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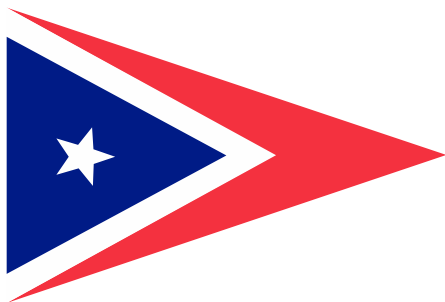
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LCYC Announcements:

**Boat Show and Junior Sailing Tag Sale, Friday, July 17
5-9 (details see page 3)**

**Family Day and Burger Burn, Sunday, July 19
1-7 (details see page 3)**

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Commodores Corner

Wow, it is hard to believe we are already 2 weeks into July . The cool wet June seemed to stall the seasons mentally, so it is a bit alarming to look at the calendar and see that we are well into the summer. Mid-summer events like the Boat Show, Family Day, and the Ladies Cup are mere weeks away!

While summer has been wet, it has been fun. We were treated to one of the best July 3rd nights that we have had in many years, and LCYC boats headed down to Burlington harbor en-mass to appreciate them. Our burger burns have been well attended. The junior sailors and instructors appear to be having a wonderful time, and the kids are turning into great sailors!

I'd like to take a moment to ask each of you to ensure that you are helping to do your part to make the club run. We are a member-run organization, and it is up to all of us to pitch in to keep the club in good shape and keep our event schedule vibrant and fun. This summer we have struggled to fill out our race committee rosters. Volunteering for race committee does not require racing experience, there is a seasoned race officer to run the races, race committee volunteers are there to assist. It's a great way to get out on the water, to meet new people, and to learn what racing is all about. Contact Gerry Davis if you are interested in helping out, there are still 2-3 races that he is looking for help staffing.

We have also had some volunteers withdraw from hosting upcoming social events (burger burns, evening parties, etc). As a general rule, if you have signed up to help for an event, we really appreciate you taking it upon yourself to find an alternate member to stand in for you if you cannot be available. Emergencies happen, but if your schedule simply changes, please do your best to find a backup Call in a favor! If you would like to help host a social event, please let Jean White know, she is always looking for enthusiastic help! We have several throughout the rest of the year that could use additional support.

If you were not able to come to work day this spring, expect an email asking you specifically to help out with some upcoming needs. If you were at workday and we missed you, or if you pitched in on another date, I apologize. We do our best to spread the work around, but it's not a perfect system.

Finally, we have had a lot of new members join the club this year, and the applications and inquiries continue to come in. We are seeing a broad spectrum of applicants, from young families to retirees, sailors and power boaters. The club is healthy and alive. If you see a new face on the dock, please introduce yourself and make our new member feel welcome. Then ask them if they have signed up to host a party!

I'll see you all at the boat show and family day!

Doug Merrill
Commodore

LCYC Communication Survey

To help LCYC improve communication with its membership, we would like you to complete this brief communication survey. Your feedback will enable us to better reach and educate members about LCYC programs and events. Thank you for your help in improving the LCYC community.

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

or go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D62WN79>

Mark your calendar for a weekend of fun at LCYC

Some of LCYC's favorite events will be coming up soon and you won't want to miss them.

The Boat Show, Friday, July 17, 2015 from 5-9 pm. (Event poster on following page): The Boat Show will feature fabulous boats on the dock. Come see boats new to members or ones you just haven't seen before. Step aboard a beautiful selection of boats we have all longed to peek inside. Owners will be there to give you a tour, answer questions and offer wonderful refreshments as you "ooh and ahh" over their pride and joy! And the same night will feature the annual Junior Sailing Tag sale where great bargains can be found. Contact Walt Marti for specifics to donate all those unused things that are cluttering up your lazarettes! Proceeds benefit the Junior Sailing Program.

Family Day and BBQ, Sunday, July 19, from 1-7 pm: (Event poster on following page) Family Day will feature the LCYC traditional games, junior races, boat crafting and so much more. This year is even more exciting with the addition of classic boats for tour and rides, Stand Up Paddleboard demos for all to try (you may get wet - so wear a bathing suit!) and Live Music with Gus Bloch and Lausanne Allen providing lively fiddle, folk and jazz Old Time Favorites beginning at 4 pm followed by a BBQ. Check the schedule of events below. Bring a friend, kids, cousins, grandparents etc. for a day of fun.



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a weekend of fun at LCYC:

ANNUAL BOAT SHOW

AND

JR. SAILING TAG SALE

Friday, July 17, 2015 – 5-9 pm



FAMILY DAY

and Burger Burn

Sunday, July 19, 2015 – 1-7 pm

SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

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| 1:00-4:00 | Face Painting by "DRGNFLI" and Lawn Games, Volleyball, 3-Legged Races, Knot Tying, Boat Crafting & more! |
| 1:00-4:00 | Classic Boat Tours & Rides |
| 1:30-3:30 | Flying Junior Races (youth skippers, adult or youth crew) |
| 2:00-5:00 | Stand Up Paddleboard demos for all ages, by WND&WVS (wear your bathing suit or you might get wet!) |
| 4:00-5:00 | Dinghy Rowing Races (adults & kids! Show off your rowing skills in an LCYC dinghy) |
| 4:00-6:00 | Live Music: Old Time Folk & Jazz |
| 5:00-6:00 | Burger Burn: \$8/Adults, \$4/ages 5-12, under 5 FREE |
| After Dinner | Crafted Boat Races (launch your creation!) |



Stewards Program

Often the most conspicuous feature of any yacht club is the presence of a professional staff of launch operators, however, sometimes their presence is taken for granted. Hopefully you have a chance to meet our staff. They are a great group of young people who take their job seriously, and have jumped through a lot of hoops to qualify for the position. Currently, a steward's license (OUPV Limited Masters) from the U.S. Coast Guard requires a 16 hour class, documented sea time, testing, and even a T.S.A. background check.

There is quite a bit of additional support for the program provided by members; thanks to Doug Purdy and Wes Daum for providing and maintaining the electric dinghy pump. Joss Besse keeps the staff updated on the availability of guest moorings. Most importantly, Bob Schumacher has spent countless hours keeping our launches running smoothly.

Your feedback helps shape the program, so please don't hesitate to send me an email with your suggestions.

As you enjoy the rest of the season, please keep in mind the following:

- Hailing the launch with an air horn is no longer acceptable. All vessels in the harbor wishing to communicate with the stewards need to be equipped with a VHF radio. Modern hand-held VHF radios are lightweight and inexpensive, and are easily carried aboard. Stewards monitor channel 12.
- As mentioned above, The Harbor Master works closely with the stewards to maintain an updated list of moorings that are available for our occasional guests. Additionally, If you are out cruising for the weekend, please inform the steward on duty of

the details of your float plan to ensure your mooring will be vacant upon your return. - Please remember that children under the age of 12 are required to wear a PFD (lifejacket) while riding in the launch. This is not a suggestion; it is state law and LCYC policy. The Vermont State Police visit our harbor on a regular basis. I have spoken with them, and they currently enforce a zero-tolerance policy on any PFD infractions involving children. They do not issue warnings; the fine (\$84) is automatic. The steward operating the launch (not the parent) would be issued the ticket. So again, if a steward reminds you to provide a PFD for your child, please cooperate, and help them to keep your children safe. If you find yourself without a proper PFD for your child, there are several loaners hanging on the wall adjacent to the clubhouse bathrooms.

Chris Hathaway
Chairperson,
Stewards Committee

LCYC Summer Event for the Community Sailing Center

The Community Waterfront Center, designed by LCYC member, Marcel Beaudin, is the future home of the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center. The Center will ensure public access to Lake Champlain, provide programs for experiential learning, and offer recreational opportunities for generations to come.

With the entire community on board, we CAN build a better future for Lake Champlain - one that benefits everyone!

On Saturday, August 29th at 7:00pm at LCYC, CSC board and LCYC members Eli Lesser-Goldsmith, Vivien Allan, and Jeremy Kent, will host a gathering featuring an informative presentation by the staff and board of CSC. Please stop by and learn more about the exciting plans for the development of this world-class Community Waterfront Center on Burlington's Waterfront. The event will offer light fare, DJ music, and beverages.

Vivian Allen



Supporting the Lake we all love (and having fun at the same time).

By Sherm White

In 2004, lifelong sailor Jamie Leopold (Chris' older brother) decided that it was time to come up with a fundraising sailing event similar to the old MS Regatta. Single-handed, he created the Regatta for Lake Champlain, and by sheer enthusiasm ran the event on his own for the first three years. Realizing that the event was too big to handle alone, he recruited a committee of volunteers who have run the race, with his guidance, ever since.

Over the years, the Regatta has raised over \$110,000 to support a wide variety of programs run by non-profit organizations that support the Lake. **ECHO Science Center** uses the money to support free and discounted admissions for school children and others. **The Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center** uses the money to support their facilities and programs that work to break down all barriers to lake access. **The Lake Champlain Committee** uses the money to support their water quality research, educational, and outreach programs in support of the health of the Lake. **The Lake Champlain Land Trust** uses the money to support the acquisition of important lake property, and to support their stewardship of the 6,000 acres of land they already manage. Money from the Regatta has also gone to the **Rozalia Project** and the **Cumberland Bay Community Sailing Center** to help them with startup costs, and to the **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum** for various programs. More detailed information on where the money goes can be found at the Regatta's website, RegattaForLakeChamplain.org.



Beginning two years ago, The Regatta teamed up with Sailors for the Sea, and became a Clean Regatta by committing to reduce the impact of an event like this on the environment by recycling, composting food waste, reducing use of small plastic water bottles, and other efforts, as well as encouraging participants to think about their own impact on the Lake. There is a link on the regatta website to find out more about what the Clean Regatta designation means.

So, that covers the supporting the Lake part. What about the fun? The Regatta is open to all sailing boats, whether you have raced or not. It is a pursuit race, which means that you are assigned a handicap, and a start time based on that handicap. The slowest boat starts first, and the fastest boat starts last. In a perfect world, all the boats end up at the finish line at about the same time (which would probably be a nightmare for

the recorders on the committee boat.) In reality, the Regatta has gotten pretty good at having almost a 50% discount on winter storage at participating marinas, as well as 50% off a new spinnaker from Vermont Sailing Partners.

The 12th Annual Regatta for Lake Champlain will be sailed on Saturday July 25. To register for the event, and to get more information on the regatta, go to ***RegattaForLakeChamplain.org.***, and follow the instructions for registering. In addition to registering and participating, we also encourage everyone to get sponsors for their boats. To recognize that effort, the boat that raises the most money wins a gift certificate to Leunig's Bistro for dinner for the whole crew. In addition, for each \$100 raised over the registration fee, there will be an additional ticket entered for that boat for the drawings for winter storage or the VSP spinnaker.

Can't participate this year, and don't have a boat to support? There is also the Junior Challenge. This is a race within a race between various junior sailing programs on the Lake, who all sail on J29s or similar boats. The boats are sailed by junior sailors, who are competing for a gift certificate for their program from Shelburne Shipyard. This year, LCYC Junior Sailing will be represented by Fat Cat, a J29 owned by Don Weaver. LCYC member boats Boomer, owned by Jack Wallace and Vivien Allan, and Shockwave, owned by Tris Coffin and Tom Moody, will have teams sailing for the Community Sailing Center. You can support junior sailing, as well as acknowledge the generosity of the owners, by donating to their boats and increasing their odds of winning one of the raffles. For many of the juniors, this is their first chance to sail on a "big boat", and the smiles on all their faces suggest they always have a great time.

So there you have it: A great excuse to get out on the lake (as if any of us need one), mingle with friends, and help raise money to support those organizations that do so much to support the Lake we love. Hope to see you out there.