



the Binnacle

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Race Registration Required

By Bette Reuter - Scorer

Every year we ask that racers provide a signed liability waiver for participating in our Racing Series. But the light shining at the end of tunnel is that you can now do so at the LCYC website!

The **on-line form** is new in 2003 and is easy to use. Register to race by opening the registration form at www.lcyc-vt.org website, fill it out and click on the "Submit" button, which sends it to me via e-mail.

The registration form also provides a declaration of your planned racing class. The declaration facilitates LCYC boats being able to swap from one racing class to another for each racing series, and to more easily provide race results within 24 hours of race.

We ask that boats changing classes provide a written declaration (via e-mail note to bette@clothncanvas.com or a note faxed to the race scorer (802-878-3849) one week prior to the racing event.

NOTE:

1. Boats racing without registering properly will be penalized 1 point per race for failure to notify the race scorer of their intended racing classes **one week** prior to the race event for which the penalty point is assessed.

2, Boats attempting to declare changes in their racing classes verbally to the Race Committee on the starting line without the required one-week's notice to the scorer will be **ignored and scored as though racing in their previously declared classes**. Such boats should be aware of the potential for being scored **DNS** should they cross the starting line with a fleet starting sooner than their declared fleet's start time.

Calling All Moorings

By Steve Landau - Harbormaster

The ice is going out fast and our club diver is anxious to get started on setting up our 2002 mooring field. As requested last fall many took their mooring floats and pennants home for the winter. Well - its time to cart them back. Please be sure your name and mooring # are permanently painted on the float.

We will be laying all gear out on the lawn for inspection, repair etc. The sooner you get your gear back the better the diver can service our needs. **All gear must be on the lawn by May 1st to be installed without extra charge.**

Any gear requiring repairs will be corrected and billed. Members will be notified if anything significant is required. Our diver **Pierre LaRocque** is quite expert on LCYC mooring standards. This year he is able to supply first quality Chicago hardware and handmade pennants at competitive prices. You may contact him at **233-1479** or pierrerock@hotmail.com

We are looking forward to a great 2003 sailing season, and we hope our efforts to have safe moorings will pay off as the season unfolds.

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Commodore's Corner

By Fritz Horton, Commodore

As LCYC's Spring Workday approaches, much of the work of the winter months is bearing fruit. You may see it as you read the notices by Tris Coffin, Bette Reuter and Steve Landau. In the background, too, Ernie Reuter has made a concerted effort to make our website more useful as a management tool for the Board as well as a source of information to visitors and members.

Lauri Landau, our database manager, has been working to set up the data and information to be extracted from it so that it "automatically" yields a "Log" each year using information entered just once instead of several times. Soon, with your own password, you will be able to open a "Members Only" section of the website to access additional information not available to the general public. A third level of access will be available to the Board for its use in developing and modifying the reports used to manage the organization's affairs.

In a week, in a hearing before the Planning Commission, we hope to close the two-year-old issue with the Town of Shelburne regarding the number of LCYC's moorings, which will be fixed at the present 155 from now on. We anxiously await, as do all of Shelburne's property owners, the Town's reassessment notice to see if the impact on our taxes is within reason or must be addressed.

Under Bob Platt's watchful eye, a work crew led by Will Stoler will replace the wood louvers in the roof monitor on Saturday, May 3, and that project should resolve the periodic water infiltration we have experienced since the building was completed. During that work, they will check to see if any damage has occurred to concealed wood structural elements, as well.

Bill Aldrich and his crew have seen to it that the launches are refurbished to the extent allowable by his budget, and they are sure you will be particularly impressed with the work completed on the "Nautilus" and Whaler.



Jib&Main Racing 2003

By Steve Landau

It's time to start recruiting your crew for an exciting season of Jib & Main ("JAM") racing. Again this year we will continue to have a J&M A/B class that will race straight PHRF without any special adjustments. All JAM class A, B and Open boats must submit a PHRF form to the Scorer (See "Race Registration Required" on page 1).

We will continue last year's successful Open Class Wednesday Night series. For 2003, this class will start with JAM-A to even out class start sizes. The Open Class will sail the JAM-B course if a separate one is posted. The Open Class finishes will be scored using a performance adjustment system that adjusts the PHRF Rating based on weekly results.

Any boat large or small can join this class. All will have the same opportunity to win as handicaps are developed based on actual finish times as the series progresses. The Open Class will only be available for Wednesday Series racing.

The Regatta Committee hopes this class will attract more boats to our program as it should be more fun to race knowing you have the opportunity to win despite any issues with boat design/sails etc. Boats may register on the Web Site to join this class for any Wednesday series. You may not swap classes during a series. You will remain in your registered class unless you re-register for another series.

Winners to Return Trophies on Workday!

Last years winning skippers with LCYC's perpetual trophies (Tea Kettles, Billado, Mac-Donough, etc.) are reminded to do one of the following on — or immediately after — Spring Workday, May 10:

1. Bring the trophies to Workday and present them to Rand Stretton.
2. Contact Rand Stretton by phone or e-mail (See your 2002 "Log") and arrange to deliver the awards where and when convenient.

It's **WORKDAY** Springing!

Saturday, May 10

**8:00 a.m. until the day's
work is done!
Rain or Shine!**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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ENFORCED SLAVERY.....8:00 AM - NOON

Luncheon (heavy, but satisfying!)

BRIEF GENERAL MEETING:

The Invocation

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- ◆ **VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGES**
- ◆ **OTHER BUSINESS**

AND THEN.....

MORE SLAVERY!



Return all mooring floats & tackle to lawn adjacent to Butler building by **May 1st!!!**

(See page one for details.)

~ Proposed By-Law Revisions ~

The following by-law changes shall be considered and voted upon at the meeting on Spring Workday:

Item (1) Article II -Members Section 1 (g) -Definitions

Current wording: *“Approved Member” shall mean ----*

Proposed wording: *“Approved Applicant” shall mean----*

Rationale: To eliminate confusion as to who is really a member as opposed to a person approved for membership who has not paid the his/her dues.

Item (2) Article V - Use of Club Facilities Section 2 - Mooring Rights (last sentence)

Current wording: *An assignment of Mooring Rights may not be revoked unless the member in Good Standing voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, or ceases to be a member in Good Standing for any reason whatsoever.*

Proposed wording: *An assignment of Mooring Rights may be revoked when the Member in Good Standing ceases to be a Member in Good Standing, voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, or ceases to use such mooring for a period of two years. All Harbor Policies and Rules currently in effect will apply.*

Rationale: To free up unused moorings for reassignment while assuring members of reasonable time to replace boats and priority on the assignment list should mooring rights be reinstated in the future. (See Harbor rule #21 below)

Item (3) Article IV-Officers Section 4-(h) Miscellaneous

Current wording: *“The Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain, Chaplain and Public Relations-Historian shall perform appropriate duties as directed by the Commodore.”*

Proposed wording: *“(i) The Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain, Chaplain, and Historian shall perform appropriate duties as directed by the Commodore .*

(ii) The Public Relations / Neighborhood Liaison Officer shall assist the Commodore and Communications Committee in promoting positive relationshipw with the community and LCYC’s neighbors.”

Rationale: As a result of the agreement with the Town of Shelburne and adjacent neighbors regarding the mooring dispute, LCYC must provide a person designated as the Liaison Officer whose duties are to serve as a contact person for members and the neighbors regarding LCYC issues. Logically, the Club’s “Public Relations” should be handled by the person with the responsibilities denoted in the proposed text.

Change to Club Policies and Guidelines While not part of the By-laws the following “Harbor Rule” defines the workings of the By-Law change identified in **Item (2)**.

Harbor Rules - Moorings:

(21) Members removing boats from the mooring field may retain mooring assignment for two years if intending to reoccupy. After that time moorings will be relinquished for reassignment. A member relinquishing in this fashion will retain all rights to reassignment per Article V, section 3 of the By-Laws. Members may not lend, sublet, or borrow moorings without the approval of the Harbormaster. Vacant moorings may be temporarily assigned or used as guest moorings during the two-year period.

Note: the two-year clock will start with the 2003 season.”

Regatta Committee Notes

By Tris Coffin—Race Committee Chair

With summer just around the corner, now is the time to start thinking ahead to a great racing season. There are a few changes from last year, and a few things for racers to do to get ready to race.

First of all, as in previous years, everyone needs to complete a race registration form and liability waiver and submit it to the scorer. For your convenience this year, you can complete the form online, offline and e-mail it back, or using the conventional paper-only method (form available at Spring Workday) and you are registered for as many exciting races as you can handle!

The Regatta Committee is trying to make full use of the club website for efficiently receiving and distributing information, so look to www.lcyc-vt.org for the full racing calendar, late-breaking race results and a wealth of other useful and interesting information. Please read page one's article, "Race Registration Required", by Bette Reuter, our outstanding club scorer, for further details. / Also, please also see Steve Landau's "Jib & Main Racing, 2003" about what is happening with the JAM fleet this year.

Another change from prior years is an expectation that **all boat owners racing in LCYC race series will serve as Race Committee at least once during a two-season period**. This new rule, set out in this year's edition of the racing manual, was motivated by increasing difficulties in getting people to serve as race committees for our racing programs.

Being the "RC" is fun. As such, you get a different perspective on sailboat racing, and you can learn a lot by watching from the committee boat. It's easy, too. Our professional race assistant, Jesse Kuhn, will be back to take the lead in running all races. He provides seasoned guidance in planning courses, setting them up, positioning and squaring the starting line, starting, timing, and scoring.

Finally, taking a turn as race committee is an obligation that we as racers all share to keep the racing program going.

Signing up to serve as a race committee is simple: Just sign up using the new race committee link on the LCYC website, www.lcyc-vt.org. You will also have a chance to sign up for race committee at Spring Workday. Of course, all members of LCYC are welcome to be race committees, and with the race assistant, no racing experience is necessary. So, whether or not you are a racer, if you want a fun day on the water and want to enjoy a front row seat for some great sailboat racing, sign up now!

Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center

By Fritz Horton, Vice President, LCCSC

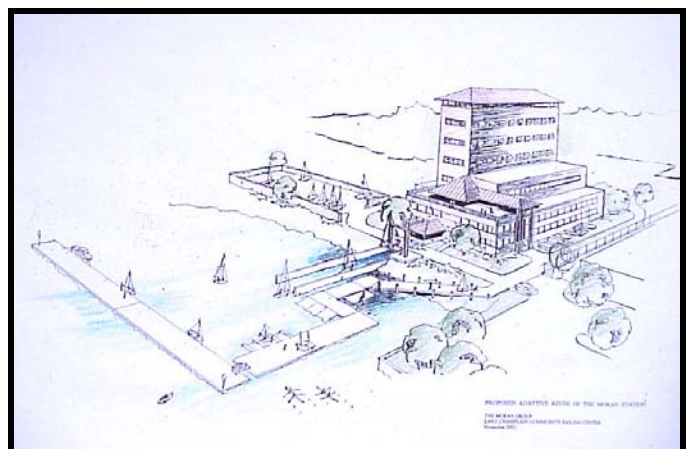
Several years ago, I decided to give back to this sport or pastime—take your pick of terms to use—and joined the Board at LCCSC. For those of you not acquainted with the Center, it is a non-profit dedicated to the proposition that watercraft powered by wind and water and the skills that go with using and maintaining them should be available to all. You should be aware, too, that the Center is recognized nationally as a leader in providing these services, largely as a result of extraordinary effort by LCYC's Marcel Beaudin and Dale Hyerstay and MBBC's Dick Fastiggi, its current president.

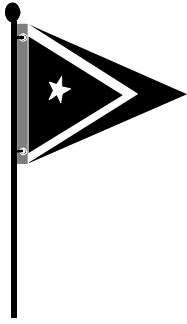
LCCSC offers a unique blend of instructional programs to citizens and visitors that emphasize accessibility and outreach to all. Last year, over 7,000 people took a class, rented or stored a sailboat or paddleboat at LCCSC. Children and adults of all levels of experience enjoyed what for many was an experience they had not imagined possible before. That's a truly remarkable testament to the Center's dedicated staff and its volunteers.

This year, if you go into Burlington Bay, you will find a new feature at the Center, located in the old Moran power plant on the north end of the waterfront. Thanks to a winning proposal for a Boating Infrastructure Grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Department, managed by Vermont's Department of Fish & Wildlife, LCCSC will have a new public dock that also serves as a floating wave attenuator. The drawing below shows the new 200 ft X 24 ft dock joined to the shore by dock elements that used to be at the Burlington Boathouse.

This facility will be available to the public for transient mooring and overnight stays under certain conditions. Fees charged will be equivalent to those paid for mooring at the Boathouse, but all proceeds will go to LCCSC to maintain the docks and manage them.

If you would like to help the LCCSC team, please contact Rachael Miller, Executive Director, at 802-864-2499 or visit our website, www.lccsc.org, to learn more.





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LCYC Day at West Marine

Looking for new gear? Need bottom paint?
Here is your chance to stock up and save!

West Marine is planning a club night exclusively for LCYC Members.

Light refreshments and a **10% discount** on all in store merchandise except electronics, which will be **5%**.

Mark your calendar:

Sunday April 27, 4 to 5:30PM

(Discount may not be combined with other discount offers)



For Sale:



One large mooring ball and tackle.

Contact Frank O'Connor.

2003 Board of Governors

Commodore.....	Fritz Horton
Vice Commodore & Treasurer	Steve Walkerman
Grounds	Charlie Van Winkle
Secretary, Membership & Log.....	Beth Thorpe
Boats	Bill Aldrich
Communications	Dave Kelton
Docks	John Harris
Harbormaster	Steve Landau
House	Bob Platt
Regatta	Tris Coffin
Sailing Programs	Beth Robitaille
Social Committee	Steve Adams
Stewards & Personnel	Linda Livingstone
Cruising /Rendezvous	Dave Kelton

Appointed Officers

Fleet Chaplain	Chuck Bowen
One-Design Coordinator	Rick Stevens
Club Historian	Dale Hyerstay
Fleet Surgeons	Drs. Larry & Roberta Coffin
Auditors ..	O'Brien, Doremus & Phillips
PHRF Handicappers	Barbara Francis, Gene Cloutier

Stewards

Managing Steward:	Ryan Heaslip
Stewards:	Chris Leopold, David Leopold, Andy Dunn and others TBD