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The Currents

Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners

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Photo L. Bauer

Winter Scene

This winter has been marked by some severe cold and snow but March promises to bring us an early spring (I hope). The photo above was the work of Lothar Bauer. His sharp eye located the double entendre in this shot that makes it a classic winter play, very artsy. Take a look. Can you see the double meaning?

Activities at the club have been many and varied over the cold season. Only a few are mentioned herein. Did you attend any?



St. I...ly

Bob

Bingham and his faithful galley crew dished up another scrumptious corned beef and cabbage traditional meal for a great



Save The Dates

Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, June 1

Fun for all both on and off water activities. "Dressing of the Fleet" is a feature for every boater. Sweet awards for the winners. A something for everyone event!

Shakedown

Saturday, May

Put-In-Bay beckons you for the annual rite of spring race.

Paint and Sip II

Saturday, April 5

Another opportunity to exercise your artistic talents and enjoy good company and good beverages.

Re: Haulout and Such



Photo M. Chesnik

Paint and Sip Art

On the evening of February 22nd a dozen budding artists congregated in the clubhouse for a unique event. Social Director, Mary Chesnik, presented an opportunity for members to develop their latent artistic talents and imbibe a bit of the fruit of the vine. To the benefit of the artistry no doubt.

Larry's Commodore's Corner

Happy Spring to all you Mariners!

Make sure that you know that all sailboats need to be launched by May 19 in order to adhere to the club bylaws. Please plan accordingly.

There are all kinds of activities happening around the club this year! Some of the events are inspired by our Social Director/members and some are related to the L.M.Y.C. 50th anniversary. They are all great, so please take advantage and enjoy these events this year.

Brief Clubhouse Addition Update

The final architectural drawings have been received and the process of obtaining E.R.C.A. and building permits has begun. Once those hurdles have been cleared we will be able to begin the actual building process which will likely start sometime in May.

I truly look forward to seeing everyone around the club this year; best part of being Commodore.

Commodore Larry Laing



As told by our old sage Ralph Allen.

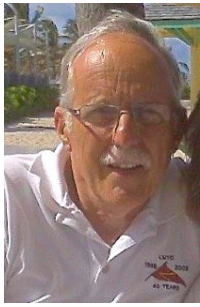
One of the first mishaps with sailboats stored on club property was after a fall haulout session.

The boats were being pulled out by a crane, this is before we had our own lift system. In those days they were plopped in the road in front of the clubhouse on the east side of the driveway.

On this occasion a sever wind wiped up over night after all the boats were set up on the hard. From my house on Willow Drive I spied a large tarp flogging in the wind near the clubhouse. I went over to check this out and found that the tarp was attached to a cradle with an Aloha 28 wallowing on its side right in the gravel driveway. It appeared that the wind had lifted the tarp up and took the whole cradle and boat assembly with it. Of course, the boat came out of its cradle to rest on its side. The cradle was destroyed but the boat came away with just a small scratch at the waterline. Moir Crane had to return to our club and lift the boat putting it on a newly rebuilt cradle.

They surely don't build boats that sturdy today.

Long Serving Chaplain



Again this year Mariners will hold the traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

The idea of the Blessing goes back to the days of the early Greek civilization who invoked the protection of the various gods over their vessels. In 1000 AD an annual blessing was held to bless the fishing and commercial vessels. It continues in various forms.

It reached its height in 1897 when the 165 warships of the British Fleet were reviewed and blessed. Since then Yacht Clubs around the world have had their own services asking for safe season and a time to give thanks and remember deceased members.

Our Blessing is conducted by our honorary member, Fr. Stan Fraser, the Fleet Chaplain for our club. He brings many years of nautical and naval experience to the position. He served for 30 years in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve; first as a navigator and then as Chaplain. He ended his career as a Commander and the Command Chaplain for the Naval Reserve.

He is well known in our community where he has resided for forty years. Fr. Stan served as the Rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church for twenty years. In his role as Fleet Chaplain, among other services, he has performed weddings, officiated at funerals and visits our members who are in hospital, as requested by

members.

From the Vice-Commodore

The annual Spring Spruce-up day for the LaSalle Mariners grounds is April 21.

Other opportunities to log work hours include:

1. Committee Boat needs the usual attention that boats require e.g. sanding and bottom paint
2. Men's washroom urinal has a leak (yuk, yuk)

Tom Smith Vice-Commodore

Past Commodore's Dinner



This we return to the LA Town Grill this year to honour immediate Past Commodore Larry Lange .

Details will be sent out soon.

A Night at the Theatre



Photo Andy K.

Thoughts From the Editor

Congratulations go out to George Mooney on his 80th birthday. George is a founding member of L.M.Y.C.

We have just passed our fiftieth year as a club and if you look around you can see that we have come a ways since the beginning. For that much of that credit can be attributed to the senior members of the club. These people, such as George, Ralph Allen, Al Buliga, Tom Boyce, Gord Freeman, Dave Evans, have all served as Directors. All contributed to not only Mariners but to the sport of sailing over many years.

LaSalle Mariners is now in a building phase looking to the future but it is an appropriate time to turn and look at the wake that we have left behind. Yes, of course, there were many others that also gave of their time and talents. Some have passed on, "over the bar". We are so fortunate to have such as these yet in our mindst. Their long term experience and years of service serves as a guiding inspiration for all of us to reach for in the future.

Cruise Night Kept All Interested



Ken and Jean Blythe were the presenters for an evening of cruising from Windsor to the Bahamas.

As you can see below the crowd was most attentive as Ken described sailing their 34 Ft. boat through the lakes and down the Erie Canal then down the I.C.W. to Florida and the Bahamas.



Gleanings from the Racers Meeting

This Mar. 25, Sunday afternoon meeting went short and smooth. Notes of interest are:

- ✓ Register in the Spring Series for the Sun
- ✓ Anyone choosing the 3 series discount must pay in full before the start of the season



Dock Assignments Now Set

- ✓ May 14 JOY Spring series begins
- ✓ May 16 Spring Spinnaker series begins
- ✓ Need Committee Boat people especially on Monday evenings
- ✓ May 13 (tentative) for skippers meeting re; rules, class splits, etc.