

The Currents

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB

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The photo on the left shows boats docked in the harbour filled with people congregating for the ever-popular post race festivities.

Ghosting along was the sailing order of the day. It was enough to drive you batty!



Fighting Island Regatta Much Different

This year's Fighting Island Regatta turning out to be much different from any other year in memory. The first starting fleets faced a light breeze at the start line that turned into something close to zero as the later fleets fought to avoid drifting over the start line before their start. Sailing in such light weather demands a different skill set. Every boat that finished proved their worth in coping with extremes. Reports were that after rounding the mark at the bottom of the course the wind picked up just enough to allow some boats to finish the long slow trek.

Save the Date

River Rat Race
Saturday, Oct. 14

Last club race of the year. Don't miss this fun event for crew and all.

Darts Night
Nov. 1 @ 7:00 PM

The Dart night people are always ready to welcome new faces.

Awards Banquet
Saturday, Nov. 11

A new venue for our Awards Banquet promises to offer something different.



Pillon Crew

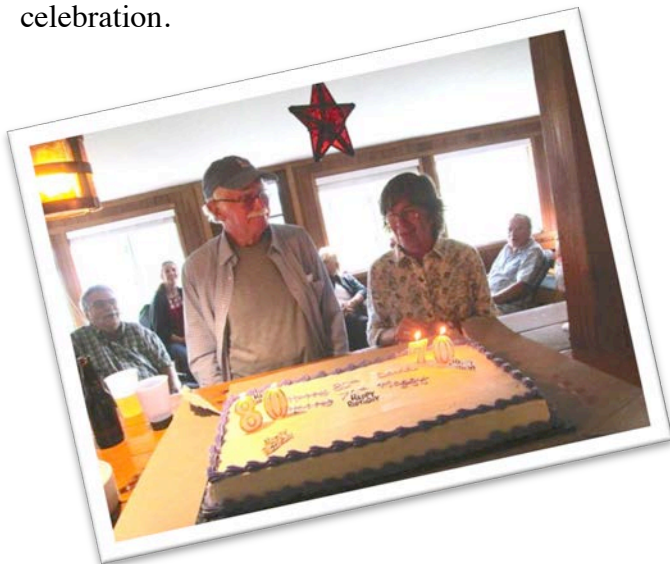


Metcalfe Crew

Wasn't That a Party!

On Friday, August 4th a fine shindig was held at LaSalle Mariners clubhouse for two of our own, Dave, the curmudgeon, Evans and his sparkling Mrs., Maggie. Everyone was invited to this open house style afternoon cum evening soiree. Many an old friend showed up for a chat. A number of different faces were found in the crowd as Dave's biker buddies came out to offer their best wishes

Tasty treats and refreshments were served in abundance. Dave was especially proud of the cake noting both his and Maggie's cause for celebration.



Here's jolly Dave enjoying family and friends at the party as people came from many varied and distant places to be with the Evans at their double birthday celebration.

Commodore's Corner

Hello Members,

Well this summer sure went by fast, as it always seems to do. This year we had a very good year in racing, and cruising. The weather was great, and fun was had by all.

We have a few new members, and a fantastic social venue. Our Regatta was a great success, we made a great representation to other clubs, and like always brought home their flags and trophies. We had a wedding take place that made a perfect atmosphere for the occasion. Congrat's Sue and Walter.

We lost a few members and family members. We will always remember them with a smile.

Our Awards Banquet is coming up, don't miss out on a great venue and fun, on November the 11th, and also fun wine tour on September the 30th...call Andy to join the fun.



Chis Drouillard Sends Thanks

Many thanks for the wonderful food basket and all the love and support over the past few years and especially during the last few weeks of my father's life. He was a power boater, but never said no to a sail on a windy day. I miss him every day, but he knew I was in good hands at LMYC.





Walt and Sue Newlyweds

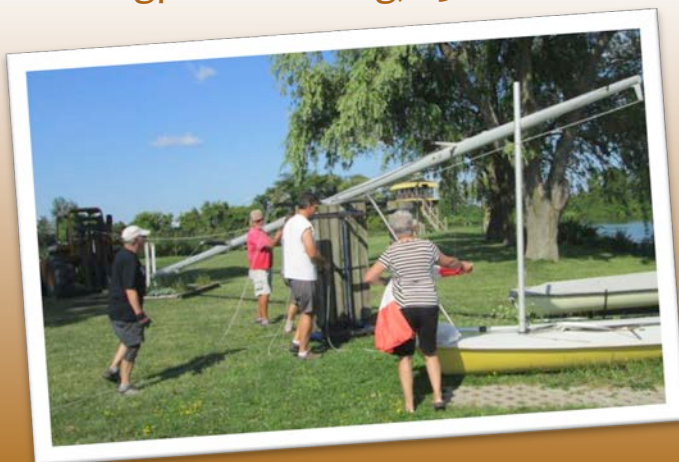
Walt Argent says, “90 people helped transform the LMYC grounds into a oasis for our July 8th wedding. Sue and I thank the club and members for allowing us to have our special day there”.

Wine Tour - Exceptional

A full load as everyone got on the bus and by the day’s end the group was in a roaring great mood. Andy K. outdid himself with this exceptional event!



Flagpole Fix - Aug, 23



2 Photos by Heather Naysmith

Laurels for L.M.Y.C. Ladies

Sunday July 16th CIYC hosted the first annual challenge; hereby know as “Tight around the Buoys” to the LMYC WSA ladies. Four boats from LaSalle challenged Five Cedar Island boats on Lake Erie’s blue waters under sunny skies with plenty of wind a tight race ensued as the ladies battled for Victory. LaSalle just edged out a win, as the A team on Kyrie won in their start and overall. Bear’s Mistress from CIYC coming in first in their start. Supporters from both clubs cheered on the ladies from the Committee boat and following boats from CIYC.

The race was followed by a delicious BBQ prepared by CIYC. There were plenty of laughs, new friends were made and LaSalle WSA has already responded with an offer to host the BBQ at CIYC next year!

Paul Cairoli commodore of CIYC presented the Trophy (refurbished by Walt Copper) to Heather Hartley and the LaSalle Ladies. The trophy is now displayed in the clubhouse near the fireplace.

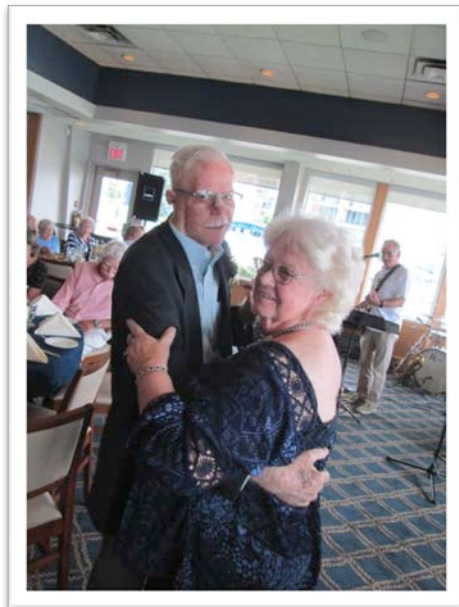
LaSalle Mariners operates on the goodwill and involvement of members and supporters. Why we even have a trophy to recognize the help given to the club by none members. Of course, it is incumbent on our members themselves to show pride in their club. To the left is a photo of hard working members repairing the flagpole as they spruce up the property getting ready for our big annual Fighting Island Regatta event. Being resourceful, as sailors should be, they supported the flagpole when it was down by using what was handy, a picnic table. No faces in the photo, they were all too busy to pose.

Fergusons Special Day



LaSalle Mariners is fortunate to have some of the people still on the roster that worked so hard to make LaSalle Mariners what it is today. Bob and Carol Ferguson, two of our honoured long time members celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday Aug. 6 at the Windsor Yacht Club.

Family and friends, so many past and present Mariners, were invited to share their joy that day. Above is a photo of the grand wedding day 50 years ago. At the bottom is a shot of the Fergusons at the party.



Look closely. You can see why this marriage has been such a success over decades.

And Another Party at the Club

There was a surprise birthday party at LaSalle Mariners for Frank Marmara on July 1, Canada Day, double celebration, yahoo! While being interviewed Frank said that he never suspected the surprise. All were invited. Reports were that it was another great event. (Sorry, no photo available.) P.S. His 70th.

Sun Sets on Another Sailing Season



This year's club racing series were well attended and competition was sharp. The photo above shows the last Wednesday start. With a good breeze out of the northwest boats were off with a spinnaker start. The picture below shows sails trimmed up as the sun sets in the west. There were a number of close calls for skippers as they maneuvered down and up the course at breakneck speeds.



Harbourmaster Alerts

Harbourmaster, Brian Casey, asks everyone to inspect their cradles and trailers to ensure that they are in good working order for haul-out coming ever too soon!

