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The Currents



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB

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Aug. 11 Special Membership Meeting

A first for Mariners when the membership voted a levy of \$500 for each Full member and \$250 for each Associate to help pay for the extensive remodeling of the clubhouse. Above is a photo of the exterior of the building on Sept. 25. Below we see the Board members explaining the costs.

Clubhouse Remodel Continues

The major remodelling of the LaSalle Mariners Clubhouse continues. With Fall coming on the good weather could be becoming hit and miss days for outside work although this summer has had it's share of rainy days. Rewiring has been mostly completed which will go a long way in remedying the past patchwork system that had grown up as the power needs changed in the clubhouse over the years. Windows have been installed after a number of delays and the next challenge is to cover the exterior for protection from the winter elements.

Save the Date

River Rat Race Saturday, Oct. 19

This race wraps up racing season at L.M.Y.C. It has proven to be a very popular event.

Darts Night Nov. 6, @ 7:00 PM

The Dart night is an opportunity to mingle with fun people in a friendly competition evening.

Awards Banquet Nov. 16

Our own gala event where sailor friends gather to celebrate the season on the water racing and cruising.



Another Regatta Success

See the Possibilities



Above sits long time member and single hander Dave Evans contemplating as he rests in the, under construction, clubhouse.

The Fighting Island Regatta held on Saturday, Aug. 24 proved out to be another success in spite of the challenges presented by the high water this season. On the left we see Skipper Robby Ferguson proudly sharing his win with his two crewmates (and children). On the right, the boat with the long name, "Ten Ticket Thrill Ride", had crewmates Tim McWilliams and spouse Christina enjoying stepping up for their well-earned 1st place flag.

Below is the always competitive Road Kill crew as they pick up the hardware and yet another first place flag to add to their large collection, Congratulations to Blaic and Heather Naysmith, on the right, Commodore Dave presenting, crewman in the middle, Nic and Tapani Lintunen on the left.



Social Happenings

Our wine tour on November 2, 2019, is **SOLD OUT!!** Looking forward to a fun day at Muscedere, Viewpoint and Aleksander wineries. If you have reserved a seat for this tour, please bring your payment of \$55.00 per person to LMYC when meeting the bus at 10:30 that morning. Dinner to follow at the clubhouse.

Save the Date!! Our awards banquet will be at Ambassador Golf Club on Saturday, November 16, 2019. It is sure to be a fun evening of friends, fellowship, and dancing to the band Siesta. More details to be available soon.

Mary Chesnik, Social Director

To the right we find Jon Rae working away by himself the day before Regatta to add his special touch to the club's upkeep.



10, 9, 8, - Prepare for Lift Out!

It's time to look at you're cradles and trailers for upcoming haul out. Because of the high water this year the weeds have grown exceptionally high and the tractor cannot go off the lane way. We'll have to drag some out. Members are required to cut the brush around their cradles or trailers. Failure to do this will result in a delay in their haul out. After the mast is taken down, members have a day to remove the spreaders and place the mast on the rack. There will be no masts stored on the lawn this year and no masts will be allowed in the gin pole area over the winter. I will be getting in touch with those members who have cradles needing to be repaired before we pick them up. The haul out sign up calendar will be on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Brian Casey, Harbourmaster

Race For Hospice



There were good times on and off the water for the annual Race for Hospice. The photo below shows the wide range of boats competing from A Fleet to Force 5 dinghies. They all came for a run...and their donations. The event raised \$6,579.20 for Hospice. Our new member, Brenda Morgan's efforts brought in over \$1,800. She was awarded a flag for the achievement.



Archivist Yvonne

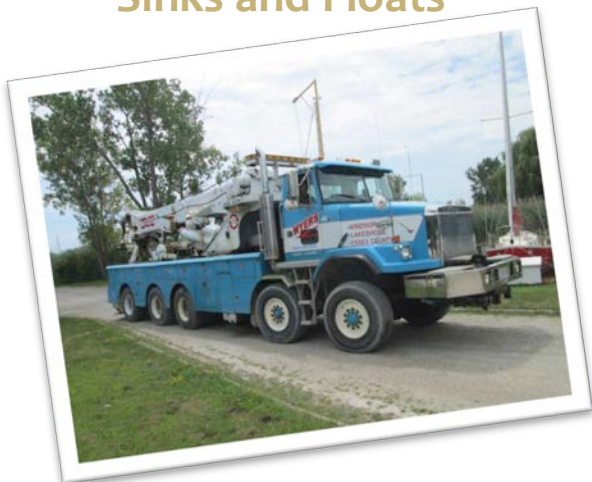
Our keeper of the past, Archivist Yvonne McRobbie reminds everyone that she continues to ask you to send in photos of your boat to her for our historical records. If you like, these can be addressed to the Currents email address and will be forwarded to Red.

Dingy Boats Are Active

These shots on the left taken at the July 16 gathering of the Force 5 dinghy sailors group shows the small but dedicated group engaged in a sometimes overlooked aspect of sailing at LaSalle Mariners. Dinghy sailing; centreboard boats as opposed to keelboats demands a keen sense of balance and a sensitivity to the elements that is more demanding with no heavy keel to keep the boat upright. Acceleration in dinghy racing can be exhilarating. The close camaraderie of the competitors is bred through their close interactions on the water and support on the land. If this sounds like something that you might like to try just show up any evening and join in with (left to right) Brad Blackton, Nic Lintunen, Blaie Naysmith, Jason Allison and Dennis Hendel.



Sinks and Floats



Chris Drouillard's Erickson 26, C'est Ci Bon suffers a sinking at the dock. A simple hose clamp let go and the boat sunk in place in her well. On July 21 Chris got right to solving the problem by hiring a crane, shown above, to lift the boat and get it floating again.



Above is a photo of C'est Ci Bon being towed by the Committee boat over to be lifted out for drying and a complete inspection. Although this is a rare occurrence in our harbour it does serve to remind us all of the vital importance of keeping through hull fitting inspected and maintained.

As the sun sets on another sailing season we look back and remember the challenges and fun this year has presented but more importantly we remember the beauty of our natural surroundings in and around the Detroit River. We look forward to the winter season where club social activities replace boating for a while.

From the Vice Commodore



Well Mariners, another season is quickly coming to an end. Many thanks to all those who have responded to the call to come out and put your talents to work these last few months. As you all know the needs have been great.

Although a lot of you have completed your minimum work hour requirements, some of you still require work hours. This statement is based on the work chits that have been submitted and recorded. I know some of you have put in hours but have not submitted your hours and consequently you have not received credit for those hours. If you have not achieved your club's minimum work hours requirement and have hours to submit please do so on a timely manner. If you require hours or are not sure if you have reached that minimum requirement please contact me and I will let you know and I will see what I can do about getting you something to work on.

Please remember, 12 hours is only the current minimum. This is our club, yours and mine, and we are all responsible for its overall condition and appearance.

Tom Smith, Vice Commodore

Sun Sets

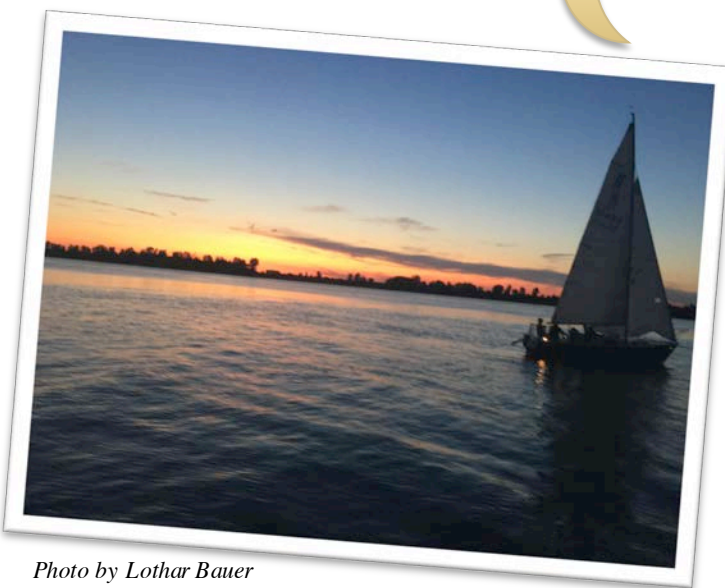


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