one member who has asked the Board for a possible extension due to health issues but with help from members even he may launch in time.

This time of year always reflects the best of members and the difference of belonging to a Club as oppose to a Marina. We go down to work on our own boat with intentions of checking off a few of those jobs on the list. But we see a fellow member who could use a hand moving their mast or raising it ; launching or needing assistance to rearrange dock line in their slip and so many other little things a helping hand is appreciated. We go back to working on our own when shortly after there is a need again, so off we go leaving what we are doing to give a hand. Smiles, jokes and laughter indicate that it's all good and were glad to help.

This time of year there is a lot going on around the club. I am only going to touch on a couple and let the other Board members give their report.

I breezed over an issue at the general meeting about developing a safety program that identifies individuals and procedures both on and off the water in the event of a medical emergency. The ILYA spring meeting provided the information and steps to putting this in place and I am working on it. What I will need from the members is name of those of you that have a medical background or first aid training.



Commodore –David Nantais
Secretary – Barb Albrecht
House Director – Mike Tyler
Race Director – Andy Kosieradski
Harbour Master – Jom Amyot Jr.
Regalia – John Treacy
Web-Master – Tim McWilliams
Road and Grounds – Rob Ferguson

Vice Commodore – Tony Berends
Treasurer – Tom Smith
Social Director – Barb Pare
Cruising Director – John Murphy
Small Equipment – Lothar Bauer
Junior Sailing Coordinator – Jim Beaudoin
Newsletter Editor – Roger Renaud

It would be greatly appreciated and as I start filling in the details of this program I will contact you so you can understand what is involved. I would hope anyone qualified will want to be part of this.

The Club house & grounds had a real good clean up last weekend and I haven't seen the place look this good this early in the season. I would encourage everyone to take an extra moment when working around the yard or preparing and eating in the house to pick up behind yourself. It is very discouraging to have to pick up bottles & can, sandpaper & tape, old rags or bits of wood that were left after working on your boat. Also going into the house to pizza boxes on the counter , paper plates & napkins left out on the bar or dishes in the sink. We have such a great looking club let's keep it looking good.

With the warm weather members are spending more time outside. Please remember to feed the Duck when coming in and out.

Tuesday evening was the Women's Sailing Adventure Meet & Greet. There was a lot of excitement and activity. From registration to introduction and information, the ladies had every detail worked out flawlessly. The hard work put into this new program for LMYC paid off with over 70 registrations. But for me I was impressed with the efficiency & professionalism displayed by these ladies. I would like to thank Christine Drouillard, Heather Hartley, Val Gujban, Heather Mazzotta & Colette Murphy for a bang up job and introducing yet another program for LMYC to be proud of.

Sea Cadets have asked to have their Sailing event the weekend of June 8th & 9th .The Board has approved their request and we are looking forward to having them. We wish them a safe and wonderful weekend.

Jr. Boom program is still in need of a couple of young people to fill the roster. If you or someone you know is interested please call Jim Beaudoin.

Disabled Sailing Program is still on track for this season. We how ever do not have a lot of details yet but will post as soon as we do. I can say we are looking at the weekend of September 7th & 8th or the following weekend Sept.14th & 15th. More to come.

Well that's enough for me.... Dave.

Meet the new and upcoming crew....

Kora Audrey Ferguson - Born May 2nd @ 2:18am - 8lbs. 2oz. Proud parents Rob & Kate Lynnn Ferguson & Extremely Proud Grandparents Bob & Carol Ferguson

Emma Parker Edwards - Born April 18th - 7lbs. 12oz. Proud parents Chris & Holly Edwards

Kora Ferguson is the baby on the left & Emma Edwards is on the right.



From the Vice- Commodore

The boats are slowly filling the harbour, a lot of people about, LMYC is starting look like a sailing club again. April 27 we had Spring cleaning event. We had a great turn out. Fourty sea cadets were present, probably one of the largest turnouts yet, great to see. A lot of work was done with members stepping in, leading groups of cadets in various clean-up activities.

Clearing branches, leaves from the front lawn, re-installing the dinghy dock, putting up the awning, raking the stone on the driveway, parking lot and lane way, trimming trees, preparing flower beds, clean up around garage, power-washing the outside of the club building, cleaning the Widows Walk and more. Thanks to everyone who participated: 28 members were on site, doing all kinds of activities.

Please remember to fill out the Work Hour Chits, record your service hours.

The Tug was launched a couple of weeks ago, thanks to Ralph, Carl, Jim, Mike for taking on some maintenance tasks. We have started training Tug drivers, with Mike R, Scott, Tim, Bob R, Jim, Dave N, John M all achieving "near expert" status, according to the instructor We are ready for the racing season which starts next week, May 13. If anyone has life jackets to spare, please drop them off at the Tug. Thanks to all who have already donated time and equipment. The Tug is now docked at the guest dock.

Thought for the Day

Woody Allen - *"There are two types of people in this world - good and bad. The good sleep better, but the bad seem to enjoy the waking hours much more."*

Which are you?..... Have a great summer,

Tony Berends

Thank you Mr. Commodore

This is a photo of Bob Reaume showing one of the fun prizes given to him at the Past Commodore's Party on Saturday, March 30. There was a very good turn out for the event and everyone had an enjoyable evening as the wine and stories flowed freely.



High water in April, 1987



Flood water surround lake front homes in Belle River in this April 4, 1987 file photo – Windsor Star

Junior BOOM Program Update...

As of May 1, only 8 committed participants with deposit received. On the waiting list of 5 other interested parties, 2 have backed out and I am have extended the registration deposit confirmation to May 13 the 3 other interested. With 4 submissions to the LaSalle Post for a community events listing none have made it to print with no explanation. Mark Faulkner from the Windsor Star was more positive and will find a spot for our submission to promote our program.

Thanks to the Brad Blackton and the Sea Cadets the dingy docks were moved out of the North Harbour and into position and with Christine Drouillard's help they were also secured to their mooring posts Saturday April 27th. our annual clean up and outfitting day.

We all have to pull together and fill the remaining positions by recognizing juniors 8-14 from friends/family, neighbours etc. Junior Sailing is a club initiative that presently requires all of the clubs support.

Jim Beaudoin, Junior Sailing Coordinator

Construction too light? Speed - at what cost?

The America's Cup catamaran that capsized in San Francisco Bay, killing an Olympic gold medalist, nose-dived during a difficult maneuver and broke into many pieces, an official said. The boat simply broke apart under sail, folded, then flipped. - May 10, 2013



Social Director's Report...



Past Commodores Evening on April 6 - Past Commodore, Robert Reaume was honoured at a dinner held at LaSalle Mariners with over 40 guests. Bob received several phone calls of regret from members that were unable to attend. In true Mariners spirit guests generously brought delicious food that was accompanied by free club wine and a celebration cake. Bob received the traditional navy blazer presented to the Past Commodore and a Tiki Bar sign to hang on the outdoor bar.

Fitting Out Breakfast, Sat. Apr. 27 - Thanks to Dave and Mary Nantais for hosting the breakfast.

Boat Safety & Flare Practice Day - There have been a few changes in the flare practice day to allow members to be able to use real flares. A trained Marine and Rescue specialist has offered to organize a flare practice for LaSalle Mariners using a private range at the Windsor Airport. I am looking for a date that will not conflict with other events previously scheduled. This may be a weeknight (not a race night) instead of the weekend. Details will be sent to as they are finalized.

Blessing of the Boats - Sat June 1 at 1 PM-LaSalle Mariners as well as your crew are invited to attend. All members with or without boats are welcome. The Blessing of The Boats Day will include a dressing of the boats contest, a maritime tradition of Blessing the Fleet at Mariners followed by a potluck luncheon. Rev. Gomes the new rector of St. Andrew's Church will be celebrating the service with us. LaSalle Mayor, Ken Antaya has received an invitation to join us for this event. The Royal Canadian Legion colour guard, and piper have confirmed. **Would members prefer to have a sail pass rather than at the dock? Please tell me your preferences.**

Tugboat Day at LMYC for the Ladies on Sat. June 22-Ladies enjoy a relaxing afternoon aboard the tug with food and drinks. The tugboat will be docked at Mariners so we can use the club facilities. Each person attending is asked to bring a snack or finger food to share as well as drinks. Further details will be announced.

LaSalle Mariners Fall Banquet -The Royal Canadian Legion on Howard Ave. is reserved for the Annual Banquet on Sat. Nov. 16.

Wine Tour- With all the events occurring in June the wine tour will be held later in the summer or fall if there is interest. This idea is dependent on members' interest and would cover cost.

Barbara Pare, Social Director
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Some views of our sailing waters from space... Courtesy of Chris Hatfield - ISS



Secretary's Report ,,,

As the new sailing season is upon us we have received many reciprocal invitation from other Yacht Club's in our area near and far. All the invitations and information to visit these Club's are combined in a white folder and left at our clubhouse. It might be helpful when you plan your vacation at sea this summer around Lake Erie. But please leave the folder at the Club for all to see !

Two members had surgery - Bob Ferguson had a surgery on his neck and a skin graft and visited the club this week. Rick Beresford had a hip replacement done this week and is doing fine. June Smith is currently visiting doctor's offices for help. We wish all of our members the best of health in the future.

We received an e-mail from Ted Popel. He currently lives in Saskatoon and has discontinued his membership for now. He will be back one day!

Barb Albrecht

P.S. - Heather Hartley and Blaic Naysmith got engaged. Congratulations.

The LMYC Ladies Thursday Night Knitting Group

We are planning a day long bus trip to The Yarn Sale in Listowel.
The date is Thursday August 15, 2013

The plan is to leave Windsor at 8.00am. We would like everyone to bring a packed lunch for the bus and snacks.

First stop will be Spinrite Yarns tent sale (Patons, Bernat, Caron, Lilly) in Listowel, Ontario then when everyone has had their fill of shopping there we will board the bus and make our way to Paris Ont. to Mary Maxim for their Tent Sale.

We should be finished by supper time, and if everyone agrees we will make a dinner stop before returning home.

The price for this trip is \$51.00 per person based on 32 people going.

If you are interested, please contact either:

Mary Nantais (519) 519-966-6358 mnantais13@hotmail.com or
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We all leave the dock knowing there is risk, more so for offshore sailing and less so for inshore sailing, of all kinds. The tragic event of last week serves to remind us that even if we are well prepared, have taken all the safety precautions and confident in our crew, things do happen. It is very sad to learn of this tragedy, may we all remember Andrew Simpson, every time we leave the dock by making sure we have considered safety first and that the reason we leave the dock is because of our love of the sport.

