



# the Binnacle

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## New LCYC Members for 2002

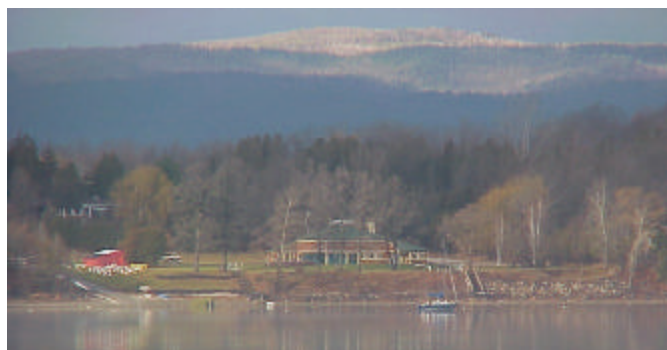


*New members, left to right, are Linda & Will Stoler and Christopher Micciche*

On Saturday evening, May 4, LCYC's Board of Governors held a cocktail party to introduce new members to the Board.

Two new memberships were represented by Will and Linda Stoler of Stowe and Christopher Micciche of Burlington. New members not attending are Trent Toensing of Lyme, New Hampshire, Stephen Magowan, South Burlington, Hal Grieg, Underhill and Stewart Bucher, Pottomac, Maryland.

## LCYC awaits the 2002 Season



*LCYC taken on April 16. First boat on the mooring is, as usual, Dick Lednicki's J-30 "Defiant". If you wish a copy of this photo, e-mail [hortonfw@adelphia.net](mailto:hortonfw@adelphia.net)*

## All Hands on Deck for Workday May 11th

Saturday morning, May 11th should be marked on your "To Do" list to go to the Club, grab a cup of coffee and a pastry, talk with many friends you haven't seen in six months and, oh yes, pitch in to ready the Club for another season.

Gene Cloutier, our 2002 Workday Coordinator, will be there to greet you at the end of the driveway to take your name and let you know who might need your help.

The Committee Chairs will have everything ready to do quickly, and we'll serve lunch and have a brief meeting as soon after noon as possible.

Fortunately, not all the effort needed to maintain the Club is on the two Workdays. We have burgers to broil all summer long. We have the lawn to mow and various projects and odd jobs that need doing as well. Members will do them, and if you miss Workday, you can bet you'll be called to do your part.

**If you cannot attend, let us know beforehand.** Call Gene Cloutier at 802-985-8985 and tell him when you can help. He will either tell you or let one of the Committee Chairs know when you'll be available to do your part.

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## Regatta Committee

By Dave Powlison — Regatta Chair

### 2002 Awards

The LCYC “keeper” awards for this coming summer will be framed boat photos. As an incentive to encourage participation, boats that place first, second or third in at least two events will receive framed, 6x9 photos. Boats that place first, second or third in three or more events will receive framed, 8x10 photos. Each weekend race is considered an “event,” as is each month of Wednesday night races, so there should be plenty of opportunities for everyone to end up with a great photo of their boat. Participation may also be factored in for those who race regularly but don’t qualify for a photo award under this system. We’ve contracted with Randy Kruger, from Colchester, to take the photos and frame them. He has many years of experience doing this type of work for MBBC and the Lake Champlain Racing Conference.

### Crew Clinic

The Etchells fleet held a crew clinic on Sunday afternoon, April 21, at Lake Champlain Chocolates. Greg Geiger, from Connecticut, who has crewed in many Etchells North American and World Championships, provided a wealth of information to the 16 skippers and crews in attendance.

### Mark Your Calendars

Our first Wednesday night of racing is our practice race, on May 22. June Wednesday night racing starts on June 5, and our first weekend race, the Tea Kettle, is on Saturday, June 8. Let’s see how many boats we can get out for our first major weekend race!

### Fill Out the Forms

In this issue of *The Binnacle*, you’ll find registration materials for all of the LCYC races, plus the PHRF form. Be sure to send them in promptly. If you’re not registered, you won’t be scored.

### Etchells North American Championship

We put in a bid for the 2003 Etchells NAs, but it was awarded to Annapolis. According to those on the selection committee, the sailing venue and the area attractions were strong points in our favor, but the main drawback revolved around logistical issues involving launching and hauling the boats.

### If You Won a Perpetual Trophy Last Year

Please return it to the club, preferably cleaned, on workday. We’d like to get the trophies back into the trophy case as soon as possible so all can enjoy them.

## Rules Corner--3

By Dave Perry

Rule 11—On the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

*“I realize that, when I’m the windward boat, I have to keep clear of the leeward boat, but how far away do I need to stay?”*

Far enough away so that while the leeward boat (L) is sailing on a straight line, you do not hit L or force L to take any avoiding action to miss you, e.g. have to change her course, ease her spinnaker pole forward or require any of her crew to duck or move to avoid being hit.

Furthermore, you need to be far enough away so that the leeward boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with you. If you allow yourself to get so close to L that she is physically unable to change her course without immediately hitting you, you are not keeping clear under the definition Keep Clear and are breaking rule 11. Note the second “if” in the definition suggests that L does not need to actually hit you to prove she couldn’t change course without hitting you.

*This excerpt is from Dave Perry’s Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing, available from US SAILING by calling 1-800-US-SAIL-1 or ordering on-line from [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)*



## Commodore’s Corner

by Fritz Horton

### Combination & Locks Changed:

A number of years have passed since our combination locks and keyed locks were changed, and it's time to do that now, at the beginning of the LCYC season.

Please make a note to yourself and advise family members that the pushbutton locks for the kitchen and washroom doors at the LCYC clubhouse have been changed.

The new combination is (call Fritz)

### May Launch Service Schedule:

LCYC’s launch service starts for the weekend of May 18 & 19th only. Launch will be available for Race Practice May 22, and will start full time for the summer on May 24th.

**Douglas S. Taylor, Commodore of the Waikiki YC, Honolulu, Hawaii**, sent the following note:

*“The Waikiki Yacht Club is pleased to announce its new Aloha Slips opening January 1, 2002, to visiting yachtsmen. The new docking facilities can accommodate vessels up to 140’ and provide ample water and power supplies.*

*The privileges of the Club’s facilities, restaurant, snack bar, wet bar and pool are reciprocally extended to your officers and members.”*

## Non-member Benefactors

LCYC has non-member benefactors who continually keep their antennae tuned to LCYC opportunities. Among those benefactors is CPO John Dupee, USN (known to his family as Jed) currently stationed in Guantanamo Bay.

In late 1995 Jed was stationed on the USS *Savannah* (AOR-4). He acquired some wooden timbers from *Savannah*, which was being decommissioned and being stricken from the Naval Register. *Savannah* was a replenishment oiler whose job was to insure that fleet was fueled and well fed without having to leave station and pull in. In order to prevent inadvertent and possibly crippling collisions at sea with the transfer winches; large wooden 'guard rails' were placed around each transfer winch to absorb the occasional bump. *Savannah's* transfer winches were protected by some pretty beefy 4"x12"s that in some instances were 10' to 14' long. Since *Savannah* was being placed in mothballs, there was no need to keep the timbers on board as they would probably rot over time. When the removal began an inspection revealed that the timbers were in fact made from some hardwood. After some discussion, it was determined the timbers were African mahogany. Jed acquired permission to remove some of the timbers from the *Savannah* as otherwise they would end up rotting in a landfill somewhere. He then took them to a lumber yard in the Norfolk area and struck a deal with the owner. The owner of the shop would rip the timbers into usable dimensions and take one of the timbers as payment.

USS *Savannah* (AOR-4) was decommissioned on 25 July 1995. The mahogany was set aside just waiting for an opportunity to be put to good use.

It was late 1996 when the talk of a new clubhouse at LCYC began. When the members approved the new clubhouse, the African mahogany from the USS *Savannah* was shipped north. By the time the new clubhouse was completed, all of the clubhouse shelving was trimmed out in the mahogany and the entire fireplace mantel was fashioned from the same mahogany. It seemed like a good use for the old mahogany as it maintained its nautical traditions and LCYC has a piece of the USS *Savannah* gracing its clubhouse.

Since then Jed has purchased old postcards depicting the two LCYC clubhouses that once were part of the Burlington waterfront. Facsimiles of these post cards will be on display at the clubhouse.

More recently Jed was surfing the web and came upon an ad on eBay.com for an 1893 LCYC Log. He immediately alerted his father, John Dupee, and the strategic bidding began. When the bidding dust settled, we had acquired a bona fide original 1893 Log for the sum of \$153.00. The seller of the 1893 Log was delighted that it had returned home and we, of course, are delighted to have it. Thank you Jed!

The "new" 1893 Log will be available for viewing Workday.

## Sailing Instruction Programs for 2002

By Bob Goodwin — Sailing Instruction

### DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

We are receiving many inquiries from non-members new to our Junior Sailing program several of whom have already signed up. To date we have had a very meager response from those members who have been a part of the program in the past and we definitely hope you will return. All indications are that we will be having a great season. Matt Guilbert, a soon-to-be graduate of Brandeis University and a member of their sailing team will be the head instructor, and Kate Brush, an accomplished sailor in her own right will be the assistant instructor. I really feel our youngsters are in for a great summer of sailing fun.

Remember, enrollment in the program is on a first come basis, so don't be left out in the cold. The fact that we have 7 boats more or less dictates that we have no more than 14 in each class group for a total of 42 kids.

If you have lost the application and medical forms that were sent to you, or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Goodwin at 425-4005 or by e-mail at [legacy65vt@aol.com](mailto:legacy65vt@aol.com)



## Mooring Field Update

By Steve Landau - Harbormaster



### Waiting List

Our mooring field is full as of this writing and a waiting list is now in place for members or prospective members who desire a mooring.

### Fairway Flashers

The fairway marker lights have been replaced with solar powered units that should provide years of 15sec white flashing if all is as advertised.

### Commissioning

Mooring field has been commissioned with very few problems after many of you responded to the diver's phone call to get your gear to the club. We are fortunate to have a pro active person providing this service.

Gear inspections turned up many worn parts especially pennants. Replacement was made as needed and those effected were called and will be billed by the Waterfront Diving Center. Some underwater gear replacement is still to be done and will commence after basic commissioning is complete.

If you have requests call our diver - Pierre LeRocque 233-1479

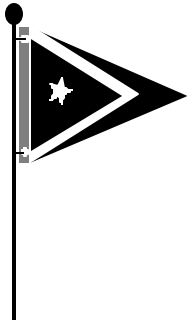
### Lake Depth

As of May 1 the lake level is 98ft. This is lower than normal due to light snow pack melt off. What this means to LCYC is that as summer progresses our mooring depths may drop below normal and require shortening of chain to maintain separation. Keep an eye your location. Charges for this type work are very reasonable.

### Mystery Floats

Despite many pleas we always have a few mystery floats without names or numbers that cannot be deployed. These become property of the club and are used as needed.

Thank you - whoever you are .



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## Grounds

by Charlie Van Winkle

We had a small pre-work day work party the first weekend in May and I'd would like to thank Beth & Wes Thorpe for responding to the request for assistance. Beth agreed to be a team lead and put water seal on the main dock steps and the playground in advance of Workday. Beth & Wes were assisted by Mike Barker, Malcolm Chamberlain, Graham & Daphne Pringle. Malcolm Chamberlain also assisted with some of the picnic table retrofits. Thanks again to all those who assisted.

Workday plans include replacing the dead landscaping, cutting brush, spreading bark mulch, and overall sprucing up of the club. For workday please bring a rake or shovel, if you have access to a trailer and would be willing to haul away brush, please let me know. Also, anyone has access to a large cutting deck mower, the recent rains have really helped to get our grass growing. Unfortunately they have also put a damper (No Pun intended) on getting the lawn cut. I would like to see if we can get the lawn cut either before or after workday.

I am also looking for a few volunteers who may be able to assist in cutting the lawn over the next few weeks. If anyone has a spare hour of two on a weeknight and would be willing to cut a few hundred, square feet, it would be very much appreciated. Ideally I would like to see if we could keep the lawn manageable until we have a full time steward.

Evening - 802-899-3890; vanwinkle@compuserve.com

## 2002 Board of Governors

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Stewards & Personnel Linda Livingstone  
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One-Design Coordinator Rick Stevens  
Club Historian Dale Hyerstay  
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PHRF Handicappers Barbara Francis, Gene Cloutier

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