



the Binnacle

Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.

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Spring 2003 Workday a Success

Photos courtesy of Adam Alpert and Skip Hoblin



The Gang moves the gangway to its place joining the main dock to the shore.

Dave Powlison provides a clue or two to the *Optimist* assembly line workers.



LCYC complies with the Union Rule: "Six workers are required to adjust each dock anchor."

Ex-Commodore Dupee considering his options: "Do I tell 'em now, or do I let 'em find out for themselves?"



More photos on Page 3. All 160 photos received to date are posted on the website for you to print, send to friends, etc..

No-cost Rules Clinic

By Tris Coffin—Regatta Committee

Mark your calendars!

You're invited to a Rules Clinic

May 18, 2003

Sunday afternoon, 1 p.m. at LCYC

Handouts & Refreshments -- all FREE!

Guest speaker is Pat Stadel from Marblehead, Mass. Pat, who has been racing since 1948, is a USSA Senior Judge and currently Chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association Appeals Committee. She has chaired the CYC protest committee for several years, taught USSA Judges Seminars and serves as Umpire-in Training for the USSA and ISAF.

In other words, she knows the rules! Pat currently races Etchells in Marblehead and San Diego.

The clinic will last until all questions are answered.

Please RSVP by email to Bette Reuter or by phone to Dave Powlison (802-985-9484).

This event is sponsored and hosted by the Lake Champlain Etchells Fleet 25.

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Commodore's Corner

By Fritz Horton, Commodore

The reappraisal and resulting changes in the Club's property taxes in Shelburne occupied our attention during the first quarter of 2003. Early in the quarter, the Board voted to minimize all expenditures and wait until the new appraisal was published. Our previous assessment was \$512,000.

On May 4, the "Preliminary Results of the 2003 Reappraisal" pegged our "market rate" property value at \$722,200, an increase of 42%. However, our taxes are likely to remain essentially the same or drop slightly due to an adjustment in the rate from \$2.61 to an estimated rate of \$1.79.

With a measured sigh of relief, the Board has voted to complete the projects proposed for 2003 in the Long Range Plan.

Prior to Workday, many hours were spent by Bob Platt and his volunteers installing the new metal screened louvers on the rooftop monitor. Under Bill Aldrich's uncompromising eye, others are still working to prepare LCYC's powerboats for the season.

Chuck Bowen, our Fleet Chaplain, reminded us that Frank O'Connor had been in the hospital and was recuperating at home. Nothing can keep Frank down for long. He showed up to have lunch! He didn't stay long, but he was, indeed there for Workday. Congratulations, Frank! We're all pulling for your quick recovery.

For the first time in over thirty years, Dale Hyerstay missed a Workday. Bob Schumacher stood in for him in the pickup truck donated for the event by Shearer Chevrolet. Dale had to fill in for his fellow employees at the Chimney Sweep. He will be back for the Fall Workday, for sure.

The website, database and "Log" are in the process of merging, and "process" is the operative word here. A day before the "Log" went to the printer this year, several issues remained as Beth Thorpe strove to have the database software seamlessly print the "Log". Alas, not quite ready for prime time, the dream of a database-generated "Log" will have to wait until next year. In the end, faced with her deadline, she had to resort to the time-tested "Excel" file for the printing job.

Photos of Spring Workday are available for you to view, print and download on LCYC's website. 160 photos were taken by Skip Hoblin and Adam Alpert. Check them out!

Our diver, Pierre LaRock, has gone overboard (sorry...) this year. Prior to Workday, Pierre pitched his tent on our lawn and spent each day commissioning moorings and his nights listening to the coy dogs and geese. He said it was, indeed, a privilege to enjoy this time in the early Spring on the Bay. We really appreciate Pierre's attention to our needs.

Nobody is perfect, however, and all members with moorings are asked to check to see that everything is in order before they secure their boats for the first time.

Return Your Trophies NOW!

Last year's winning skippers with LCYC's perpetual trophies (Tea Kettles, Billado, Odziozo, MacDonough, etc.) are reminded to return your perpetual trophies immediately. Please follow this procedure:

1. Bring the trophies to the Clubhouse and place them in the cabinet UNDER the trophy case in the entry hall.
2. After completing task #1, contact Rand Stretton by phone or e-mail him and let him know you have returned your awards.

LCYC Nametags Available

By David Cain

Tired of tatty paper nametags that are difficult to read and fall to the floor at LCYC events? Dave Cain has found a solution for you! His nametag is shown at right and speaks for itself! Made of plastic with a pin on its rear face, it will last longer than you will remember where you put it the last time you wore it.



If you wish to order one or more, simply send a note to Majestic Badge with the following information and a check:

Lake Champlain Yacht Club Nametags:

No. of badges _____

Exact Name on the first badge :

(List additional names on a separate sheet of paper.)

Enclose a check for \$6.50 per badge plus \$3.00 Shipping for up to 12 badges.

Mail to:

Majestic Badge
P.O. Box 546
Peabody, MA 01960-7546



Ahoy Summer!
Celebrate the Season
at the 2003
LCYC Opening Day Gala



Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: The Lake Champlain Yacht Club

Attire: Something Super and Summery

Hosts: Betty Ann and Don Lockhart

Reservations Not necessary Questions: (802) 425-2783

Please Bring: An Hors d'oeuvre, and your Choice of Beverage, including Mixers - Ice will be provided



Spotted through the Spy Glass



At the end of the morning's work, everyone enjoyed the traditional chili-and-cornbread lunch by St. Pierre's Catering.



Board members (from left) Harris, Aldrich and Landau share a moment.

John O'Rurke, Tom Moody and Charlie Van Winkle in the poison ivy...



Reid Krakower focuses his attention on the *Milo's* needs.

Membership Chair Beth Thorpe and her assistants stuffing the membership envelopes.



Dock installation operations with Mike Caldwell on forklift and



The Commodore steadfastly ignores the struggling Gangway Gang in the background. (Is this guy good for *anything?*)



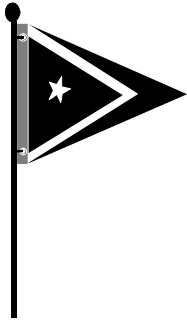
Bob Schumacher in Shearer Chevrolet-donated truck and



"Coach" Bob Goodwin provides a bit of motivation to the *Optimist* rigging crew.



a cast of the usual suspects (Bowen, Parsons, Walkerman, and others) in the water and on the docks.



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**Wanted for Junior Program
& Clubhouse:**

Used TV and VCR & DVD player in a lockable cabinet or on a sturdy cart for use when weather prohibits on-the-water instruction. Also may be used for presentations and seminars.

Old sailing tapes and DVD's welcome!

Contact Barb Robitaille,
Instructional Programs Chair.

2003 Board of Governors

- Commodore..... Fritz Horton
- Vice Commodore & TreasurerSteve Walkerman
- GroundsCharlie Van Winkle
- Secretary, Membership & Log..... Beth Thorpe
- Boats Bill Aldrich
- Communications Dave Kelton
- DocksJohn Harris
- HarbormasterSteve Landau
- HouseBob Platt
- RegattaTris Coffin
- Sailing ProgramsBeth Robitaille
- Social CommitteeSteve Adams
- Stewards & PersonnelLinda Livingstone
- Cruising /RendezvousDave Kelton

Appointed Officers

- Fleet ChaplainChuck Bowen
- One-Design CoordinatorRick Stevens
- Club HistorianDale Hyerstay
- Fleet SurgeonsDrs. Larry & Roberta Coffin
- Auditors .. O'Brien, Doremus & Phillips
- PHRF HandicappersBarbara Francis, Gene Cloutier

Stewards

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

For Sale:

One large mooring ball and tackle.
Contact Frank O'Connor.

