

the Binnacle

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Making the Extraordinary Look Ordinary Jim Turvey

Every year the club comes alive on work day, transforming from an uninhabited and isolated winter storage facility into the vibrant and beautiful club we know and love. A lot of work goes into making this happen, some before and some after, but most of this happens on workday. The cars fill the parking lot, and out step old friends who we may not have seen since the fall, and after a quick donut or bagel everyone springs into action. The Navy seals take over the waterfront, welcoming the dock sections one-by-one. Others bring the lego-like pieces over to be connected into the docks by waiting electro-mechanical experts. And the trip itself is worth watching too—as Skip Echelberger and Mike Barker pulled off a double-axel twin dock relay maneuver not seen this side of the Olympics! On the grounds bushes are trimmed, flowers are planted, mulch is laid down, the awning is hoisted, the club house is revived. On the lawn, the good old Milo Reynolds tender is cranked up for yet another summer of action in the mooring field.

My part of this symphony was getting the Junior Sailing boats ready for the year. Many of us get our own boats ready and are all too familiar with the rites of passage this implies. Forgot to bring the right tool—back home you go. Missing that particular part? Off to the hardware store again, or worse—special order time. Need an extra hand, none around, so that job will have to wait. But workday is like a parallel universe where problems get whisked away as fast as they appear. Buffers, extension cords, power washers, and especially people are plentiful (thanks all of you who loaned them to the cause). Spreaders on a mast coming off and you forgot to bring a rivet gun? No problem, Kent Sante's got one in his car, and plenty of rivets too. Missing special part KX5V? Bob Schumacher has 5 in his truck. Chris and Mary Lintermann did a great tag-team—Mary leading with the power washer and Chris following with rubbing compound. Laura Dunphy directed members of the Etchells fleet and others on how to rig an FJ. And Dave Powlison and Luis Gonzales imparted a little of their “front of the pack” magic into the Flying Junior fleet, installing new centerboard gaskets on each. We all work many hours to get one boat ready each year in our real lives, but on workday 13 Junior Sailing boats were prepped in four hours. Extraordinary!



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Commodore's Corner

This message from your commodore is all business. I am writing before workday and hoping and praying that the rains hold off. If you were at workday you know some of this, but in case you missed some of the finer points, read on. For the rest of you, please note these opportunities to get in your spring hours helping out the club in small groups. Come get to know a few folk while you exercise some long lost skills. I had hoped that we would build several "dinghy racks" on the south bank during this workday but several more pressing needs have arisen.

#1. The stairs to the Jr Sailing dock have been dangerous and getting worse. We received two bids for the full replacement of the retaining walls including the stair and Jr Sailing revetment. At \$125,000 the board rejected both bids and is considering a much-reduced scope to put back out to bid later this year for fall construction. Meanwhile, an able crew headed by Mike Lynch is rebuilding the Junior Sailing dock stairs in the style of the main dock stair. We plan to have these complete by the end of May. If you would like to pitch in please contact Mike Lynch for the work schedule.

#2. The Cupola has leaked ever since the initial caulk joints failed. I crawled up on the roof with Fritz Horton, Bruce Foust and Doug White last weekend and developed a plan to fix the incorrectly installed flashing and trim details that we discovered last fall. With the leaks stopped at the cupola and the chimney, we have patched the damaged walls and plan to have a painting party on the weekend of May 16th and 17th. JA Morrissey has donated a lift to ease the work. Please contact Wes Daum if you would like to join in the fun.

Back to the retaining wall; the board will be pursuing a quote to repair the revetment from the same contractor who repaired the main dock revetment. The original design for wall replacement included repairing the lower retaining wall by building a new wall immediately east of the existing wall without removing it. This option will be re-bid with less costly 'waste' blocks if allowed by the town. The upper wall will have to wait. Our permit is good for two years and we would like to complete as much of this as we can without having to apply for another permit. To fund this work the board is researching re-financing options. Our goal is to get the retaining wall work folded into a refinancing of our existing mortgage, avoid the upcoming balloon payment and reduce our monthly payment. We are researching options through local banks and credit unions.

Thank you to all the hard workers who showed up on the May 2nd PreWorkday, those that came to work and eat on the 9th, and especially to those who put in double duty, including your Board Members.

May the winds be always on your right.

Doug Viehmann

Please Return All Trophies (Polished Please)

If you were fortunate enough to win one of the club's perpetual trophies last year, please polish it one last time and return it to the club as soon as possible. Any questions should be referred to Skip Echelberger

LCYC Web Primer Jay Heaslip

How to Submit photos for the Binnacle

A Binnacle album has been set up to allow members to submit photos for the Binnacle.

You must be logged in to the lcy.info web site to add photos. Click on "Login/Register" link on the left hand side to login. If you need to create an account, click on "Create new account" at the top of the page. Once you have logged in:

- 1) Click on "Gallery" link on the left hand side, and then click on the "Binnacle" link which should show under "Gallery".
- 2) At the bottom of the page, select the "Add Items" action.
- 3) There is space on the form to upload 2 photos. If you want to do more than 2, click on the "More Upload Boxes..." link as many times as needed.
- 4) Fill in each upload box with the picture file name and a caption. The "Browse" button can be used to select from files on your computer.
- 5) Click on the "Add Items" button at the bottom of the page.

Receive the Binnacle by email

Members now have the option of receiving the Binnacle via email. This is an opportunity to help the club save money on postage and printing and also will allow you to see the Binnacle in full color as a PDF file.

To signup:

- 1) Register/login to the club administration web site. Note, this is a different web site than the main club site and requires a separate registration. Instructions on how to do this are here. <<http://lcy.info/club/membership/administration>>. This site can also be used to update your information for the club log.
- 2) After registering and logging in, click on the "Update My Info" link on the left hand side.
- 3) Click on the "Edit Membership" link at the bottom of the page.
- 4) Check the "Email Binnacle?" check box.
- 5) Save your updates by clicking the "Update" button at the bottom of the page.



At the close of workday, after the rains, an eerie fog developed in Shelburne Bay. Just 100 yards off the dock, Pied Piper is barely visible.

Toto, We're Not in Kansas Any More by John Harris

Living in Vermont, aside from the occasional 3 ft snow-storm or flash flood in the mountains, we don't experience much in the way of extreme weather. Nonetheless, sometime the night of April 20th high winds in West Bolton lifted the entire galvanized steel roof of a roughly 40' X 200' Quonset hut style barn about 50' into the air, turned it about 90 degrees and dropped it into an adjacent field. You may even have seen the report on the WCAX news that Tuesday night. While this might not seem to have much to do with LCYC, said barn is the winter home to a sizable portion of the Etchells fleet, including "Band on the Run", "not Choc", "Pied Piper" and normally "Rascal", along with an assortment of vintage cars, RV's and other boats. Amazingly, the roof appears to have lifted up clear of all the occupants of the barn, which came through this event unscathed or with only minor cosmetic damage. Surveying the scene, "Band on the Run" owner Jim Turvey characterized it as looking like "a plane crash". Fortunately this happened in April, and not in the middle of February, when we were about to go get our boats and bring them home for the spring anyway. With such a dramatic start, here's hoping the balance of the Etchells season will be only slightly less exciting.

What's in a Name?: "Band on the Run" or "Why I'm Glad to be the Junior Sailing Co-ordinator" by Jim Turvey

I'm often asked if my boat's name is a result of the fact that I or one of my family members is in a band. No, that's not it - the limit of my musical ability is synching an iPod. The name comes from the song by Paul McCartney, and it was all over the airwaves in 1974, the peak year of my junior sailing career at Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club in New Jersey. Every Wednesday my family



drove out to the club and we raced Sunfish all day long, race after race, often with the sounds of "Band on the Run" booming from the speakers of one of the camp owners near our race course. It was a blast.

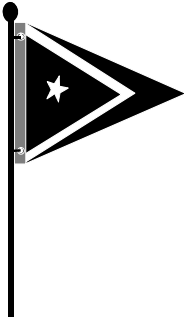
Having had a less than stellar little

league career in baseball (e.g. my coach shouting to me as a pop fly approached me at first base "Turvey, if you drop that ball I'm going to knock your block off!"), I was only too happy to be my own boss on the lake. What could be better? You want to take a flyer, go for it! So it didn't work out? Another race starts in 5 minutes. And one after that. And another after that. And sometimes the flyers did work out, like the time I won the Halsey Island race by circling the island in the opposite direction from everyone else. I was in dead last before we circled the island, and emerged about an hour ahead of the next boat after the wind died on their side and filled in on mine.

And what junior sailing program would be complete without its characters. We had a ton. Quill head. Bugs. The All American. My brother had a George Bush-like gift for nicknames, and everyone seemed to have some larger than life persona once he had christened him or her with one of his patented monikers. And then there was Alex Smigelski, who actually was larger than life but I didn't know it at the time. Alex used to run skull sessions explaining tactics and boat handling etc after our races. Had I known that a few years later he would be named U.S. College Sailor of the Year, I might have paid more attention!

So when it came time to name my Etchells, I knew there was only one choice - "Band on the Run". And every time I leave the mooring with my kids on board, its 1974 again - "and the first one said to the second one there, I hope you're having fun... Band on the Run!"





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Junior Sailing Kickoff Party—June 6 at LCYC at 6:30pm

There will be a “bring a dessert to share” Junior Sailing Kick-off Party at the club on June 6th. If you’ve got a child in the program or would like to find out if there is a way you can help out with the program, come on out. It will be an opportunity for the participants to meet each other before the Junior Sailing classes start, and to ask questions of the instructors and adult supervisors. Remember that the Junior Sailing program is open to non-members, so it would be great to bring a friend. There are still plenty of openings for classes, and it’s a great way to introduce sailing to a new generation. For more information about the Junior Sailing program in general, see <http://lcyg.info/junior-sailing>



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