

Mayday message signals action for determined crew

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Star Staff Reporter

Charlie Bayer's 40th yacht race from Port Huron to Mackinac Island this Saturday will probably never compare to his 39th race last year.

That was the year a yacht sank. It was also a first-life-saving rescue for the Detroit-area yachtsman, and his crew of seven.

Speaking at a Rotary Club luncheon Monday, the 61-year-old Bayer recalled what happened the night of July 21 during the 1985 Port Huron to Mackinac Island Yacht Race when the

gusting winds and high seas sank the 11-metre (35-foot) Tomahawk.

"The seas were very confused," he said. "The winds began out of the south, then switched over to the north."

Well ahead of the other yachts, Bayer's Old Bear was 100 nautical miles from the finish line when a call of distress came over the radio.

"The first thing I heard was Mayday, Mayday, Mayday," said Bayer. "They indicated they were sinking and abandoning ship. Everybody determined it was our duty and responsibility to go get them."

The eight-member crew of the Tomahawk, including owner Tom Lowry of Grosse Pointe Shores, was found 40 minutes later in a small life raft near Tobermory, Ont.

"They handled it perfectly," said Bayer of the Tomahawk crew.

While no one has determined why the boat sank, Bayer said officials suspect damages, caused by an early spring storm during which a large tree fell on the docked boat, were not repaired properly allowing for the patchwork to come apart during the race.

After pulling each crew member aboard his yacht, Bayer headed back towards Alpena, Mich. Aside from a few problems — "a little (sea) sickness and a little cold (weather)" — the crew of the Old Bear made it back safely with 16 people aboard.

Bayer and his crew were each awarded the U.S. Civilian Coast Guard Service Commendation for their rescue efforts, but he remains modest about the affair.

"We heard a Mayday, and any sailor worth his salt would have answered it."



PILOT GUY GERVAIS on campaign to raise money for Air Service Freedom organization

Pilot flies hope to Africa

To thousands of Central Africans, the sound of Guy Gervais' plane means relief from hunger, pain and ignorance.

Gervais, 54, originally from Quebec, has spent 26 years flying in places like Central and South America, Indonesia and Africa, and was even the private pilot for a Jacques Cousteau expedition on the Amazon and the Mississippi Rivers. But he has come out of the bush on a tour of Ontario cities to raise money for his organization, Air Service Freedom.

The two-year-old, Montreal-based company provides airplanes and pilots in Third World Countries. Gervais and three other pilots fly out of centrally-located Zaire, and hope to fan out to reach other African nations.

Zaire, a country the size of Ontario and Quebec, has a population of 33 million. There are two major cities, but outside of those cities, the countryside is covered with dense vegetation and has serious transportation and communication problems.

"We fly into areas where there are no roads or aviation service," said Gervais Monday. "When there is any medical emergency, some of the people have to be carried for days to reach the landing strip."

Air Service Freedom also provides transportation of medical, educational and religious supplies and air drops food to villages with no landing strip. The non-profit organization flies missionaries, doctors, nurses and teachers into the remote areas as well.

The Canadian service is similar to Wings of Hope, a 14-year-old American organization. Gervais flew for Wings of Hope in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Peru. Both organizations work closely with volunteers, government, religious communities, aviation companies and service clubs.

Air Service Freedom is supervised by the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Montreal and is partially supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

"I'm a layman," he said. "Many of the young people today don't feel useful and charity causes are a good way to feel useful. In Africa, there are more poor than there were 20 years ago. We have to take care of somebody in need because we have the power — the plane and the radio — to do it."

GERVAIS APPROACHED 21 local service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce, hoping to persuade them to hold fund-raising events. In the past, Quebec communities have staged events like a swim-a-thon and a Festival de la Tourtiere — festival of the meat pie, a favorite dish in Quebec. A flying sight-seeing tour also raised money in Saskatoon. Donors get tax receipts and a newsletter.

The money helps support two six-passenger Cessna planes in Dunga, which covers an area of Zaire 360 km (about 220 miles) wide, and Kinsangani, with a population of roughly 60,000 people. The money also helps to maintain the planes and living quarters and

to deliver services that will provide wells for drinkable water, improve farming methods and transport books and teachers to bush schools.

"We never fly empty," he said. "If I was going in to pick up someone to take to the hospital, I would bring food or seed or something."

Besides flying, Gervais has also helped build 40 landing strips. He said to clear land, workers chop at the roots of huge trees and "wait for a big storm to come. The winds blow strong and blow the trees down. The grass on the strip is kept short with goats and cows feeding on it."

He said the pilots are trained to accept other cultures, because "they run into some different things." He said that one of the pilots, Pheobe Kingscote, has become a symbol to women natives in the remote areas. "When she flies in all women run to her and kiss her," said Gervais.

"It's a haywire business," he said. "We need so much and can only do so much. You need patience to wait for some things. Fuel is gold to us there. We pay \$9 a gallon and here it is \$3. It comes in a truck from Kenya in the dry season. But if it rains or we run out of fuel, we don't fly. We can't. The red clay soil is like ice for landing."

Gervais said another pilot is scheduled to go to Zaire in January and about 50 people are on a list who also want to join. "But we need more money."

New university calendar slimmed down to half size

First the auto industry "downsized" its products. Now it's the University of Windsor's calendar, published every two years, that is about 50 per cent smaller.

The university's publication outlining course requirements has just come off the press, smaller and lighter than previous editions.

Registrar Frank Smith said the university has 35,000 copies printed, covering course requirements for 1986 through 1988.

At 304 pages, it is half as thick as the previous publication. It measures 13 cm by 20 cm (5 1/4 inches by 8 1/4 inches) compared to the previous 18 cm by 23 cm (7 by 9 inches). The print is 20 per cent smaller, too, with the body type the similar to the type in the statistics page in the sports section of this newspaper.

Smith said the shrinking calendar will save the university about \$40,000 in printing costs compared to the estimated \$95,000 to print a larger version.

"It will also be about \$2 cheaper to mail." Postage for local delivery is \$1.35 compared to \$3.75 for the old version.

Smith said the calendar is the university's "official document" outlining the university's rules and regulations, admission requirements, course descriptions, and lists members of faculty.

As well, to keep the size down, the graduate school requirements will now printed separately, with 14,000 copies soon to come off the press.

Copies of the calendar are handed to every student as well as being mailed to those who request course information.

No one short-changes Ian

LEAMINGTON — Ian Whitfield brought Bermuda to the beaches of Leamington.

The 21-year-old entrepreneur sells bright, flowery Bermuda shorts of his own creation from a stand by the Leamington Pier.

They're called Ian's Originals — and they certainly are.

Unlike mass produced shorts, with a few patterns that are produced by the thousands, Whitfield's shorts are six-of-a-kind.

Whitfield, of Kingsville, picks out a fabric, has his seamstresses in London make six or seven pairs, and has been taking the \$16 to \$18 shorts to the beach to sell for about a month.

\$25,000 fire damage

An electrical short is the suspected cause of a fire at 3725 Wildwood Drive Monday.

A fire department spokesman said fire broke out at about 3:30 p.m. in an upstairs bedroom.

Damage is estimated at \$25,000 to house and contents.

Legals

SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO
Notice to ISSAC OZAH
A petition for Divorce has been filed by LYNETTE OZAH. You may obtain a copy of the petition by mail from the Court Office at 145 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of ALBERT URE SIMPSON, Retired Teacher, deceased, are required to send them to the undersigned before 30 July 1986, after which the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then received.
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WINDSOR, ONTARIO N9A 6R5
Solicitors for the Executrix.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF R & N QUIMETTE LIMITED, a Provincial Corporation, with head office in the Town of Tilbury, County of Kent and Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that R & N QUIMETTE LIMITED, a Provincial Corporation, with head office in the Town of Tilbury, County of Kent and Province of Ontario, filed an Assignment in Bankruptcy on the 9th day of July, 1986, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on the 23rd day of July, 1986, at the hour of 11:45 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Consumer and Corporation Affairs office, 441 University Avenue, Room 220, Windsor, Ontario. Dated at the City of Windsor, Province of Ontario, this 10th day of July, 1986.
Douglas J. Kovack, C.A. Trustee,
267 Pelissier Street Windsor, Ontario N9A 6K4

TENDER CALL
JUNE 1986
FILE #301
Sealed, stipulated sum tenders clearly marked as to contents and received for: WALPOLE ISLAND DAY SCHOOL ADDITION, by the Walpole Island Band Council, at the Band Office, Walpole Island, from General Contractors until Thursday, August 7th, 1986 at 3:00 p.m. E.D.T. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted.
Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Forms of Tender may be obtained at the office of Lamb & Jordan Architects/Planner, 15 Grand Avenue West, Chatham, Ontario upon deposit of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) on or before Monday, July 14th, 1986.
Plans and specifications will be on display at Builders' exchanges in Chatham, Windsor, London, Toronto, Sarnia, Hamilton and Kitchener.
A Bid Bond or Certified Cheque in the amount of Ten Percent (10%) of the Base Bid is required.
A Fifty Percent (50%) Performance Bond and a Fifty Percent (50%) Labour and Material Bond will be required from the successful tenderer.
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AFTER A BUSY weekend, debris litters the private beach of cottage owners like Gord Mattis

Boorish behavior on beach jars residents' summer idyll

LEAMINGTON — On a good day, residents of the Lighthouse Club's private cottages sit back and enjoy their beachfront.

Colorful images of children building sand castles, bubbling surf at the water's edge and the bulging sails of yachts on the horizon make relaxation that much easier, said club president Gord Mattis.

But on a bad day, when hordes of beachgoers invade the sandy waterfront, the residents are "treated" to another kind of scenery: groups of youths

swilling beer, picnickers littering the beach and young couples engaging in sexual activities.

Club owners are upset because they own part of the beach property. Sixty club members own collectively land between the Leamington dock and town-owned Seaciff Park, a frontage of about 274 metres (900 feet).

Residents don't begrudge people using the beach for swimming and sunbathing, but at the same time they want respect, Mattis said. The assortment of discarded pop cans, food and

drink containers, used diapers and broken beer bottles strewn across the beach almost daily makes them believe "respect" isn't part of the vocabulary of some visitors.

Constant surveillance is impossible, said deputy police chief Murray Melow.

"I CAN'T PUT a man down there all the time; I've got to look at the thing overall and consider the rest of the problems in the rest of the town."

Mayor John Penner said a fence would spoil the beach.

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