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The Currents

Official Newsletter of the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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Docks Immersed

The Dockmaster sends along this important safety memo:

Because of the high water members should not use the south harbour gin pole for anything but short masts. Be careful walking on the docks as they are likely to be wet and slippery.

Make sure electrical cords are out of the water.

Brian Casey



Wildlife Under Pressure Too!

LaSalle Mariners is experiencing high water levels. Higher than has ever been previously seen. One of the results is that our little wild animal friends are being forced to find new homes and feeding grounds. In these two photos we see a painted turtle basking on the south dock. Above is a muskrat in the front yard foraging for food. This year the swans and Canada geese are closer than ever as the water rises. As the road is often underwater a Blue Heron can often be seen next to the roadway coming in and will take flight in front of your vehicle putting on an aerobatic show for a few moments as it searches for a quieter area in which to search for its lunch. Take care with them.



From Roads and Grounds (Bob Reaume)

This year with the high water our roads and walkways have taken a beating. We put down 3 tandem truckloads of gravel on the road and the parking lot. We could use more.

Our lawn mower broke down. It is getting repaired and tuned up. If you want work hours for cutting grass let me know.

We will soon be building new walkways on the south side of the harbour. If you would like to build let me know. If you like landscaping let me know. We have purchased new lumber for the walkways. If you find damaged boards please replace them. If you can't, let me know and I will replace them.

This is a year we need members to step up. If you have 12 work hours in, start on the second 12.



Flooded Lake Mariner laneway and even a pond developing in the parking lot.



Mighty Mills Race



On Friday June 7, our own Olson 30, Roadkill raced in the 96th running of the prestigious Mills Race sponsored by the Toledo Yacht Club and the Storm Trisail Club. They raced over a 67.8 nautical mile course from the Toledo light to Put-In-Bay. Over 100 boats entered with P.C. Heather and Blaic Naysmith, Nic Lintunen and crew showing the LMYC burgee to the Americans. There was only one other Canadian boat, with Jim Norris from CIYC on the line (in another class). There were 6 other boats in the PHRF D class. Roadkill finished an impressive 2nd in class and 6th in the entire fleet. The race itself started at 1700 hours. Winds ranged from 4 to 9 knots gusting.



Social Director Update

On April 13 almost 50 members attended the Past Commodore's Dinner honouring Larry Laing and Wife Danielle at the LA Town Grill. It was a wonderful evening of good food and great friends.

Ocho de Juno, LaSalle Mariners version of Cinco de Mayo was hosted by Bob Reaume and Phil Bergeron. A race followed by a Mexican potluck and margaritas was perfect for a warm day.

Mark your calendar for the 2019 LMYC Awards Banquet at Ambassador Golf Club on Saturday, Nov. 16. The band, Siesta, will once again be joining us for a night of food, awards and dancing. More details will be forthcoming.

Mary Chesnick

Past Commodore's Dinner



The room was packed with well-wishers and party goers honouring Past Commodore Larry's efforts on behalf of all the club members.



Spring Clean Up



On Saturday, April 13 a work party was pulled together with members and sea cadets offering their services for the annual spring spruce up of the club grounds.

Above Maggie Evans rakes up debris on the lawn.

Below we find a group in the galley preparing a little

sustenance to keep their energy up for the jobs underway. Vice-Commodore Tom, in the background, managed the day's duties.



Blessing of the Fleet

The Blessing of the Fleet, scheduled and rescheduled this year, is a long-standing LMYC tradition that has been held for many years at our club. This year has proven to be quite a challenge with high water and clubhouse remodeling. The Blessing plan for this year will be revised to honour Past Commodores who have passed over the bar. Other features will be announced when the clubhouse is ready to host functions.

RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

The big job of remodeling in the clubhouse has affected every space. The entire place is being redone in one way or another. The ongoing wet weather and high water has hindered those efforts. Below is a photo of the main room with the counter at the far end. Floor, walls and ceiling have their coverings removed.



Below rafters go in for the revised roofline.



Note: even the shallow trench is flooded.



Racers Tune In



The club racing fraternity got together on April 28 in the fresh air as the clubhouse remodeling was pressing along. A number of subjects came up for discussion with a variety of opinions voiced. Big news coming out of the meeting was the change of the summer race/cruise in the past to Pelee Island will now end at Leamington Marina Sat. July 6.

General Membership Meeting



The summer General Membership meeting for LaSalle Mariners was held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Howard Ave. on June 2. The Commodore made a point of asking that all members come out and support the club with more, "work hours", than the minimum 12 as stated in our bylaws.

The membership numbers show a healthy 70 full, 20 associate and 3 honourary members.

