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The Currents



Official Newsletter of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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Chefs Bob and Bob

Now this is not news of any sort to anyone who has come to the clubhouse for a meal. The photo above catches Bob Bingham and Bob Mackenzie in the galley. Both these guys are oft seen preparing festive meals for their fellow members and hungry guests alike. To mention but a few below.

Bob Mackenzie is a driving force for the Monday lunch boys. Bob Bingham has a host of events that he cooks up good time for including Christmas and St. Patty's Day. YUM!

Check the Cover

Just in case you missed the sight of the LaSalle Mariners tractor covered this winter it is above for your viewing pleasure. Sunglasses are recommended when viewing it in its natural element between the two sheds as the colours, fire engine red and screaming orange are liable to do damage to the retinas.

Note:

The lift crew will soon be in action for spring launch. Harbourmaster, Brian Casey reminds everyone to submit dock request forms and insurance certificates.

Save The Dates

Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, June 6

A tradition of long standing for our club. Come out for a great social gathering along with the popular, Dressing of the Fleet". A something for everyone event!

Shakedown

Saturday, May 23

Time to test the sailing skills and sail Lake Erie to Put-In-Bay



The Tale of the Trophy

There are a number of trophies sitting on shelves and hanging on walls in the clubhouse. Do you know how they came into being? Do you know why they are presented?

Commodore Alan Moore

As told by founding member Ralph Allen.

Alan Moore was an early member of both LaSalle Mariners and Grosse Isle Yacht Club. (Clearly pre-Homeland Security days.) Alan was a good friend of Mariners legends Curly Ellis and Jurgen Hendel. This group of sailors never missed a chance to go head to head in racing competitions. Jurgen nicknamed Alan that, "Dame Drifting Fool", as he was so adept in light and calm conditions. He flew a spinnaker with an animal on it, which was a cross between a camel, elephant and giraffe.

Alan was a business partner of Curley in AMCO (Alan Moore Company, which is another tale to be cited in Mariners lore in a future edition. This chandlery supplied a range of boating hardware that was unique in the area at that time such as Nicro Fico. Ralph recalls meeting Alan for the first time in 1969 and purchasing fowl weather gear for \$35.00. How's that for a memory!

Alan died in 1981. The trophy pictured in the top left of the page was donated to the club in his honour. Alan is remembered by all who knew him as a real gentleman.

This trophy is presented to the boat with the Best Corrected Time for the Fighting Island Regatta held annually in August on the Detroit River

The trophy has been awarded every year since 1981. The first name plaque is inscribed with boat - Elan and skipper/owner Ralf Fiedler.

Elan was a 28-foot Viking. Those boats are still going strong at our club. Ralf is a Past Commodore of LMYC.



Monday Lunchers Gather

Above is Ralph Allen in the chow line for Monday Lunchers. Some of the other regulars are trailing along behind. Lothar Bauer looks like he is doing a promotion for his favorite beverage.

Cayenne Lovers Unite

Recently an email arrived at LaSalle Mariners inquiring about our local Cayenne owner. Not the pepper, the boat. Seems there is a Cayenne club in Europe and they have tracked down Dave Evans as an owner of one of their beloved branded boats. Further details available; just ask Dave.

From the Budget

There was a membership meeting January 25 at the LaSalle Mariners Club house. The main topic of discussion was the budget for the ensuing year.

At that point in time with the influx of membership money the Treasurer reported a positive balance in our current account of \$4,200. We do have overdraft arrangements with the cost being 5.25%.

The major expense was explained as a dock extension on the south harbor wall of 60 feet further out towards the Detroit River. There is a budget of \$10,000 for this project. Maisonville contracting has been hired to perform the work.

The club has considered a defibrillator for some time and this looks like the year it will happen. Training will be offered for those interested.

Junior Sailing has made arrangements with Sea Cadets to use their dinghies for the Junior Sailing program. This will help keep costs down for those children enrolling in junior sailing. Rick and Shirley Beresford were most helpful in arranging this kind consideration from the Sea Cadets.

Past Commodore's Dinner



Saturday, April 18 at the clubhouse we gather to honour Tony Berends for his fine effort as Commodore in 2014.

Cost \$20 per person
Wine included with dinner
Event catered by Armando's, Malden Road.

Please call Val at 519-978-3112 (9 AM to 4 PM)
or 519-734-1056 after 4PM
Email gujban@sympatico.ca

Board of Directors



It wasn't easy. They were all headed in different directions but the 2015 LaSalle Mariners Board of Directors did sit for their photo after the budget meeting. Things must have gone well, they're all smiling.

From left to right we have: Social Director, Val Gujban; Race Director, Dennis Hendel; Secretary, Monica Tighe; Commodore Rob Ferguson; Vice-Commodore, Heather Hartley; Treasurer, Yvonne McRobbie; House Director, Frank Mamara.

These are the people you have elected and entrusted to manage your club. When you see them a little thanks for their efforts would be in order.

LMYC Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 19 starting at 1:00 PM

This is the annual spring clean-up meeting where we set down plans for putting the grounds back in a neat order after the winter.

If you have anything to add to the agenda please inform Commodore Rob Ferguson.

Launch Time is Here!



Spring has sprung and all good mariners are looking for that early launch time. Get the polish and paint out for another spring commissioning to make yours the shiniest boat in the harbor.

Friendly Heads-up

There is a rule at the club that all boats must be off the hard and in the water on club property by May 15. There is an encouragement to make that deadline as a \$10 fee is charged for each day thereafter.

Barbeque Improvements Slated

From the Commodore:

During the winter a committee was assembled to design a new seating and barbeque area on the North side of the clubhouse. Frank Marmara drew up a professional plan and all we need now is to go shopping for the best deals on materials and some club members who would like to work on this project for work hours. So far, the plan would be to create a countertop along the wall with flush mounted barbeques and storage underneath with a nicer seating area. The idea around this project is to make the area more convenient and pleasing for special events and create a nice aesthetically pleasing area to increase the already high social ambience of our club.

First in the Water



FIRST IN the water this year, this guy seems to be everywhere at the club, is Bob Bingham and his C&C 34, Silverheels II. Bob has been braving the cold to have the bottom painted and other chores.

New Throne Has Arrived



Tis true, tis true and don't you see. There's a new water closet in the Men's for me!

A new throne now sits in the men's washroom. It is a water-conserving model all shiny and white. Please take care before you wipe!

Paper or Plastic?

Would you like your copy of the Currents delivered as a paper or delivered as a PDF file over the Internet as I tap it out on my plastic keyboard? The editor is trying to determine the best delivery system to the membership. Give Dennis your thoughts please.