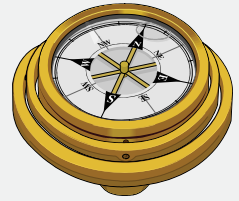




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*UPCOMING AT LCYC....*

**8/18 SHYLER ISLAND RACE AND WILLSBORO RENDEVOUS**

**8/25 TEA KETTLE**

**9/8 COMMODORE MCONOUGH BREAKFAST AND RACE.**



**US 1300 WINS LADIES CUP**

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## Commodores Corner

Our summer season at LCYC is at its midpoint and our July weather has been excellent for boating, swimming, picnicking and other activities. The weather has enhanced a packed calendar of wonderful events at LCYC.

We had a beautiful evening on July 13 for the Annual Boat Tour and Tag Sale benefiting the Junior Sailing program. We had an excellent turnout of members and guests to tour an exciting collection of sail, motor, vintage and fresh out of the factory boats lined up by Doug Merrill for the Tour. A special thank you to: John & Ceci Dupee, Bern & Peter Collins, Dick Lednický & Andrea Van Hoven, Bill & Susan Bresee, Norm & Cindy Sturtevant, Jeff & Dot Hill, Bob & Thea Platt, Ernie & Bette Reuter, Steve & Debbie Page, & former members Mike & Paige Caldwell for sharing their boats with the membership. Thank you to Robin Jeffers for hosting an inviting table of hors d'oeuvres, wine and other refreshments.

Wednesday nights were highlighted by two LCYC Burger Burns. Shell & Penny Rieley and Len & Lynnea Rosner hosted the Olde Fashioned LCYC Burger Burn on July 13. This event, first developed and hosted by the Rieley's decades ago, has been so successful and popular with the membership that it now serves as the model for the majority of the Wednesday "Burger Burns" hosted by the Club. Thank you to Shell and Penny for both developing the model and continuing the tradition! Although the Burger Burns coincide with Wednesday Night racing, the events have become an established tradition with widespread participation by all members of the Club. The line for tickets forms before the starting sequence on the water. Thank you to all of our Wednesday night hosts and volunteers this season!

In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary we reinstated an LCYC tradition – Family Day on July 22. The day was an exciting combination of multigenerational on and off the water activities. It was wonderful to see grandchildren, children, adult LCYC members and their guests enjoying the diverse range of activities: adult/child FJ races, roaming a Bounce Castle, face painting, balloon crafting, antique motorboat rides and volleyball. Several cooks prepared a terrific LCYC barbeque and our Family day was capped with the terrific music performed by the Wolcott Rock Band. The day was a huge success with many members asking to keep the tradition going next year. On behalf of the Board of Governors,

thank you to the members of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and especially our planners and hosts for the day: Scott and Kendra Bowen, Bern & Peter Collins, Div & Julie Parsons, Tris Coffin, Carol Hill, Jenny Leopold and Jill Burley. Finally, a very special thank you to Bern Collins for her outstanding leadership and organization throughout the planning and implementation of our two signature events for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!!

On the water, July has been a busy and rewarding month for LCYC members. Walt Marti and the crew of *Avena* are congratulated for winning the Mayor's Cup in Plattsburg on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Simultaneously, LCYC members (with boats of all persuasions) vigorously competed in the annual Champagne Race to Willsboro. Shell Rieley was declared the winner of the Race by event planners Chuck Finn and Doug White. The race was followed by the great meal and fellowship that is so integral to this fun event. Our membership continues to provide strong support for the Regatta For Lake Champlain, a benefit event providing support to several nonprofit organizations focusing on the health and vitality of Lake Champlain. This year, the pursuit style race was won by LCYC members Bill Fastiggi and Bob Turnau and crew on their Henderson 30, *Buffalo Theory*.

Our membership takes special pride in LCYC's status as a working club...we all pitch in to do the "work of the Club" including our special events as well as our ongoing programs and activities. Although each of us contributes to this work, every year we have members who go "far beyond the call of duty" to organize special projects, complete pre or post work day assignments or organize and host an event. At the risk of leaving a member out, I want to extend a special thank you to the following: Doug & Merri Purdy who have been stalwarts this summer for their work on numerous docks and house projects, and assisting with numerous special events; Len & Lynnea Rosner have worked on dock projects, organized and facilitated numerous events; Wes Daum and Bob Gurwicz have pitched in with numerous docks and house projects. The depth and richness of our experiences as an LCYC family are due in large measure to the willingness of our members to step forward and volunteer their time, talents and energy to LCYC. Thank you!

Commodore Chris

## **Grounds: Good news and a cautionary tale**

Club grounds are well kept this summer. Flowers continue to bloom, views of Shelburne Bay as seen from nearly every vantage point facing the bay are spectacular. It's relaxing just to sit under the awning, or by the bank's edge and simply relax and enjoy the vista.

There is one point of caution however. The turn headed up the hill is marked by reflectors. Erosion of a portion of the road top surface is a cause for caution. A small group is looking at options for remedy of this and other drainage concerns exposed by Irene last season. Once a plan is finalized we'll keep everyone posted via email notice.

Jim Spenser

### **Wednesday Night Parking:**

Our string of great-weather has helped to bring out record numbers for Wednesday night races, especially on evenings with a Burger Burn. The increased attendance is stressing LCYC's parking capabilities. In order to assure access to the Club for members and emergency vehicles, we are reminding members and guests of several parking limitations: 1) cars cannot be parked on the grass adjacent to the paved portion of our main driveway; 2) cars cannot be parked on any portion of our neighbors property; 3) cars parking on the grass adjacent to our gravel driveway must be parked completely off the gravel driveway. Recognizing that LCYC has limited parking, we are asking skippers to strongly encourage your crew to carpool. There are various places in the nearby Shelburne area where you and your crew could meet, leave all the cars but one, and then carpool to LCYC. With 3-10 crew members on each boat, if they all drive, that's a lot of parking spots per boat Thank you for your

### **SCUTTLEBUTT (Editor's notes)**

As a club we often mouth the words about thanking the Race Committee but rarely do we recognize a job truly well done. The wind for Ladies Cup was difficult to say the least. The Committee set up for a south wind, and north wind and then finally a west wind. They were patient enough to wait for it to fill and stay for a fair start (with a square line). They were on station to shorten course at Four Brothers, but had the good sense to finish instead at Proctor race mark. A truly outstanding effort as race committee. It was, even though I passed on the opportunity to sit on US 1300, a great race thanks to their efforts: PRO:Ernie Reuter; Committee: Jenny and Chris Leopold, Jill Burley.

A similar effort was achieved on Wednesday night August 8.:PRO: Keith Kennedy Committee: K. Manning, MSoulia, Fred Koch



## Mayor's Cup Moment of Truth



LCYC's Walt Marti and the Avena crew, including Gene "The Navigator" Cloutier, Steve Booth, Vivien Allan, Michelle Jordon, Mike Allen and Dave Powlison, set the pace around the weather mark at the 2012 Mayor's Cup.

### From the Weather Mark

I'm writing this just after sailing in a spectacular Wed night race (July 18) where we got in six-legs under sunny skies and 10-15 knot northeast winds—all topped off by a great burger burn. It doesn't get much better than that. Be sure to thank the RC whenever you get a chance, plus the folks hosting the burger burn. Also, a special shout-out to Betsy Dunphy who does the scoring and posts it on the LCYC website. I don't know many clubs that have the results posted on-line the very next morning.

Congratulations to Walt Marti and crew aboard Avena for representing LCYC well in the Mayor's Cup. Avena not only won its class but won the Mayor's Cup overall. Also, Buffalo Theory, sailed by Bob Turneau and Bill Fastiggi won the Regatta for Lake Champlain. It's gratifying to see LCYC sailors experiencing that kind of success.

Don't forget that the Ladies' Cup is coming up on August 4. This event always draws a ton of boats, not only from LCYC but from all over the lake. I've put in an order for sunny skies and a steady 15-knot breeze out of the north. Also, anyone 17 or under on or before the August 4 and skippers your boat in the Ladies' Cup qualifies as a junior skipper and is eligible to win the new perpetual trophy for the first junior skipper. Let's help our younger sailors experience the excitement of big-boat sailing in our premier event!

Finally, speaking of Wednesday nights, especially on those great nights where everyone shows up, parking is always at a premium. I can't stress enough how important it is to carpool. There are various places in the nearby Shelburne area where you and your crew could meet, leave all the cars but one, and then carpool to LCYC. With 3-10 crew members on each boat, if they all drive, that's a lot of spots per boat. Let's see what we can do to help the parking situation. Thanks!

See you on the water! Dave Powlison, LCYC Regatta Chair

LCYC ran the annual Champagne Race to Willsboro Bay on July 14. It was a beautiful day with great winds that held up for the entire race, giving the fleet a memorable sail. A small but significant number of boats competed, with Friendship, Shell and Penny's Mainship trawler taking 1st place. Not only did they arrive first (they were committee boat), but agreed to load the boat with all the necessary paraphernalia for the post race picnic and award ceremony that took place at the launch area.

Second place went to Bob and Barb Schumacher, who arrived in their van with a license plate that read "CANOE", thus qualifying as a vessel. They returned all the gear and left over food to LCYC, so Shell wasn't required to edge into the wall a second time - it's rusty metal, with some nasty bolts sticking out.



Third place went to Mike Barker who was presented with a "Mayor's Cup", since he chose to compete in the Champagne Race rather than the Plattsburg Mayor's Cup Race.



Grill construction challenge

Completed grill, ready for use

The on shore contest between 2 teams to assemble the grills that had been purchased for the event was won by Team A. Team B chose to unpack all the pieces of hardware en mass, and subsequently had problems picking the correct size bolt, washer or whatever to use in the construction. The contest looked like the proverbial joke of "how many PhD's does it take to build a grill". The prize was Team A got to help finish assembling the 2nd grill. (Please note that Team A had a Marie Finholdt assisting - women are much better at reading and following directions!)

It was a fun day, with a nice sized crowd enjoying a beautiful evening. Company and food were great.



# FAMILY DAY 2012



## Ladies Cup Winners



Skipper Ernie Pomerleau accepts The Cup from Commodore Leopold



The Winning Skipper and Crew



Rand Stratton accepts trophy for First in Class A