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The Currents



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River Rating 2019 Style



New Board Acclaimed for 2020

At the November 15 General Membership meeting the members elected a full slate of 7 Directors for 2019-20

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| • Commodore | Dave Nantais |
| • Vice Commodore | Chris Wysynski |
| • Secretary | Jeanine Draper |
| • Treasurer | Tony Berends |
| • Race Director | Walter Argent |
| • Social Director | Mary Chesnick |
| • House Director | Mary Jane Hutchinson |

From Your Commodore

First, I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to continue working as Commodore with the Board and the Planning Committee for another season. I felt that it would be in the best interest of the club to keep the respectful and co-operative relationship that we developed to complete the Clubhouse as well as where we need to focus our attention this coming season.

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To the left we find "Ratman" showing off the fun time that is so much a part of the River Rat Race day.

Below Christina and Tim McWilliams get ready to kiss the rat. Winners in the C Fleet.



From Your Commodore - Continued

The new Clubhouse signifies growth and change. New ideas and challenges. You only have to look around and see the younger faces of our membership. The numerous children again coming down to the club with their parents. But not to forget the older members that have put so much time and effort to keep our club moving forward and maintaining it for all our members. We too still play a very important role.

As a club, Tradition must be preserved and passed on to ensure that we don't forget our past and keep the future of our club intact. Without Tradition we would become much less than what we are or worse, just another Marina. I believe we can all agree that we are much more and from what I have heard from other clubs we are envied for what and who we are.

So, what I say to the older members, Lets embrace change and help shape it so the younger members will have all that we have enjoyed for years to come. To the younger members I say look to the past for inspiration, what worked and didn't and keep LMYC a benchmark for others to reach for.

To follow up the above message, I want to outline a few changes that will be considered moving forward. The Budget for the 2020 will reflect changes in our membership, dockage and winter storage fees. The changes will be moderate and spread out over a number of years to reach a level, closer to where all the other Clubs are in this area. As well LMYC Initiation fee will increase to reflect the \$500.00 assessment. Work hours will see numerous changes from the number of hours per member, cost of unworked hours and the way we achieve and complete work hours. Again, this is necessary in order to keep up with all the grounds and equipment we have. In regards to the new Clubhouse, how we maintain it and use it must also change. When I look back to when I joined, the founding members showed great respect for what they had.

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The rules of the house and grounds were very clear and enforced. But over the years and the aging house and grounds led to misuse and disrespect. Leaving a mess or garbage for others to clean up became the norm. Leaving the workload also became viewed as someone else's concern. I know that I speak for many members who understand and agree with the changes that need to be done. The dollar value and the many hours invested by LMYC members should make it obvious to every member. Change is inevitable but not everything will change. Some of the most important values of LMYC will stay the same. We will still enjoy our club, our members, sailing and socializing like no other club. We will continue to be the Friendliest Club on the River.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Commodore David Nantais

Awards Banquet



Flip Bergeron and his faithful crew proudly display the 2nd place flag awarded for their efforts in the Spring series of club races.



Long Range Planning Committee accepts award.



Saying Goodbye

Bob Bingham, a long-term member of the club who was a staunch organizer of many varied activities has moved away. We wish Bob health and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Darts Night Visit

Darts League activities are running strong this year with evenings drawing 20 or more people out for the friendly competitions. Below is a photo of the Dec. 18 evening when Tom and Vicky Boyce came to visit. Vicky is the past, long time convener of the Darts League; a winter activity dating back to 1979 at LaSalle Mariners.

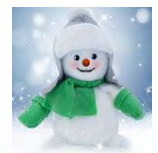
Christmas Lunch - YUM!



No shortage of eager eaters as Val Gujban and galley mates set out a delicious turkey lunch with all the trimmings for a crew of 50.



Photo by Leo Muzzatti



New Baby on Board

Heather and Blaic Naysmith kindly sent over a few shots of their little spiked hair crew member that arrived on November 26 at 3:04 PM weighing 6lb. 14 oz. and 20 inches in height. Isla Mackenzie will have a fine home and a fast boat both to enjoy as she grows. A new Mariner to carry on the traditions well into the 21st century.



L.M.Y.C.'s Tree Decorating Party



The sailors came out for the inauguration of the holiday season to ensure that our Christmas tree was properly adorned. The new tree sits tall and features two light systems attached

permanently; one all white sparkle and the second a multi-colored display. The distinctive tree decorations (thanks Mary Chesnik) were well worth a second look.



Race Director Report



I am looking forward to continuing the long-standing tradition of LMYC Club Racing as your Race Director in 2020. If you are more into a Leisure Cruise, we do have the long distance runs

planned for Put-In-Bay, Ohio in May as well as consideration for Leamington, Pelee Island and perhaps an over night trip into Lake St. Clair. I am diligently working with the other local clubs including Grosse Isle to design a schedule that will allow us to participate in many of their activities in the upcoming season. I am always available for a chat on how to make things better for our membership. I hope you will support me and participate in what promises to be a great racing season.

All the best to you and yours in 2020.

Walter Argent

New Years Eve Revelry



The party was in full swing...dancing, games, and such an abundance of tasty foods.



Wrapping Up The 2019 Season



Above we see two of our longest serving members, Ralph Allen and Carl Durham straightening up the yard, moving trailers, etc. days after all the boats have been pulled and the harbour sits empty. Theirs is the spirit that has meant so much to the success of LaSalle Mariners over it's past 51 years.