



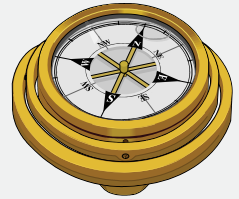
the Binnacle

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The 2011 Change of Watch

January 22, 2011, 1800 Hours

The Sunset Ballroom
Comfort Suites
Shelburne, Vermont

The Change of Watch is a wonderful opportunity for Members to share experiences about this past sailing season and about their upcoming winter activities. New Members are encouraged to attend and to participate in this century-old tradition.

Join us in thanking outgoing Board Members and welcoming incoming Board Members.

****** Special Program ******

Fritz Mitchell, a local film maker, will present a movie titled "The Wind Gods, the 33rd America's Cup", a documentary of Larry Ellison's quest to return the Cup to America.

Bill of Fare

Hors D'oeuvres with Cash Bar

Steamship Round of Roast Beef

Breast of Chicken Marsala

Poached Salmon Steak with Lemon Hollandaise

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Roasted Red Potatoes

Garden Salad

Pasta Salad

Assorted Deserts

Coffee & Tea

*** Price - \$29.00 ***

Please email your reservation request to Steven Adams
at sadams9@nycap.rr.com
no later than January 19, 2011

RESERVATIONS MADE BUT NOT KEPT WILL BE BILLED



Commodores Corner

Happy New Year! It seems like ages since the Awards Banquet and closing the Club in October – a wet, windy and exciting evening to remember, with Turtledance on the far shore and the aftermath of the storm the next day. Thanks to everyone for coming and pitching in, and thanks to the kitchen crew for handling the food. One special project accomplished (a summer in the making!) was the cleanup in and around the utility shed. All of the old unused stuff is now gone. The plan for Spring is to rebuild the fence and to have all trash and recycling out of view. Bob Schumacher and Jim Spencer took the lead on cleaning out the sheds, finding many long forgotten treasures for the trash. Thank you to the many that stayed late and came back to finish up projects, disposing of a second load of yard waste and making repairs to the muddied-up lawn. Extra thanks go to Tom Cabot for the gravel that he generously contributed, delivered and spread. Thanks too, to the Nominating Committee for new Board members Ann, Denny, Chris and Noah. Great work, everyone!

The weather that weekend continued to be questionable. With a high wind advisory on Sunday, I postponed plans to sail my boat over to Willsboro, opting for a short sail around the Bay. I tacked to the end of the bay and back around to Turtledance just as she was being pulled off of the beach - amazingly smooth. I followed them in escort for a while as the wind nearly died and they continued on to the Shipyard. As soon as I dropped the jib, thinking it's time to go in, the wind came back and my short sail turned to a full day of sailing back and forth around the Bay. What an unexpectedly delightful October day!



You all will be glad to see that the retaining wall project is finished, and wow – it looks great! This project has taken a couple or more years with the help of many dedicated members. Competitively bid, the construction cost was just under \$60,000. ECI did the work with the watchful eyes of several members, Jim Spencer being the point person. The project was paid for using money from our capital fund and our line of credit. With our mortgage being up for renewal this year and interest rates down, the BOG is actively looking for refinancing. Money borrowed for the wall will be wrapped into the new loan.

In other financial news, beyond shaping up the budget, our “budget group” has been working on long term planning for the Club. Long term planning is not a new idea. Previous Boards have worked very hard on this but many of their efforts have not been passed on. A primary goal of the budget group is to establish a Finance Committee. John Harris and Chuck Finn have joined in the effort. We believe a standing committee of Board members and non-board members will ensure better and more sustainable planning, policy, and procedure. The necessary By-law amendments are being drafted, including changes in Articles III and IV of our Bylaws sections for Nominations, Treasurer, and Auditor. These proposed amendments are intended to provide more clarity in response to a number of questions and issues that were raised in the fall.

All in all it has been a good year. The Board has worked very hard and successfully on a number of issues. I have had fun and continue to enjoy the opportunity to get to know many more members. It is no secret that LCYC is a great place to be. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as Commodore. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Change of Watch, honoring our outgoing Board members and welcoming in the new!

Jill Burley



Awards Banquet



Scuttlebutt (Editor's note)— I know that I am short of content this edition. I have threatened to write expose's on what happens after dark on those "rendezvous" and inside the mind of a crazed racer, but it turns out that some people really want to know about the night life and what Geno is thinking. I welcome stories-true or otherwise and suggestions for content appreciate. Happy New Year and calm sailing. Tony Lamb alamb@alamblaw.com

Work Day



