

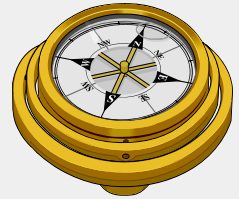


# the Binnacle

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**UPCOMING ... Tea Kettle Race 6/3 ... Opening Cocktail Party 6/3 ... Barbeque Honoring Keltons 6/24**

## Kiosk Capers

The good news is the docks are in, floating on their lines, and anchored. The bad news is that when we turned on the water and power we found water leaks had developed inside of the kiosks, which would possibly cause spraying on the wiring connections. I'm blaming the musk-rats! Unfortunately, the kiosks are bolted through the dock structure making them challenging to remove. I have turned off the electrical and water until the problem is solved.

We have two options. The first is to remove the four leaking kiosks and fix them, thereby restoring both power and water at the kiosks. The second is to run another water supply out to a convenient spot on the docks where we would install a temporary hose bib. Without water in the kiosks we could then turn on the power. Next Fall when the docks are on dry land the kiosks could be repaired for the following season.

I would like to do the job right this season, restoring the kiosks to their former glory. We might even get all the outlets working if the Board will spring for \$2,000 more cabling and enough volunteers are willing! So right now I'm making a list of members who would be willing to help fix the kiosks. If there is sufficient interest, we will set a special workday in the near future. Until then, blame the musk-rats for the lack of service, not your dedicated Dock Committee! Mike Barker

## LCYC Jr. Sailing Signup is Still in Progress

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](http://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](mailto:cyuins@aol.com) or call O) 985-3336 or H) 425-4140



Checking Out the Competition at the 2005 Junior Sailing Regatta



Working to Install the Dock Kiosks—Workday 2006

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### Commodore's Corner

Both the April 29<sup>th</sup> Pre-Workday and Workday itself were blessed with good weather and large numbers of dedicated LCYC workers.

Pre-Workday was Mike Barker's brainchild and had 21 folks putting the docks in shape so that when workday came, the docks were launched and in place completely by 11:00, a record, I think.

We do still, at this writing, have a vexing problem with the power/water kiosks on the main dock. Leaks in the internal water system in the kiosks are causing electrical problems and we have been forced to shut off the power and water in order to design a "fix". We still may be a couple of weeks away from full operation.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the practice race was held in cool and rainy weather. Crew on the *J Dinse* for this event were your Commodore, Bruce Hewitt, John O'Rourke - Regatta Chair and Jill O'Rourke - our new Official Scorer. All of the racers owe a huge thank you to Bette Reuter for her years of dedicated work---mention it to her when you see her!

Some quick updates

- An additional event, a barbecue scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> will honor the Keltons for their service.
- We are looking into installing wireless internet service at the Club. Let us know if you would use it and support it.
- Dot Hill has had great initial response to the Junior sailing offerings for this year.
- All of our new stewards passed the LCYC sponsored Coast Guard exam and await their certification.
- Bob Turnau still needs a few volunteers to do some staining around the club.
- Take a look at the Milo, beautifully renovated under Bill Aldrich's watchful eye.
- I hope that many of you saw the fine sailing segment, featuring our Dale Hyerstay, on ETV, shown twice this month.- very well done! We have invited Marianne Eaton, who produced it, to be our guest at the opening cocktail party and be recognized. See you all then.

### Trophy Return

Its that time again. Please dust off that shiny trophy sitting on your mantel and bring it to the club. It will be on display for others to see and strive for in the trophy



← If you've got one of these at home, please return it to the club promptly!

### Race Committee Update...from Ernie Reuter

Once again we have a dedicated group to act as Race PRO's for the coming summer. They are: David Cain, Mike Caldwell, Bern Collins, Bruce Hewitt, Bruce Hill, Skip Hoblin, Fritz Horton, Rick Howell, Dale Hyerstay, Charlie Lord, David Main, Peter Phillips, Bob Goodwin and Ernie Reuter. Our new club scorer will be Jill O'Rourke with assistance from Bette Reuter.

These folks will be assisted by racer volunteers that are signing up on the Racing>Schedule link of the new website. You are reminded that if you did not sign up last season to assist, you need to sign up this year in order to fulfill your every other year obligation. Signing up once every two years is the least we can do for what we get in return.....besides seeing the action from the aft deck of the J. Dinse is really quite enjoyable.

Some notable changes on the J. Dinse.

- 1) The orange starting line flag has been relocated to mid aft deck. The starting line is between this flag and the pin which marks the port end of the line.
- 2) Weather Mark and magnetic course to mark will be posted using large letters and numbers on the aft deck of the RC boat. Course board remains unchanged.
- 3) Remember to be sure that your radio is working and tuned to Channel 72 for race communications.
- 4) Register to race. You will not be scored unless you have registered. Members, this means a filled out race registration form. Non Members, this form plus the paid fee of \$90.00 payable to LCYC.

Enjoy the season of racing and if you have any questions, check out the web site at [www.lcyc.info](http://www.lcyc.info) or contact John O'Rourke or Ernie Reuter.



It's a Radiant Day for Sailing, in More Ways than One, at the 2005 Hot Ruddered Bum



### **Special Event / Rendezvous — 6/24/2006**

Rendezvous June 24, 2006 on the scenic LCYC grounds. This is a special event to celebrate and say good-bye to Pat and Dave Kelton. Bring something to grill and something to share. We'll meet up at 5:30 and say farewell and thank you to our former Champagne race committee organizers.



### **LCYC Membership – Burgees**

There is an interest in increasing the LCYC collection of yacht club burgees displayed in the club house. To encourage the collection of foreign burgees LCYC Board of Governors authorized up to two free burgees for each member each year for the purpose of trading for other yacht club burgees.

Display of these colorful flags in the club house is hoped to reduce sound reverberations quite noticeable during large gatherings. Perhaps the colorful burgees will also inspire some of us to consider steaming or sailing over the horizon to ports yet unseen.

Contact your membership chair for burgees. Each new member is awarded one LCYC burgee. Burgees for your boat are \$15 each.

### **Attention Wednesday Racers—Enjoy Some Delicious PIZZA !!!!!!!**

*Class winners for each of A, B, C and D Series Wednesday Night Races will be entitled to ONE LARGE FREE PIZZA (Up to \$15.00) courtesy of BUONO APPETITO'S on Shelburne Road any evening after the Series except when there is a scheduled Burger Burn. Simply pick up your winning ticket from your Regatta Chairman, John O'Rourke, after the results have been posted and present it to your server at BUONO'S. Bring your crew and enjoy your PIZZA!*

### **Sailing Magic—Jim Turvey**

It was the spring of 2004 and I was just getting back into sailing after about a 20 year gap. I had sailed Star boats as a youth, and had joined the International Sailing School Sailing Club to get reacquainted with mainsheets and bowlines. Little did I know what lay ahead.

My first step was taking a basic refresher course. Then I ventured into their Wednesday night Soling races as a crew, and eventually took a turn or two at the helm. Having sailed Stars, I never had experience with spinnakers and attended a workshop to learn how to fly the 'kite'. By the end of the year my sons and I were confident enough in our abilities to enter the Figure 8 race around Providence and Stave Islands. This was a great race, with a ton of wind, and we finished second, beating the third place boat by 18 inches!

That alone would have been enough to make it a great year, but something inspired me to throw my name in the hat as a crew for the 2004 Soling North American Championships being held in Plattsburgh. Actually what I had volunteered for was to help on the race committee boat, but the organizer asked me if I could help out and crew for one of the contestants whose crew had backed out at the last minute. I agreed, with a mix of nervousness and excitement.

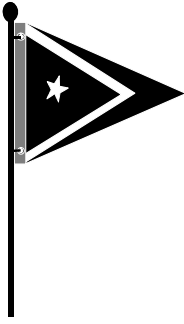
Well, the contestant who needed crew was none other than Bill Abbott, 2002 Soling World Champion and member of the First Family of Solings!! What an experience. We picked up another last minute replacement, and off we went. I had wanted to be middle crew to gain experience with the spinnaker when I didn't know who I'd be crewing for, but when it was Bill I figured it was best to do whatever he assigned me to. As luck would have it, he asked me be middle crew.

The first race was a true baptism by fire—a 25 knot breeze from the south, with 6 foot rollers. This was challenging for all the boats, but especially for our make-shift team. Bill was an amazing coach, but we still had some growing pains. On the first downwind leg Bill sensed how nervous we were and said calmly 'you know, sooner or later, we will have to gybe'. At the first leeward mark we were unable to douse the spinnaker correctly and as we rounded into the wind it was as if a huge bubble gum bubble had burst in our faces. Needless to say, half the fleet passed us in a matter of seconds! Bill later referred to us as 'white knuckle sailers'.

Well, Bill kept working his way back into contention, and working with us to get us functioning as a passable if not top caliber crew. The competition was stiff—including sailing legend Stuart Walker—but Bill was so good he was able to overcome our inexperience and win the regatta—seven races over four frantic days!

A few months later Bill was passing through town and stopped by to drop off the trophies he'd won. He let me and the other crew member hold onto them for the year. He was a true gentleman, and it was the perfect ending to a magical sailing year!!

*If you've got a sailing story you'd like to share in a future Binnacle, please contact Jim Turvey*



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