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# THE CURRENTS



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Bringing in 2019!



There was a happy crowd at the Mariners to welcome in the New Year. Refreshments flowed in a joyous fashion. Food was abundant and most tasty. Our hosts Mary and Don Chesnik brought in the New Year with a traditional hoisting of the bubbly.



## New Board Elected for 2019

At the November 18 General Membership meeting the membership elected a full slate of 7 Directors for 2019.

- Commodore Dave Nantais (front centre right)
- Vice Commodore Tom Smith (front centre left)
- Secretary Jeanine Draper (insert)
- Treasurer Tony Berends (back right)
- Race Director Maciek Konkolowicz (back left)
- Social Director Mary Chesnick (front far right)
- House Director Chris Wysynski (front far left)

The game was on and the players were excited! Just one of the features for the big New Years Eve celebration.



## Last Haul-Out



Haul-out seems to stretch on, as sailors are reluctant to bring their season to an end. But, please remember that the haul-out team volunteers could be stuck pulling your boat in the cold.

## *Wine Tour, Great Fun!*

A wood oven baked pizza lunch was provided at Muscedere Winery on County Rd. 18. YUM!



The bus was packed on October 20 for what proved to be a memorable tour of Essex County wineries. Weather was just fine as we toured in the big city bus compliments of Craig Morrison. Food just sprouted from everywhere as we travelled from one winery to the next. Each winery provided a special welcome with samples and wine experts guiding the crowd through the process of making the fine wines that Essex County is famous for.

## River Rat Race/Oct 13

The two shots below show the annual Rat Race in action. There was a veering wind anywhere from the west to the NNW making it mandatory for crews to be on their toes at all times. Some went with the spinnaker while others chose big genoas. Some suffered equipment failures in the testy wind but in the end everyone had a great time on a nippy day. The galley crew put on a fine spread to warm us all up again.



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



Bob Bingham and his galley elves presented another excellent Christmas repast.

Check out those fancy holiday ties.

As always the event was a sell-out. We welcomed the current and past commodores of Cedar Island Yacht club for the occasion in L.M.Y.C.'s famous friendly style.



Mariners do like to eat and here above we see some of the group gobbling up that turkey dinner.

## Secretary's Report

Hi, for those that don't know me, I'm Jeanine Draper and I have the orange boat named Trial Run. I am new to the L.M.Y.C. Board and I'm excited to serve you all in the Secretary position. Please feel free to send any questions to: [lmcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lmcsecretary@gmail.com) and I will see that the appropriate person receives it. I will do my best to respond to you within 48 hours. Since I'm new on the Board please don't assume that I know everything pertaining to the Secretary's position. If you need something from me, tell me. Looking forward to another great year at L.M.Y.C

Jeanine



## Haul Out - The Early Days



Our feature sage, Ralph Allen brings us back to the beginning days of the club with this yarn of how things were done years ago.

Early launch and haul-out of the few sailboats in the years 1969 to 1972 were done at the Willow Drive canal. My boat well and Curley Ellis' lot (now the site of Carl and Betty Durham's home) was where the boats were lifted and also stored. Moir Cartage and Crane service were hired with Ron Moir, owner and boss, getting to operate the levers twice a year.

The Sharks were lifted with an A-frame bracket that was attached to the quarter birth stringers and only one hook and cable was used to lift them. The boat owner had to sit in the cockpit to balance the boat in the air!

After the purchase of the club property at 264½ Front Road the haul-out and launch was transferred there. The storage was put on the east side of the clubhouse, on the road next to the south harbour.

Every member was assigned a job. There was a sling crew, cradle movers, towboat crew and a designated signal person to direct the crane operator. Ken Robataille had the job of carrying a boat hook to keep the boats off the dock and

retrieve any loose dock lines. Yvonne, Red, McRobbie had a list of boats and members. She made sure to collect the fees from each boat owner. Strict rule was, "No \$\$ then No lift".

Signed by Capt. Ralph



## Passing the Torch



LaSalle Mariners lost a passionate and devoted member with the passing of Phil Smith on Nov. 27, 2018. He was the proud skipper of Gemini (now Mellow Yellow) the yellow Northern 25' right at the top of the south harbour.

Phil joined the club in 1979 and served in many capacities at the club. Just to list a few of his accomplishments, as harbour master for many years he kept the boats in proper order at the docks and elsewhere. As Commodore, Phil faced the challenge of rebuilding the clubhouse that had sustained substantial burn damage the first night after his election. He was involved in running water to the docks. He worked on installing the pump-out.

As a retired police officer Phil's persona was sometimes stern but his compassionate side often came to the forefront; example as a staunch volunteer with the Frank Chauvin Christmas Toy Drive.

Phil leaves with a legacy of commitment to sailing and his beloved LaSalle Mariners. Yet, no doubt, his spirit sails on with us.

## Darts Night Action

Darts Night has been a long established tradition at L.M.Y.C. throughout the winter. It is a low competition friendly bunch to welcome whomever can make it for the evening. Come on!

## Awards Banquet

To the right we see Heather Naysmith displaying the 1st place flag in PHRF A for the Road Kill team. This team puts in a super effort in the spring preparing the boat and that enthusiasm carries them all season to the successes they enjoy.



Dennis Hendel displayed his talent for humour with a number of gag prizes for the lucky winners. To the left Dennis and Brad Blackton don the latest in safety equipment for use on race nights.

## From the Social Director, Mary Chesnik

A soup Cook-off is planned for the end of January. Information to be forthcoming. Look forward to a return of Paint and Sip, for a chance to use your artistic talents once again. And a euchre tournament is in the works for this winter.

## Our Year End Mystery



Been some time since spring boat commissioning.

Can you identify this masked man?