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Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Report

## Your Board of Directors for 2018

At the November 12 General Membership meeting the members elected a full slate of seven Directors for 2018

- Commodore            Larry Laing (back left)
- Vice Commodore    Tom Smith (insert)
- Secretary             Jon Rae (back right)
- Treasurer             Tony Berends (front left)
- Race Director        Maciek Konkolowicz (front right)
- Social Director      Mary Chesnik (back in red)
- House Director      Chris Wysynski (back centre)



As sailors I know that winter is not our favourite season, but the good news is that winter

always seems to pass very quickly. I would say in another 13ish weeks we will have our first boats already in the water for the 2018 sailing season - so hang in there!!!

This will definitely be an exciting year at LMYC with this being our 50th anniversary year, and of course the added excitement of our major Club renovation/ addition which will soon be underway.

Happy 2018 to all!    Larry Lang

### From the General Membership Meeting Nov. 12

It was a challenge to complete the slate of officers this year. The Race Director's position was finally filled by Maciek Konkolowicz and we thank him and all the rest of the people who have volunteered to helm the club's business and activities for the next year. Let's all pitch in to support the Board and make the LaSalle Mariner's 50th year a special one to remember!

## River Rat Race October 14



*Boats fought to keep their spinnakers flying.*



*Heather Naysmith smooches the 1<sup>st</sup> place rat.*



*Rat kisser No. 2, Cameron Laing*

Over 30 boats attended this final race of the season with guests from other sailing clubs coming for the fun. The usual course was set north around Fighting Island and south beside Grass Island. This year had seen the usual breezes dry up on the river and that happened yet again for those river rat sailors. If you didn't make it to the head of Fighting Island before the breeze gave out you didn't complete the course. Boats tried many tricks fighting against the current. Even with a shortened course only a few of the most skilled light air sailors were able to complete the shortened course. Of course food was, as always, A-1, and fun abundant.

### Vice Commodore's Message



So our club is turning 50 this year. Wow! I wonder if those founding members thought the club would be around that long? Congratulations and thank you to those founding members who had the foresight to start our club and provide us with the grounds we have today. I feel very fortunate to be a member of La Salle Mariners and now, to be on the Board for this milestone in history is pretty exciting. Like anything that gets old, it needs to be maintained. Roads need to be worked on, grass needs to be cut and walkways need to be maintained to mention a few. If you see anything that you feel needs to be looked at or maintained by the executive please let us know.

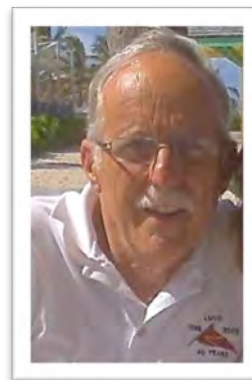
In addition, I would like to give a special thank you to those who worked on the Planning Committee for the upcoming clubhouse addition.

Wishing you Good Winds for the 2018 sailing season.  
Tom Smith



A certainly different feature was a cruise ship sailing by (photo left) to view our Rat Race. Of course everyone waved back and forth.

### Change-up for the Padre



Our chaplain, Fr. Hilton Gomes, former Rector of St. Andrew's Church has found a new assignment. This move has prompted Fr. Hilton to resign as chaplain of LaSalle Mariners. In the interim our honorary member and long serving and retired chaplain, Fr. Stan

Fraser, has offered to fill in and offer his support as chaplain once again. Stan is well known to many around the club and has a strong navy background to draw on as well as being a Past Commodore of the Windsor Yacht Club.

### Gringo Skipper Sails On



Bob Ferguson and wife Carol were a true fixture at LaSalle Mariners. Bob never showed signs of the 2-foot itus that so often happens with boat owners. He had found his 24 foot Shark, Gringo, and took pride in sailing

just that boat in so many events for so many years.

Fr. Stan Fraser officiated at the overflowing funeral home. Friends and family gave heartfelt tributes. Below is a photo of the Provincial Marine re-enactors group. They provided an honour guard parade for Bob, one of their own.



### Awards Banquet Food, Dancing and Prizes!



Jon Rae received his single-handed plaque from the man who donated the award, Dave Evans.



Mary Chesnik (right) proudly displays her first place flag.

This year's Awards Banquet was held at a new venue, the Polish Club.

The dance band was much enjoyed and Mariners were on the floor showing their style. The event is always well attended as our many trophies come out to be displayed. Want one?

### 90 And Still Never Misses!



Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM the dart league gets together. Tom and Vicki Boyce organize the evening and keep the records. In the photo Tom is getting ready to blow out the candles on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake. In chatting with him Tom feels it is a good target to shoot for a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Come out and join the darts fun every Wednesday starting at 7:00 PM.

### 2018 Promises Changes

On Sunday, Nov. 26 a Special Meeting of the membership was held at the club. The purpose was to discuss the proposed clubhouse renovations and addition. After some questions and opinions were voiced a motion was passed setting a budget of \$100,000 for adding 12 feet to the front of the clubhouse. Heather Naysmith informed us that an Architect Engineer has been engaged to provide certified construction drawings to allow construction to begin.



## Christmas Lunch at L.M.Y.C.



Above shows Bob and the Xmas lunch team.

Left is a sampling of the Monday crowd.

The Christmas Lunch at the club is the special edition of the regular winter Monday lunches. These food fests are thanks to the stalwart efforts of Bob Bingham and his crew of galley happy elf helpers.

## Christmas Party at L.M.Y.C.

Val Gujban (left) and Leike Berends (right) hosted this year's well attended Christmas Party at the club. Special treats were served in abundance.



## Happy New Year's Party !!!

The New Years celebration found the crowd gathered for the celebration, as often happens, around the serving bar.

## Then the Ship Hit the Sand



George Mooney is the renowned keeper of sagas and the teller of tales for LaSalle Mariners. Read and find out about the strange and funny goings on with your club.

What do members of a sailing club do in the wintertime?

A few years ago L.M.Y.C. members Sue and Bob Reaume chartered a bus and booked hotel rooms to take a bunch of our club members to the boat show in Chicago. This trip turned out to be one of the most memorable parties our club has ever seen!

On arriving at our beautiful hotel in the, "Loop", downtown Chicago our members poured out of the bus into the lobby. Another drink in the hotel bar got us ready to carry our luggage to our assigned rooms. Yours truly was to be bunked in with big Jim Ouellette.

Arriving in our room we tossed our bags on the bed and with a flourish ripped them zippers open. Then the ship hit the sand!!!

My bag was filled with flimsy and spectacular unmentionables including sensational bras and panties. Big Jim Doesn't wait ... he's out in the hall – yelling to everyone in earshot his bunking plans didn't include this kind of arrangement.

When the hysterics died down and I pointed out my colour blindness; I must have gotten the wrong colour bag!

It turned out to be Bob Reaume's bag. For the record he said it wasn't really his it was Sue's bag.

And the party rolled on!

*[As Ripley would say "Believe It or Not" Ed.]*