

# the Binnacle

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*UPCOMING EVENTS ...Pre-Workday 4/28...Workday 5/5...Practice Race 5/23*

## **Spring is Here, and Boating is Not Far Behind!**

It was in the 60s in January, and the ski areas are still going strong late into April. But Spring is starting to sort itself out and workday is right around the corner. I kick started my sailing season by taking the helm of Abracadabra, an America's Cup boat that is available to tourists in San Diego (see photo below). It lived up to its name—it was magic, as I enjoyed gusts to 20 knots, and sailing near an 1800's replica schooner and an Italian frigate! Many others are taking advantage of the kid's school vacation week to visit warmer climates and start their own sailing seasons in Florida or the Caribbean. After a few weekends of work it will be off to the races again for all of us. See you at the club!



## **LCYC Log to be Available on Opening Day-D.Bowen**

We all should thank Bette Reuter and Lauri Landau for the extensive and innovative work necessary to deliver the annual Log. The Log contains most of the answers members may have regarding LCYC activities, operation, members, bylaws and contact names for answers not found in the Log or at the web page <http://lcyc.info/>.

Bette Reuter is the Log publisher, copy writer, artist, technical innovator and cajoler of content updates from LCYC members. This year Bette implemented a new software tool and simplified camera ready copy preparation from extracted database data. The Log preparation process will be easier in 2008 as a result of this learning and process change year.

Lauri Landau spends considerable time almost every week fifty-two weeks a year maintaining the LCYC member database. The database is central to LCYC member communications as the source of member Log data, billing, membership cards and mailings. Lauri also purchases and prepares the labels and Log distribution envelopes. Wes Daum prints membership cards using database data.

Email is the primary communication method for contacting members. If you are feeling out of the LCYC communications loop send your change of email address to the Denny Bowen, Membership Chair, at [dbowen\\_765@comcast.net](mailto:dbowen_765@comcast.net). The accuracy of Log member data and underlying database ultimately depend upon your communication of changes.

## **LCYC Full Membership Status—D. Bowen**

LCYC full members are at 161 according to Steve Walkerman's March Board of Governors (BOG) financial report. Three new members were approved at the same meeting. One of the three will not join until 2008 season. Those approvals, assuming the other two joined, bring full member count to 163 for two over the forecast.

Two completed applications will be presented to BOG on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Plus there are a few other applications in the pipeline.

Steve Booth, Harbor Master, indicates three moorings remain available as of April 21<sup>st</sup>. We are likely to reach about 166 full members for 2007 assuming mooring availability is a major new member driver.

The Commodore's new member orientation and cocktail party will be announced shortly.

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### Commodore's Corner

*Workday May 5 2007*

Today the sun has shown for two consecutive days and it now appears as though we can begin the season on schedule.

This year, the Coordinator for workday will be Jill Gagne, who filled in so well last Fall.. As has been the case for the last several years, there will be opportunities for those who are not able to attend the May 5th event to fulfill their Club obligation by signing up for one of the special groups who will be working either offsite or on alternate days.

At this point, the following alternate events are currently being scheduled:

**House committee** -Contact Bob Turnau

**Grounds**-contact Ulie Holzinger

**Docks**- Bob DeSorbo

**The J. Dinse**-Ernie Reuter

If you are interested, please call or email one of the above to secure the proposed dates..

We expect that Jason Hyerstay will have our WiFi system operating by Workday time for your convenience as well.

**Tervis Tumblers.** I am sure that some of you are familiar with the large line of unbreakable, guaranteed for life glasses that the Tervis company has been manufacturing since 1946. Shel Rieley has arranged for them to have the LCYC Burgee incorporated in their entire line of products on an " order when sold " basis.....which is great because we will each be able to order the specific style we like.

Tina McCaffrey has graciously agreed to handle this project for us and will have samples and order forms, as well as descriptive materials at Workday as well as other events during the year.

**Commodore's Logbook.** Past Commodores (and Historians) Bern Collins and Dale Hyerstay spent a great deal of time over the winter preparing and editing a logbook for Commodores, past, present and future, which incorporates all of the LCYC traditions including those that have been lost over time with all of our current operational procedures and history.....a truly wonderful piece of work as well as a great help and reminder for all who have and will serve. Hard copies are in the hands of your present Commodore, Bern, Dale and Denny Bowen as Membership Secretary. Those will be passed to future Commodores. CDs have been given to all past commodores as well.....Thanks to Bern and Dale for this fine contribution to LCYC

The Stewards have all been put in place for 2007 and are ready to work, thanks to Jill Burley..... looks like we're ready for another great season at LCYC and on our beautiful Lake.

See you all there.

Charlie Lord

### From the LCYC Website

*Pre-Workday Help Needed*

Are you missing workday? Next weekend, or sometime before workday, we need to waterproof the stairs, etc. Please call me and we'll set a time. Ulie, 802-758-2528, holzinu@hotmail.com

*Calling All Dock Meisters!*

As in the past, we are planning a 'pre-workday workday' on the docks scheduled for Saturday April 28th with a rain/snow date of the 29th. Click for more info. Proper docks are key to our club's well being and do require some extra attention at workdays. We need some volunteers for carpentry, plumbing, electrical and sealing. Work starts at the club at 09:00. A 'build your own' luncheon buffet, along with appropriate beverages will be provided.

Please contact Bob DeSorbo at 802 496-4118 evenings or email fire4deck@aol.com if you can make it. This is also a chance to get workday credit if you are unable to attend May 5th.

*Race Registration & Race Committee Sign-Ups Now On-Line*

Race registration for the coming summer is now online. Follow the racing link on the web site to get to the 2007 Registration section. Step-by-step instructions for Race Committee sign-up also listed on the web site.

*2007 Junior Sailing Class Schedule and Sign-up Forms Available On-Line*

The 2007 LCYC Junior Sailing class schedule is completed and available by going to the Club web page and entering the Junior Sailing section. The curriculum and handbook may be downloaded from the junior sailing web page. We have instituted some changes this year to hopefully better meet the needs of our junior sailors including some all-day sessions. A number of regattas are scheduled during the month of July and August and will be posted on the Club calendar. Another favorite is "Big Boat Day" where the Jr sailors sign up to participate as crew on Club members boats for an excursion on Lake Champlain. We hope to have sailors and parents and/or club members looking to participate in these events.



### Cruising 2007—Ted Lattrell

#### Cruising Definition

To Cruise – a simple definition is to wander, whatever the reason. In the XVII century, when the word was first in use, it usually meant going to sea for warlike purposes, hence cruiser. The word came from the Dutch “Kruizer”, to cross.

“Origins of the Sea Terms” by John G Rogers

Cruise – 1. To sail or travel about, as for pleasure. 2. To travel at a steady or efficient speed.

“American Heritage dictionary”

Cruising – Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrives, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land.....

“A sailor’s dictionary “ by Henry Beard and Roy McKei

On this note, we, the Cruising Awards Committee, introduce, the LCYC Cruise Cup. This award will go to the cruiser who completes all criteria, through a number of cruises, during the 2007 cursing season, while in command (Captain / Planner of the vessel, trip, and itinerary) cruising Lake Champlain.

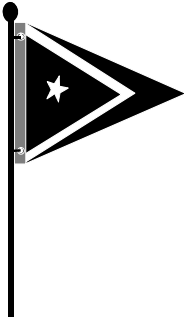
The Award will go to the persons who have completed the defined requirements. A full description of these requirements will be available in cruise cup log.

Although there are required ports and/or anchorages, this is intended to encourage cruisers to expand their horizons during their travels. Extra space has been provided to indicate other ports, bays, islands and/or anchorages that you visit. Both Sail and Power boaters are urged to fulfill the requirements for the LCYC Cruise Cup and submit their names. If you wish to participate, you can request a soft copy of the Cruise Log by email. Tlattrell@us.ibm.com.

#### Calendar

Valcour Wildflower Cruise	6/16/2007
Joint Rendezvous with MBBC	
Fireworks / Rendezvous	7/3/2007
Champagne Race to Willsboro Bay	7/14/2007
Vergennes Rendezvous	8/11/2007
Converse Bay Rendezvous	8/25/2007
Battle of Plattsburgh Cruise	9/08/2007
Impromptu rendezvous	All Summer





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***Other Happenings in 2007***

***Gary Jobson Presentation at the Rusty Nail***

Mallett's Bay Boat Club and LCYC co-sponsored a sailing presentation by legendary sailor and TV personality Gary Jobson at the Rusty Nail in Stowe. This was an excellent presentation, and was very well attended by members of both clubs. As you can imagine, Gary has a nearly infinite pool of sailing stories to draw from. My favorite was the time he was sailing in New York harbor against the Australian team that had just won the America's Cup in 1983. Gary's boat took a flyer around Liberty Island and ended up winning the race. One year later, in the same situation, the Australians decided to take the flyer—only to find out that there had been a bridge erected in the year since the prior race! Gary used the story to illustrate the value of local knowledge, in its most extreme form!!

***Etchells New England Championships to Be Hosted By LCYC in September***

The Etchells fleet will host the New England Championships in Burlington Harbor this September. Its been several years since the fleet last hosted the New England Championships, and the fleet has grown quite a bit since then. Vermont Sailing Partners will be a primary sponsor; additional sponsors are being pursued also.

***Etchells Guest Sailor's Night July 11th (B2)***

The Etchells fleet would like to introduce more sailors to this wonderful one design experience, and is looking for sailors interested in joining them for B2. Each boat must have one non-regular to be eligible for the race.

**2007 Board of Governors**

Commodore.....Charlie Lord  
 Vice Commodore & Treasurer .....Steve Walkerman  
 Rear Commodore.....Ted Lattrell  
 Secretary, Membership & Log.....Denny Bowen  
 Grounds .....Ulrie Holzinger  
 Boats .....Bill Aldrich  
 Communications .....Tina McCaffrey  
 Docks ..... Bob DeSorbo  
 Harbormaster .....Steve Booth  
 House .....Bob Turnau  
 Regatta .....John O'Rourke  
 Sailing Programs .....Dorothy Hill  
 Social Committee .....Bob Manchester  
 Stewards & Personnel .....Jill Burley  
 Cruising /Rendezvous .....Ted Lattrell

**Appointed Officers**

Fleet Chaplain .....Chuck Bowen  
 One-Design Coordinator .....Rick Stevens  
 Club Historian .....Bern Collins  
 Fleet Surgeons .....Drs. Larry & Roberta Coffin  
 Club Liaison .....Bruce Hill  
 Auditors .. O'Brien, Doremus & Phillips  
 PHRF Handicappers ..... Gene Cloutier

**Stewards**

Managing Steward: David Leopold