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# THE CURRENTS



Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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## South Docks Upgrade



Note in the photo below how the water is up touching the docks.



Photo  
Lothar Bauer

In the above photo the pile of 19 pieces of steel girders totaling 500 feet awaits installation. Top left, on March 12 Vice-Commodore, Chris Wysynski, prepares the steel for installation along the south docks. Assistants that day were Jon Ray, Mike Jones, and Ralph Allen, on the tractor. The plan is to backfill along the dock with a gravel base and replace the walkway and raise the docks.

### Great Dates to Save

#### Blessing of the Fleet (Hopefully)

Saturday, June 6 @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 16

Registration is suspended at this time pending review.

#### Commodore's Dinner

Saturday, April 25

This event has been postponed. Contact Mary, 519-979-7316 if you would like further information

# General Membership Budget Meeting



On Sunday, January 19th the general membership gathered for the annual budget meeting. This meeting proved to propose the largest number of changes and increases in memory. At that time the clubhouse remodeling was well into its completion stage and members were enjoying the new surroundings. A number of the Directors took their turn explaining the charts and tables presented to the membership for their consideration. Above we see Jeanine Draper, Secretary, taking her turn sorting out the numbers. Her duty was to demonstrate how LaSalle Mariners charges compared with the other local sailing clubs of Thames River, Cedar Island and Southport. A study increasing the members' obligation for work hours is under study. With the newly renovated clubhouse and facing more high water difficulties in 2020 fees and charges were all increased to pay for the expenses incurred and anticipated. Initiation, dues and dockage fees were among the areas affected. Other people took the floor to express concerns and suggestions. Bob Reaume asked that anyone who has questions regarding the clubhouse remodeling to contact him.

The Treasurer, Tony Berends provided the new fee structure as shown below:

- Full Members fee \$500 (incr of \$50) - Due Jan. 1
- Associate Membr fee \$250 (incr \$25) - Due Jan. 1
- Summer Dock \$15/ ft. (incr \$2/ft.) - Due April 1
- Winter Store \$.85/sq. ft. (incr .20 /ft.) - Due Oct 1

In other news, Walt Argent, our enthusiastic Race Director, noted that he would be taking the Race Officials course from Ontario Sailing.

## P.H.R.F. GENERAL MEETING

The Essex County P.H.R.F. annual meeting scheduled for LaSalle Mariners has been cancelled. Membership in P.H.R.F. is a requirement for racing boats at LaSalle Mariners. Hot racer Nic Lintunen was P.H.R.F. Commodore in 2019.

## Race Director's Report (written pre-shut down)

Thank you to all who attended the LMYC Racer's meeting Saturday February 29th. There were about 30-35 members in attendance. A great discussion took place to improve our upcoming season including a small rule modification and visual alerts for the fall season. Minutes of this meeting were made available through the Secretary. If you did not receive them, please reach out to me and I'll send you a copy. Club Racing Forms are available in the clubhouse as well as Notice of Race/Applications for the 47th Annual Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay Ohio Saturday May 16th. Another meeting is schedule for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, after the General Meeting. I'm looking forward to serving as your 2020 Race Director and always available to address comments, concerns and welcome new ideas. See you on the water.



Cheers, Walt Argent, Race Director.

Latest from the Commodore



From the Commodore:

As promised at the last General Membership meeting the South Harbor is getting the attention this season. Between Andy K. Brian C. and the work Frank Marmara had

done at his home the decision was made to move forward with the same idea. After searching out some really good pricing for steel & labor Phase #1- raising the break wall began and is scheduled to finish up by Mar.28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we must stop due to the Pandemic restrictions.

Andy did manage to price out and pick up some 2x6 lumber for the Phase #3 Docks on Docks. Andy also is designing the raised docks so that when we do start we can mass produce them and minimize waste.

This may be considered a temporary measure but it has the potential to get us through the next few years until we understand water levels, and as well, allow us to get to financial health.

I sent out a Commodore Report spelling out the steps that LMYC Board members have put in place to keep all our members safe. Please do not believe that we are over reacting and put yourself and others at risk. It would be a tragedy to think that either a member or friend of LMYC was infected due to a lapse of judgment and disregard for others.

The Board will continue to listen and react to the information we all are hearing and adjust the restrictions pertaining to LMYC activity. Please be patient. Please look after yourselves and others.

LMYC Commodore David Nantais



Winter Activities Curtailed:  
Darts and Monday Lunches



Dart Night in the remodeled clubhouse has been going over big with record size groups showing up to play on some evenings. As always, these were low competition, fun evenings. Munchies for all taste buds inevitably appear to enhance the fun. Social distancing recommendations to avoid infections have forced an abrupt end to the season.

AND



Monday lunches ran for only partial season this winter. The diners were treated to more upscale fare than in past years as the cooks made sure to showcase their culinary skills. Unfortunately we ran out of chefs before we ran out of Mondays.

Question from the Editor

Is there any interest in having a classified section in the Currents where members can post ads of their surplus nautical items for sale?  
Let the Editor know.



## A SPECIAL MOMENTO FOR BOTH LASALLE MARINERS AND THE TOWN OF LASALLE

**THAT SPINNER OF NAUTICAL TALES,  
RALPH ALLEN, COMES BACK WITH A  
TRUE WINNER!**

This painting is the regatta party of 1971 that was held in the canal between Martin Lane and Willow Drive in LaSalle. The home on the left is the home of Bob and Doris Clark, (LMYC founding members) with their red Corvette 33 at the dock. Other racers including a trimaran are tied to their property. On the right is the property of Curly Ellis, currently the home of Carl and Betty Durham. The boats identified in this painting are the blue Shark of Gary Bauld from South Port Sailing Club, and Amigo, Ralph and Molly Allen’s Shark. The boat with two masts belonged to Sherm and Rita Reuther, a 36’ wooden ketch they built in their backyard. It also was the Race Committee boat that day. The neighbours on the canal, Louis Mayrand and Rolly Gignac also had sailors at their docks and joined in the fun. This painting was given to Molly and I by the Artist, Bill Stidworthy, who sat on his dock and painted it, with a lot of poetic license.....Ralph Allen



William Stidworthy was a renowned and prodigious local artist that lived on Willow Drive for many years. In addition to canvas Bill also painted a mural on the wall of the house next to the canal, built in 1950, then occupied by Ralph’s Aunt and Uncle. This Willow Drive enclave at the river has enjoyed an active social exchange among the neighbours that has continued to this day. Yvonne, “Red” McRobbie, Willow Dr. resident, organizes BBQ’s in the little park located on Willow. Editor

### Latest Corona Virus Update

This flash news report on the right just received from one of our newest members, Van Parent.



Throat Spray to fight the corona virus.  
Spray liberally 12 times a day  
for best results.

(April Fools)