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The Currents



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Clubhouse Remodel

What was initially proposed as a 10-foot addition to the front of the clubhouse has morphed into a 3-foot addition and a large remodel job for the entire structure. At the left is a photo of what is left standing after the front room has been demolished. Stay tuned, as many more changes are to come.

Euchre and Game Night Fun



Christine Drouillard kindly submitted photos of the action on March 2, Saturday afternoon.

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!

Racers Meeting

Sunday, May 5

Looking for input on ways and means to better racing.

Spring Spruce-up

Saturday, April 13 9:00 AM

Annual Spring clean up of the club grounds. Come and support the Vice Commodore's efforts to make the club sparkle!



Souper Saturday Cookoff

On the evening of January 26 a souper culinary crowd gathered at the clubhouse. Social Director, Mary Chesnik organized another fine evening of food and fun. The photo above shows our three award winners, Val Gujban, Bob Reaume and Lieke Berends with their prizes of rare vintage LaSalle Mariners wine. Below is the first place winning recipe.

Creamy Dreamy Chicken Soup (Thanks Lieke!)

- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 2½ cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1½ tsp. dried thyme
- ½ tsp. poultry seasoning
- ½ tsp. sea salt
- ¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 can (14oz./398 ml. cream-style corn
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 8 cups cooked boneless chicken breast

In a large soup pot over medium heat add onions, celery and garlic. Cook and stir until they begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Add broth, potatoes, thyme, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer, covered for 10 minutes. Add creamed corn, peas and carrots. Simmer for 5 more minutes. Stir in chopped chicken, mixing well. In a measuring cup whisk cream and cornstarch until smooth and add to the soup pot. Stir until cooked.

Re: Haulout and Such

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 around 1973 or 74. We hauled 12 to 14 boats in those days.

Boats were being pulled out by a crane. This is before we had our own lift system. Members were all called to help in many duties such as setting slings, moving cradles, etc. Bob Munden was the regular signalman giving directions to the crane operator, “Dusty”. Yvonne (Red) McRobbie handled the money details. In those days boats were plopped in the road in front of the clubhouse on the east side of the driveway.

On this occasion a severe wind whipped up overnight 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. At the time there was only marsh between my place and the club. I went over to check this out and found that the tarp was attached to a cradle with the Aloha 28 belonging to Jack and Muriel Sloan 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 crafted by Jack and George Mooney.

They surely don’t build boats that sturdy today.

Past Commodore’s Dinner



On April 13 the LaSalle Grill will be the venue to gather for this year’s honoured guest, Larry Laing.

Long Serving Chaplain



Saturday, June 1
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 remains popular yet today in various forms at many clubs.

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 a safe season and a time to give thanks and remember deceased members.

Fr. Stan Fraser, the Fleet Chaplain for our club, conducts our Blessing. 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 entire Canadian 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.



Budding Actress & Proud Dad



Photo A. Kozieradzki

Andy K's daughter, Karolina was in the January production of *The Adams Family* musical at Assumption High School. Our budding actress has attracted a number of groupies and many are familiar faces around L.M.Y.C.

Treasurer Tony Requests

Hello Everyone,

We are 3 months into the new year and starting to consider unpacking our boats from their winter coats. And, it is also time to pay your Membership fees. Thanks to all those that have paid and remember, May 1 summer dockage is due. The list of boats with their summer dockage fees will be available in the clubhouse.

If you have incurred expenses on behalf of the club, and need reimbursement, please fill out the form in the Treasurer's mail slot.

If you have filled one out and are expecting a cheque, look in the red bordered envelop "Cheque's for Members", as this is where I will leave them for you.

Cheers,

Tony BERENDS

LMYC Treasurer

Dockmaster's Spring Report

Sloping docks have been leveled out. Ice is out of the harbour and we expect to be launching in a few weeks. The launch team will inspect boat cradles at time of launch to ensure that they are structurally sound. For safety reasons, if problems are found the owner will have to make full repairs before the boat will be lifted on to the cradle.

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 the credit can be attributed to the senior members of the club. These people, such as George, Ralph and Molly Allen, Al Buliga, Carl Durham, Tom Boyce, Gord Freeman, Dave Evans, have all served as Directors. All contributed selflessly 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, truly, 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 midst. Their long-term experience, wisdom and years of service serves as a guiding inspiration for all of us to reach for in the future.

Re: General Membership Meetings



In order for your Board to be effective and focus on what is important we need your input and support. Attending General Membership meetings keeps you informed with factual information as apposed to coming down on a Saturday afternoon or Monday lunch and asking questions and getting second or third hand answers.

From email sent by Commodore Dave Nantais.

From the Vice-Commodore



April 13, 2019 is scheduled as a work day. It’s an opportunity for all to come out and help spruce up the grounds for the upcoming sailing season. Similar to past years, the Sea Cadets will be joining us again this year to help us with this task. So come on out and bring whatever tools you think may be suitable for the day.

If you are aware of items that are in need of repair please let me know in advance so I can assign these to certain talented members.

Thanks in advance for any and all assistance you may be able to give on this day beginning at 9:00 AM.
Tom Smith

Flash from the Race Director

Maciej says that the destination for this year’s summer race (ex Pelee) will now finish at the Leamington docks.

Mooney’s Party Time !



George Mooney’s B-Day cake lit up the room with candles!

George turned 80 and the party was at Val’s house on March 30. Food and friends in abundance turned out. The ironic paradox of the birthday gift (right) injected extra mirth into the evening’s jovial atmosphere.

