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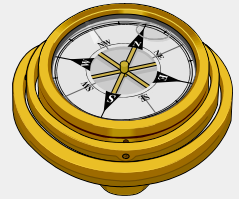
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UPCOMING AT LCYC...Lady Skippers Race 8/27...Pig Roast 9/17...Macdonough 9/17

Junior Sailors travel off the lake to Compete...from J. Harris & D. Powlison

7/23/05....Smythe Area A championship results..

LCYC Sailor Brad Harris finished 3rd in a very strong Area A fleet behind Thomas Barrows (St Thomas USVI, Eastern Yacht Club) and Michael Easton (Portland ME, Portland YC). In a light air regatta sailed Thursday and Friday in Marblehead, 5 races were sailed with one throw out. Barrows was first with 7 pts, Easton second with 8 pts and Harris third with 12 pts, with finishes of 4, 1, 4, (5), 3. Barrows and Easton are arguably amongst the very best Junior Laser sailors in the country having finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in last year's Smythe National Championships and Barrows having won the US Youth Laser Championship earlier this summer. Barrows and Easton move on to the national championship.

7/13/05....LCYC's junior sailors Meredith Powlison and Kate Weaver finished 5th in the NSA Bemis Championship, held in Kennebunkport, ME on July 11.

Although the top two teams clearly dominated the fleet, the next three places were close, with Meredith and Kate just three points out of third. The top three teams advanced to the Area A Bemis Championship, to be held later in July in Marblehead, MA.

The event was held in 420 dinghies, in sheltered water, but in winds that averaged in the high teens with occasional gusts to around 25. Meredith and Kate's best finishes in the 7-race series were a second and a pair of thirds. They were one of two all-girl teams participating in the event. The other team finished 8th. Meredith and Kate qualified for this event by finishing second in the NSA West Bemis Championship.



HARBOR NEWS from Steve Landau

This season we have had instances of shackle threads rotting away and slipping apart when the mooring pull is slack. We are also seeing accelerated rotting of our chains due to zebra mussel excretions. Over the past few years I have repeatedly suggested that folk replace their underwater gear every four or five years. I am now warning all mooring owners to replace any old gear on a regular schedule. Diver inspections are not able to find internal metal rot beneath the layers of zebra mussels even when we clean them off. Pierre is now inspecting the field and replacing any suspect gear but I do not feel he can find all the lurking problems. **If your gear is old have him replace it.**

THE BINNACLE NEEDS HELP.....

Your current Binnacle editor is in need of someone to take over the publishing and mailing of the Binnacle. With today's software and emailing capabilities, putting the monthly or quarterly issues to press has never been easier. All that is necessary is the time (approx 2-4 hours per month). If you are interested, please contact Ernie Reuter at 878-3849. Someone's help is badly needed or the printed version may soon be history!

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Commodores Corner by John Harris

Yowzah...August already!! The boating season is half over and it seems like opening day was just a couple weeks back. Well, it's not like things haven't been happening at the club. Wednesday Night race participation is booming as usual, although the wind gods have not been particularly smiling on us...again. (Maybe it IS time to put those Wind Generators in the LCYC capital plan). The competition for the new Wednesday season championship trophies is fierce. LCYC sailors have been doing well in lake wide racing as well, with Peregrine winning the recent Regatta for Lake Champlain and Wingdam and Edelweis II taking 1, 2 in the Cruising division at the Mayor's Cup being just a few of our more notable accomplishments. In the past week our Etchells fleet added a 15th boat and we have had several races now with an even dozen boats on the line. Lastly, under the tutelage of LCYC's "energizer bunny" (aka Ernie Reuter) our new RC Boat, Race Management team of PRO's (Principal Race Officers for you non-racers out there) are making great progress in improving the overall quality of our racing experience. For those not into racing (and those who go both ways) the weather has been great for cruising (albeit a bit hot and humid at times) and the cruisers have several nice rendezvous under their belt already. And, in case you haven't noticed, our Junior Sailing program is booming. If you missed the results on the Web, at the recent LCYC Junior regatta we had 17 Optis on the line!!!...plus 10 FJ's. I am sorry I wasn't able to sneak out of work that day to take this all in. My sources tell me it was quite a sight. Our Juniors had very respectable showings in the Bemis (doublehanded) and Smythe (singlehanded) eliminations as well. It is great to see the enthusiasm and skills of this next generation of sailors blossoming at the club. On the social front, the Annual Boat Tour continues to grow and has really turned into one of the best attended and most fun events of the year. If you haven't been down, get there next year as you are really missing a great time. The "Old Fashioned Burger Burn" held a couple weeks back is rumored to have broken all kinds of records for attendance and for burgers and beer consumed. Thanks to Shell Rieley and the usual group of suspects who put in a lot of effort to keep this great LCYC tradition alive and well. So, in closing, the best I can tell things are really hopping at LCYC this summer.... the season's half over...come on down and join in the fun before it's too late!!!



Social from Dennis Bowen

Electric Grill is Missing from the Social Supply Closet

Long ago, some say as long ago as last year, LCYC enjoyed the benefits of three large electric grills. And they say the Macdonough Breakfast line moved swiftly. Groggy eyed sailors endured only a brief wait for the pancakes and sausage steaming on the three grills. Alas, this year we face a crisis. One grill is missing. We can imagine long lines waiting for food. Impatient if not angry sailors perhaps turning into a mob if forced to skip breakfast in order to be on time for the start. We are concerned for the safety of the valiant LCYC member volunteers who so unselfishly put themselves on the breakfast line to serve their fellow LCYC citizens. We need a hero to avert a crisis. Return of the missing grill is certain to avoid a crisis. The breakfast line will move again. Grogginess will replace impatience in the line. And the grill borrower's conscience will be clean. And the Board of Governors will not need to convene a special commission to investigate the aberration. Our ship will sail on calm water.

Hand Pump Beer Keg Tap is Missing From the Social Closet. But that's OK, for I'm sure you've all had the chance by now to partake in a sip of cold, foam free beer from the refrigerated tapper that now is looking for a home at LCYC. Please make up your own story-I must get some work done.....return the grill and you will find peace.

Committee Boat Named...from Ernie Reuter

After much deliberation and review of the many great submissions from LCYC members, the BOG has decided on naming the new RC boat after John Dinse, current member of the club. The "J. DINSE" will help us remember Johns many contributions to the club, most notable of which the driving force in the purchase of the land which we all hold so dearly today and past commodore. It's an honor to place his name on the transom for all to think about as the saga of the club moves on.

J. DINSE
LCYC



By Laws Changes from the Board

Written by John Harris

The following Bylaws change is being proposed for the Fall 2005 meeting.

At our Summer 2004 Strategic planning session the Board of Governor's identified an initiative to improve the club's focus on non-racing programs in support of a broad constituency within the club for whom sailboat racing is not their primary interest. Subsequent Board of Governors' discussion on this topic concluded that establishing a Board position for whom promotion and management of non racing programs was a key element in affecting these changes. This position would encompass, but not be limited to, the responsibilities of our current Rendezvous chair (an appointed, non-Board position). The BOG also discussed the feasibility of rearranging current Committee responsibilities in order to accommodate this new position without changing the number of Board members. It was concluded that the scope of responsibilities of the current positions was already a significant workload and it was not reasonable to add additional burden to the existing individual BOG members. Therefore, the BOG concluded it was necessary to expand the size of the Board in order to accomplish the desired goals.

The proposed responsibilities of this position are as follows:

Cruising / Boating Programs

Responsible for promotion and coordination of sailing and powerboating activities including Cruising/ Rendezvous, daysailing, boating and seamanship education programs and any other programs deemed ap-

Club Rules Reminder - Occasionally we need reminders of rules in place to make the club function safely and as a good neighbor.

(1) Please do not blow horns to call the launch.

Use CH12 VHF. or your cell phone.

(2) Towing any person through the mooring field (on tubes / skis / boards / etc.) at any speed is strictly forbidden for obvious safety reasons.

(3) The harbor is a No Wake Zone by USCG designation - 5MPH speed limit.

(4) No fishing or swimming from the main dock for safety reasons.

(5) The launch is restricted to six passengers by the USCG - please do not ask to board more than six for any reason.

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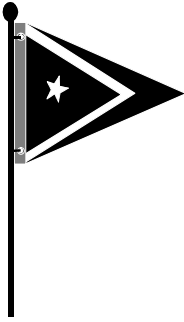
Section 1. Management. The management of the Club and its affairs shall be by a Board of Governors, consisting of thirteen (13) *fourteen (14)* Members. The Board of Governors shall have the control and management of all business affairs for the Club; shall have authority to execute all contracts, instruments and conveyances necessary to carry out the purposes of the Club, shall determine and set annual dues; shall prepare and approve a budget by March 1 for the financial management of the Club; shall make appointments of Officers of the Club and Board of Governors and all necessary committees of the Club; shall have charge of the election, suspension or expulsion of members; and shall be responsible for the making of rules for the use of the Club facilities.

Section 4. Committees. The Board of Governors may establish the following standing committees and others deemed necessary:

- a) House *g) Junior Sailing Programs*
- b) Grounds h) Membership/Log
- c) Harbor i) Communications
- d) Docks j) Boats
- e) Regatta k) Stewards/Personnel
- f) Social *l) Cruising / Boating Programs*

Note: Proposed changes in Red Italics





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7/20/05....Annual Boat Tour/Tag Sale - A fun evening - Over two hundred members and guests enjoyed a beautiful enjoyable evening at the annual Jr. Sailing Boat Tour and Nautical Tag Sale this past Friday July 15th. A really classy display of boats, tasty refreshments, tag sale treasures and visiting regatta folks all made for a busy enjoyable event. The Board of Governors thanks all who contributed to this ever growing event.



Boat Tour Coordinator Steve Landau

2005 Board of Governors

- Commodore..... John Harris
- Vice Commodore & TreasurerSteve Walkerman
- Rear Commodore.....Steve Landau
- Secretary, Membership & Log..... Beth Thorpe
- GroundsUlrie Holzinger
- BoatsBill Aldrich
- Communications Ernie Reuter
- Docks Mike Barker
- HarbormasterSteve Landau
- HouseBob Turnau
- RegattaTris Coffin
- Sailing Programs Barbara Robitaille
- Social CommitteeDennis Bowen
- Stewards & PersonnelRick Heath
- Cruising /RendezvousTed/Joanne Lattrell

Appointed Officers

- Fleet ChaplainChuck Bowen
- One-Design CoordinatorRick Stevens
- Club HistorianBern Collins
- Fleet SurgeonsDrs. Larry & Roberta Coffin
- Club LiaisonBruce Hill
- Auditors O'Brien, Doremus & Phillips
- PHRF Handicapper. Gene Cloutier
- Chief Race Officer.....Ernie Reuter

Stewards

- Managing Steward:Ryan Heaslip