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The Currents

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB



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The swans in the south harbour across from the pump-out were most suspicious of the Blue Heron coming near their signets.



The strong and the brave were out for the Fighting Island Regatta. Above we see the boats jockeying for the start. Mellow Yellow, a Northern 25, giving M.J. Hutchison and that crew a fine ride.

The shot below shows Therapy, a C&C 25, skippered by Zane Handysides racing for the start.



Blowin' in the Wind Regatta

Last year our Fighting Island Regatta was close to becalmed for the entire race and only the most skilled in light air boatmanship were able to finish. At this year's Regatta held Saturday, August 25, the wind, it did howl and the rain stung the face at times. It was a year for the heavy weather sailors to exercise their skills. This kind of situation is in fact what keeps so many people coming back. The river is ever present but the weather is ever changing. (More on page 3)

Save the Date

River Rat Race
Saturday, Oct. 13

First start at 12 noon for the last club race of the year. A food and fun event every time.

Darts Night
Nov. 7, @ 7:00 PM

The Dart night people are always ready to welcome new faces for low competition fun.

Awards Banquet
Nov. 17, 2018

Our own gala event where sailor friends gather to celebrate the season of racing. Tickets \$45.00



There was a tent but what a tent it was. Flags decorated the inside and perimeter going back to the 1960's. Our own master of the winds, Juergen Hendel P.C. founding member, was commemorated with a display of his many past victories. Below the ever popular group shot.



Letters to the Editor

“I just wanted to commend everyone for a job WELL DONE in organizing our Celebration for our 50th Anniversary as a Sailing Club! What a blessing for me to see so many familiar faces and to know that we have grown from the small little club with all the **mud holes** (1977) to this awesome club! I'm so thankful to see everyone's participation and to be able to enjoy our 50th celebration; even the weather cooperated.

I hope that I'm around to attend future celebrations like the *Blessing of the Fleet* and maybe even a 51st Anniversary?? (Perhaps even combine it on the same weekend as the Blessing of the Fleet so members can attend before the summer vacations start?)

You all know me—I'm full of suggestions (LOL). Thank-you for a wonderful time.”
Phil Smith

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 21, weather was fair and the crowd gathered to commemorate the anniversary of LaSalle Mariners for the 50th time in our history. This was a special melding of the old and the new. Nostalgic memories flooded forth from faces that we had not seen for some years. People mingled, memories were dredged, in some cases to find the names, but other times they leapt into our thoughts as we recalled those many adventures and good times from the past.

The food and drink was tasty and plentiful. The atmosphere was charged with good wishes and kind sentiments. The Mariners fleet was dressed for the occasion, flags a-flying beautifully.



Dressing Committee Boat

Above is a shot of Dennis Hendel as he just finishes up testing the new flag layout on the LaSalle Mariners Committee Boat. Dennis' long years of racing experience makes him a very worthy candidate for such action. He ensured that the boat looked it's best for the big 50th celebration. Look in the background for more flags fluttering in celebration.

Below Commodore Laing welcomes the crowd while Master of Ceremonies, Bob Reaume, looks on.



Harbourmaster Notice

It's that time of year. Haul out. Starting October 3rd I'm asking all boat owners with cradles to make sure they are marked with your name on the bow end. We're also going to be bringing all trailers to the main parking lot. I'm asking all owners to check their tires and general condition, before we lift your boat. I would also ask to report to me any damage or wear on your dock, including any looseness or slope of the dock and mooring post.

Brian Casey, Harbourmaster

Last Club Race for the Season



Last Wednesday night race, Sept 26 and the clubhouse was noisy with excitement!

Photo by M.J. Hutchison



The General Membership Meeting

The regular pre-regatta general membership meeting was held on August 12. It was lightly attended and the business moved along smartly.

Gleanings from the meeting included an update on the clubhouse remodeling. The architect was almost done with the revised plans. They project that construction will start in October or November.

The mortgage stands at \$47, 359 and Accounts Receivable was \$3,900.

Our popular Adaptive Sailing event will not be staged this year, as the boats are not available. Dave Nantais is investigating the possibility of purchasing our own boats and training our own instructors in order to be independent in the future. A motion was passed to authorize that review.

There were three new members welcomed.

F.Y.I.

The *LaSalle Mariners Currents*, the official newsletter of the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club is published quarterly. It is issued electronically as a PDF file and sent free of charge to anyone requesting the service in early April, July, October and January. Paper copies are also provided at the clubhouse with one clubhouse copy permanently posted on the bulletin board. Written contributions and photos are welcome as sent to the email address shown below.

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Pelee Island Race-Cruise

Big feature of the Pelee gathering was the trolley rides back and forth to and from the Storehouse (1891) Craft Beer and Kitchen. As the photo shows the merry crews had a fine time imbibing the local suds along with the islands offerings of vitals as prepared in their wood burning oven.

After a slow sail over crews enjoyed a menu including perch, pizza and handmade cocktails.

A big vote of thanks goes out to M.J. Hutchison for serving as organizer for this successful sailing outing.

Sail for Hospice

At the right, Bob Bingham and crew, Shawn, Jenny, Jeanine display their 1st in class flag.



The Tale of the Trophies



Another entertaining tale from the man who knows - Ralph Allen (a founding member of LaSalle Mariners).

Awards, Flags, Trophies

After placing 2nd for the, “ Best Dressed”, at the 2018 *Blessing of the Fleet*, it got me thinking of the DIFFERENT PRIZES that have been awarded over the past 50 years. My first award was a small trophy for third place as crew on a shark at South Port Sailing Club. Over the next 10 years or so, Trophies were handed out as individual awards for First, Second, and Third plus Best Corrected Time for the fleet. Bottles of wine were also a popular prize for some races including Shakedown. One particular year the prize was a motorboat ride to Put-In-Bay. To keep the thirsty sailors happy we decided to draw names from the entry list. 15 or 20 bottles were handed out to the delight of the participants. The, “First to Finish”, for Shakedown started out as a fun award. Dr. Cam Macdonald finished first and did not know it. He was awarded the F.F.B. (Effin fast boat!). His boat was a cruising Hughes 38 footer.

On closing think about this. How would you hoist trophies up your halyards to brag about how well you have sailed over the years?

[What if boats were required to keep winning trophies on board? After a while their weigh would provide a handicap benefiting other competitors. Hehehe. Your thoughts? Editor]

Upcoming Elections

The annual election of officers is held at the November general membership meeting. This club survives and prospers on the involvement of its membership. There are 7 Directors that are responsible for the business of the club along with special duties assigned to each position. Filling these 7 positions is a vital requirement for sustaining the successful operation bequeathed to us by those special people, Past Directors.



Above Chris Drouillard with crew members, smiling sure, with 3rd in class flag.



Here’s Chris D. holding her flag for highest donations total. Exuberant, Wow!

Chris Wysynski was the convener for this years Sail for Hospice held Sept. 9. Chris made sure to beat the bushes and whip up everyone, skippers and crew, to get out and raise those donations for this worthy charity.

The wind blew heavy and danced around. The boats battled to stay on their feet up and down the course; definitely a no chute day. Back at the clubhouse the friendly crowd found a delicious meal. Sisters Rhonda and Lisa (nee Ouellette) tabulated the final total of \$6,574 in givings. Chris Drouillard and Brenda Morgan contested for the award for most pledges. Chris took the honours not only for highest pledge total but also a first place finish in the rough and tumble sailing race.



Andy Kozieradzki and his crew proudly display their first place flag. The young lady (grey/white cap) next to Andy (and all the ladies are young) is his daughter, Karolina.