



the Binnacle

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UPCOMING AT LCYC...Pre-Work Day April 29....Work Day May 6 Play Day May 17 (Practice Race)

Docks Pre-Workday April 29th

Our beloved docks have survived the winter, but not without trauma. Repairs and improvements need to be made before the official "Workday" launch. This includes patching leaking floats, replacing wiring the critters have gnawed, replacing rotted and cracked deck boards, applying wood preservative, and installing hinges on service access panels. Last year we found several floats melted through due to hot wires, and one holed by a homeless musk-rat seeking a winter snugery. We need at least eight or ten members to physically tilt up the dock sections to get at the problem floats. Dave Kelton, our esteemed former member, is coming out of retirement (from LCYC) to manage our efforts and add his unique brand of humor to the occasion. This will be a great opportunity for new members, and old, to help out their club.

The details: We will meet at LCYC at 9:00am on Saturday April 29th (Sunday the 30th rain day). We plan on being finished by 1:00pm. If we run over, lunch will be provided. Bring cordless drill, wood saw, hammer, wiring tools, and anything else you think would be helpful to the cause.

Please call Mike Barker (802 496-4567) to sign up. Also, if you have suggestions on how our docks can be improved, this is the time to let us know!

LCYC Jr. Sailing signup is going on Now

Registration for all class offerings are on a first come, first served basis. Please check the club website for class schedule and forms: lcyc.info

Mail your completed forms to Dorothy Hill 210 Snowdrift Lane Charlotte VT 05445. If you have any questions please email me at: cyuins@aol.com or call O) 985-3336 or H) 425-4140



Trading Tacks at the Junior Sailing Regatta July 2005



Dockwork in Progress—Spring Workday 2005

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Commodores Corner by Charlie Lord

The 2006 LCYC season is nearly upon us. Your new officers, board members and committee chairs have been diligently at work for nearly two months planning new and interesting activities, preparing for workdays and a whole host of issues, large and small, have been addressed ----- here's a quick rundown.

Work Day is scheduled for May 6th - back to the first weekend in May, as proposed to the board by Dale Hyerstay - a week is added to our schedule. This year, for the first time, a **pre** workday has been scheduled for April 29th to prepare the docks. Contact Mike Barker if you can help.

The **J Dinse** has had work crews, organized by Ernie Reuter, active since mid February. She'll look absolutely ship-shape, I'm sure, when you see her in early May. By the way, this year, we'll have **two** PROs each race. Sign ups are already nearly done.

The social calendar has been set by Don Rathbone and to augment their activities. The Board has approved the acquisition of the very popular keg cooler, introduced by Denny Bowen, and it will now be a permanent part of our social events as will a new charcoal grille for our Burger Burns.

Ted Lattrell presented an expanded cruising schedule to the Board, which should be well received by all LCYC members with an interest in cruising.

Also approved was the establishment of 2 or 3 moorings to be placed in Converse Bay for club members overnight use - more details to come.

A new, larger, John Deere mower is being purchased to expedite mowing of our expansive lawn. This will significantly reduce the number of hours the stewards invest in that operation each week. It should be at the club by work day.

Try our new interactive website, now in place, which has been structured by Dale and Jason Hyerstay. I'm sure you will be pleased with its expanded capabilities. Please share your thoughts with Dale or Jason. Much work went into the project and the Board was impressed with their presentation last month. Our thanks to both of them.

Lastly, a sad note for LCYC. Dave and Pat Kelton have accepted a job transfer to East Fishkill, NY and should be relocated there by the time you read this. As most of you know, Dave has been a contributor of huge amounts of his time and talent to many club projects and his leaving will leave a big void to fill. Thanks and good luck to both Dave and Pat.

Regatta News—John O'Rourke

I hope everyone has had a good winter. An early spring is here providing a rare opportunity for everyone to get their boats ready and in the water before the season starts. Our season starts May 17 with a Wednesday night practice race. Highlights of the year are the Ladies Cup on August 5, the Lake Champlain One Design Sail- (continued at the bottom of the next column)

Etchells Speed Clinic Set for June 13

Jud Smith was a mainsail trimmer on Stars & Stripes during Dennis Conner's 1995 AC Campaign. He is a two-time Etchells North American Champ and is a five-time Etchells Worlds runner-up. He has won numerous other one-design championships in other classes including the IOD Worlds. Jud has been a sailmaker for over 20 years and is regarded as one of the finest one-design sailmakers and racers in the world. We are lucky to have him visit us on the evening of Tuesday June 13th for an E-Go-Fast Tuning Clinic. Please email Rick Stevens for more info or to sign-up @ rascal@stoweaccess.com.



Jud Smith On the Move at the 2005 Etchells Worlds in San Francisco

Regatta News—John O'Rourke (continued)

ing Center Regatta on the September 17 and the Regatta for Lake Champlain on July 22. This year the Billado series will consist of the Tea Kettle Race, Schuyler Island Race, Odziozo Race and the Hot Rudder Bum. The Lake Wide series will consist of the Royal Savage Race, the Mayor's Cup, the Ladies Cup and either the Lake Champlain Race or the Commodore MacDonough Race. The complete schedule is located on our new web site www.LCYC.info <<http://www.LCYC.info>>. Please check there for the latest developments.

There are a few things that everyone must do to before they can race. Everyone is required to fill out a revised liability waiver. If you are racing PHRF you are also required to fill out a PHRF form. Please be aware that there have been significant changes in the racing waiver this year. We have updated our waiver to follow the guidelines recommended by US Sailing. I encourage everyone to take the time to read it carefully and understand it. Both of these forms can be found in our race log and on the website. Forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed. Good Luck and I hope to see everyone out there. John

2006 Lake Champlain Yacht Club Cruise Calendar

Two years ago we started our rendezvous season with a joint cruise with the **Malletts Bay Boat Club** (MBBC). We have been invited to join again this year and so will again start our first get together with our new friends. In fact we have been invited to join all of the MBBC cruise events. You can find them by going to LCYC home page and clicking on the link to MBBC. Everyone told me they had a great time during the Valcour cruise in 2005 and that Richard Villamil's description of the plants and the geological features was fascinating. So I encourage you join us again this year for another tour.

Also we will continue our now famous **Champagne Race** to Willsboro Bay! Again this year we will have a multi-class race for Spinnaker and JAM fleet. There will also be awards given out for placement in various categories (that I've yet to make up).

In addition we will incorporate a new rendezvous at the docks in Vergennes. We will motor up the Otter Creek to the **Vergennes docks**. Power and water are available for FREE, courtesy of the town of Vergennes. We rafted up last year at an impromptu rendezvous and had a great time! Many went to dinner at the Black Sheep. It's about ¼ mile walk to the town.

Plus this year we want to join MBBC at the **Battle of Plattsburgh weekend**. Each year on the second weekend of September, Plattsburgh and the surrounding area echo to the sound of musket and cannon fire as re-enactors in period costume from the United States and Canada lock horns in a reenactment of the 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh. This festival celebrates the American victory over the English Navy in this famous battle of September 11, 1814. American and Canadian re-enactors do battle again as this dramatic re-creation of the Battle of Plattsburgh unfolds before your very eyes. There is a parade, concerts, tavern, exhibits, lectures and much more.

Impromptu rendezvous

All Summer

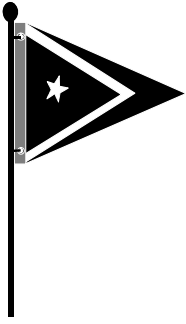
The above scheduled rendezvous are always a good time! As many cruisers also race I have done my best to avoid most of the races so all can participate in the rendezvous. However, because of weather and other factors they don't always happen. It has also been my experience that some of the impromptu rendezvous have been the best. Mostly due to ideal weather conditions everyone's out for the weekend. So, I will post a destination on the board at the club when I know we have two or three boats headed to the same anchorage. Please join us! As always I will be monitoring channel 9.

Please join us this year as we start the new cruise season!

2006 Lake Champlain Yacht Club Cruise Calendar

Valcour Wildflower Cruise (Joint Rendezvous with MBBC)	6/17/2006
Fireworks / Rendezvous	7/3/2006
Vergennes Rendezvous	7/15/2006
Champagne Race to Willsboro Bay	8/12/2006
Converse Bay Rendezvous	8/26/2006
Battle of Plattsburgh Cruise (MBBC is also planning this event)	9/09/2006
Impromptu rendezvous	All Summer





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LCYC Classifieds

For Sale.....Honda Riding Mower, Model HT-R3009
 \$250 or best offer; LCYC has replaced its lawnmower.
 Contact Uli Holzinger, LCYC Board of Governors—
 Grounds, holzinu@hotmail.com or 802-758-2528.

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