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# THE CURRENTS



Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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## TREE COMES DOWN



*Photos Lothar Bauer*



It was a very tall tree that came down on January 30 at 11:30 in the morning. A number of club members were there to witness the event. The tree was ?? years old. What's your guess?

This was a serious job. The arborists were kept busy cutting and feeding the many branches into the chipper. It was quite a show of sights and sounds as the heavy logs were sliced and jostled about. Later the crew returned and even the stump has been removed and the front lawn is ready to be seeded where the once mighty Poplar (Dogwood if you prefer) had once stood. Other trees around the property received a trim job so that masts don't tangle in them at the dock.



## Great Dates to Save

### Blessing of the Fleet

**Saturday, June 3 @1:00 PM**

The event for everyone sailors and non-sailors alike. Music, food, festivities of all sorts. Bring the whole family. A something for everyone event!

### Shakedown

**Saturday, May 20**

Stretch out the wrinkles in the sails going across Lake Erie

### Spring Clean-up

**Saturday, April 29**

The Annual Spring Clean-up Session. Breakfast served until 10:00 AM.

## FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

It looks like spring is finally here and soon there will be a flurry of activity at the club with everyone preparing their boats for that glorious launch day!

Please note that our annual **Spring Clean-up will be on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>**. The Spring Clean up is a great opportunity to get a jump on your work hours and we have the added bonus of the Sea Cadets helping us out on that day.

We are also planning to have the Launch Breakfast on that same morning and from what I hear Andy has a fantastic spread of food planned for us and trust me that is something that nobody wants to miss.

I will soon have a sheet posted at the club with a list of projects and jobs that can be done in order to fulfill your work hours. Please email me with any additional ideas you may have.

Some of the upcoming projects for the club:

- Driveway repair.
- Repair and level the North Harbour Walkway.
- Plant grass in the area where the tree was removed.
- Clean the outside of the clubhouse
- Installation of the canopy over the pavilion
- General Cleanup around the yard.
- Cut back the marsh weeds near the driveway.

We appear to have a very high energy Executive this year and I am proud to be a part of it. Some of the highlights include - A very robust list of events that our Social Director has planned for the year, many race related and training events that our Race Director has been working on, and our Treasurer is working on some potential modern payment methods for future events. The whole team is working hard to ensure the membership has a great year.

I hope to see you all around the club. Larry



## Food, Food, Food

### Andy Cooks Up A Scrumptious Storm

Andy K. and his jolly helpers put together a unique event on the evening of February 18. The clubhouse was filled with the aroma of plump cabbage rolls and pierogis.



The evening started with people crowding around to get tips and techniques on preparing the two dishes for the evening. Below is Susan Gillis as she continues to bring out another of the varieties of food. The first servings were some very tasty cabbage rolls. Then came the many varieties of pierogis. We even had a dessert pierogi with blueberry filling. Everyone left stuffed for sure.





## Protection for Launch

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTER:

Last year a low-grade electrical charge was found in both the north and south harbours. Such electricity in the water may cause galvanic corrosion with any metal, e.g. propellers, ladders, and may find its way into motor parts. For your protection, wherever your boat floats, a sacrificial anode is recommended. Zinc is the common material used in anodes for salt water but here in fresh water a magnesium anode is recommended as zinc forms an insulating oxide film over itself, especially in fresh water, that stops it from working. Brian



Photo Brian Casey

One of four  
Rubber Duck  
Award winners



Compliments to the hard working launch crew. This picture is one of four photos sent over showing boats going in. That doesn't set a new record for early spring launch, but close. Editor

## Past Commodore's Dinner Party



On Saturday, April 8, at 6 PM the membership gathers to honour Heather Naysmith for her sterling performance as Commodore in 2015.

Price \$20/person. Capacity is limited so you need to contact the Social Director, Andy, A.S.A.P.

## Winter Activities:

## Darts and/or Monday Lunch

Here we find Vicky Boyce, the matriarch of the L.M.Y.C. Dart league presiding over another Wednesday evening session of friendly competition and a wide selection of snacks. If you haven't been out come give it a try before the season comes to an end. All are always welcome.



AND



Monday lunches are done for another season. Come next fall. A new chef and a new dish served up every Monday ...and stay for the chat sessions.

## From Our Active Social Director

A calendar of the year's events has been composed and copies will be in the clubhouse for you. Clean-up breakfast (April 29) will be free for those working or \$5 for those chatting.

I am really looking forward to the Kentucky Derby Party on May 6. Many attractions are being planned. The Radio Operators Class on March 19 was money well spent with attention to safe boating procedures as well.

I am looking for organizers to "own an event" and add more parties. Wow, good fun work hours!  
Andy K.



*Photo Mary Lou Amlin*

Our own leprechaun Bob working his magic in the pot...is it full of the fabled gold coins? Naw, you can't eat gold and Bob has a reputation for cooking up some mighty good eats in the clubhouse galley. Just look at him resplendent in his green Boom Tee shirt.



## Thanks From the Editor

Barbara and Dennis Paré would like to express their appreciation for the kind support and sympathies expressed from members at the loss of Dennis' mother on Feb. 20.



The wheel of life keeps spinning along and on March 18 our daughter, Bonnie, gave birth to a beautiful little novice mariner, Sophie Mae, weighing in at 8 lb. 1oz.

## St. Patty's Day And the Corned Beef and Cabbage were Delish!



What can be said about our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon except that Bob Bingham and his kitchen crew did another great job! The corned beef was cooked to perfection and the dessert was a feast for the eyes.



*Photo Mary Lou Amlin*



### A THOUGHT

Wouldn't it be nice if LaSalle Mariners did something special to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017.

## Ice Fishing's Short Season!



For those of you who know Brad Blackton, he is an avid fisherman. This season was especially challenging as the weather changed frequently. Have a look at Brad sunning himself but keeping that line in the water. He was pulling up perch to fry up for dinner right out of the north harbour and a nice catch he had!