



the Binnacle

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Upcoming Events...LCYC Dues Due 12/31/07...Change of Watch Dinner 1/26/08

A Different Perspective

For most of us, the fall and winter bring the opportunity for a different perspective from our summer fun on Shelburne Bay. Our thoughts move from wind shifts to snow drifts. The past few weeks in Vermont its been like living in a snow globe - a fresh coat of white snow paints the landscape each day, and the trees look like they are part of a gingerbread village covered in sugar. While skiers delight in the fresh powder, others focus on school work or household chores that are neglected when the weather's warm and the lake beckons. Winter is a time to pay your dues, both around the house and to dear old LCYC. And as the seasons change, so does the LCYC leadership team. The upcoming Change of Watch dinner is a time to get together with friends you may not have seen since Fall Workday, and to thank the outgoing board members and welcome the new. Charlie Lord will be moving on after two years as commodore, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service over the past two years.

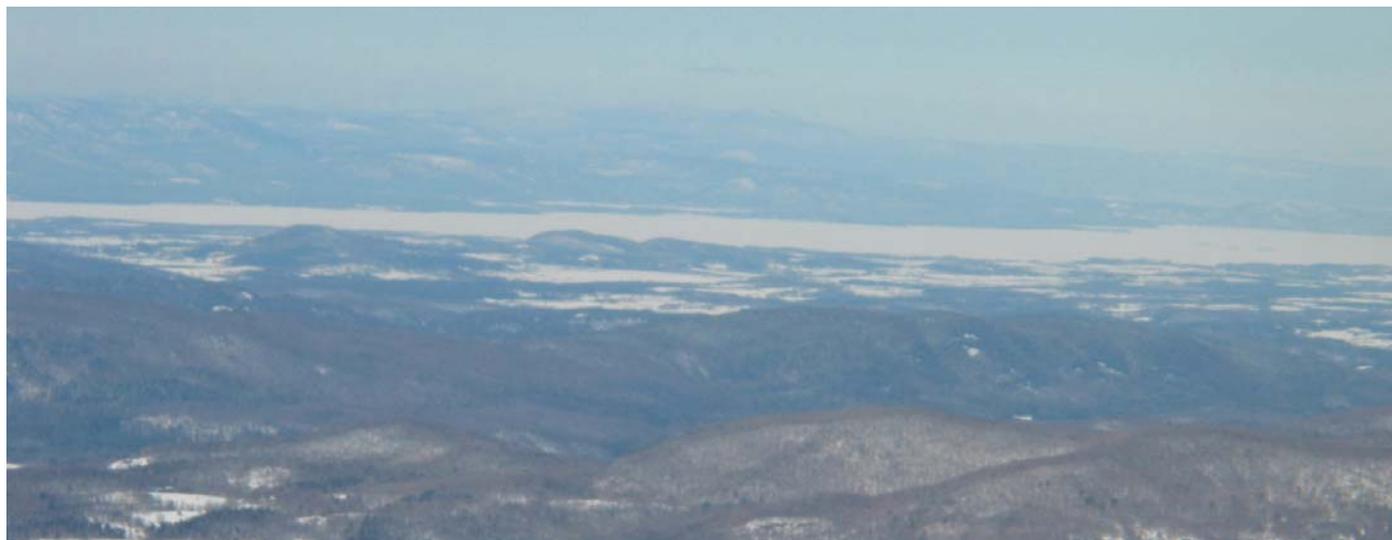
One glimpse from a different perspective is shown below—Lake Champlain from atop Sugarbush's Mt. Ellen. Another is offered on page 3. While not a sailing story, I hope you'll enjoy my trip report from a fall visit to a college with my son. It was a great weekend adventure, and I thought it was worth sharing. Happy Holidays, and I hope to see you in January at the Change of Watch dinner.

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Binnacle SAT Question

What causes counterclockwise rotation of hurricane winds in the northern hemisphere and clockwise rotation of hurricane winds in the southern hemisphere?

- A: Centrifugal force
- B: Centripetal force
- C: Coriolis Force
- D: Aurora Boralis





Commodore's Corner

Although the Change of Watch dinner will not be held until January 26, 2008, this will be my last column as Commodore.

Jean and I will be leaving soon for our winter home in Florida. Therefore to provide a smooth transition to our new Commodore, Doug Viehmann, he and I have been at work for over a month transferring records, thoughts, issues and solutions.

This past year saw some rather difficult issues, particularly in the social arena, but they are resolved and 2008 should be a good year for LCYC.

We finish 2007 with a substantially better financial position than in recent years, a full membership, most major projects completed and Doug having his hands around those that remain.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as Commodore with a Board of dedicated members who worked countless hours on our behalf. My thanks to all who were so diligent in their endeavors.

We look forward, next year, to once again enjoying LCYC, simply as members.

To each of you, a Happy Holiday Season and a great 2008 on our beautiful lake.

Pay Dues Now and Avoid \$50 Late Fee

You should already have your next season LCYC bill. 2008 Member and Approved Applicant Bills were mailed Tuesday December 4th. Payments are due by December 31st. Billing includes 2008 dues, mooring fee and will in some cases include initiation fee.

Pay the mooring commissioning Services fee only if you are assigned a mooring. Include a \$50 late fee if payment is made after December 31st.

Membership is considered terminated and all LCYC privileges cease on February 1st including mooring if dues remain unpaid.

Mail your dues payment to LJ Landau 332 Oak Hill Road Shelburne VT 05482.

Please inform Denny Bowen as soon as possible at 802-985-9754 or dbowen_765@comcast.net if you are planning to resign your membership.

We look forward to seeing you next season.

Binnacle SAT Answer

The correct answer is C, Coriolis force. For the geekier of you (and I definitely include myself in that category), there is an interesting explanation of why this occurs at the following web site: <http://www.physics.ohio-state.edu/~dvandom/Edu/newcor.html>

Come to the LCYC Change of Watch dinner!

Hilton Hotel, Battery Street, Burlington

There will be a buffet of salads, steak, and seafood.

The cost of admission is \$25 per member or member's guest; Cash Bar

Music will be provided by Atlantic Crossing (Sea songs, chanties and Lake Champlain ballads)

Hold the date on your calendar – 1/26/08

Reservations required, details to follow

If Its Saturday This Must Be Charlottesville Jim Turvey

Trip Report:

Thursday, 5:00pm - Compare notes on weekend with friend who is also taking his son to visit a college this weekend. Friend will use frequent flyer miles to visit Notre Dame with son. You, however, will drive the 600 miles to Charlottesville for a UVa-Wake Forest football game, convinced that you can do it without hooking up a Mountain Dew IV to yourself for the nth time.

7:00pm, Try to convince son to pack for morning so you can get a good head start. Planned departure time is 7:30am. Son is doubtful you can be ready to leave that early, but you convince hm that you are maniacally focused on getting out the door on time, this time.

Friday, 7:30am - Son is showering, you are sleeping soundly, having hit the "super snooze" button, looking for the extra hour of sleep that will make the ride more tolerable.

9:00am - On the road. Not too bad. Son is too excited about trip to give you the guff that you deserve about leaving late.

11:00am - First 2 hours under our belt, all systems go, boy I'm glad I saved my frequent flyer miles for that big trip next summer.

11:30am - Stuck in traffic. Do they really have traffic jams in East Smallville - well, yes Virginia, they do.

Noon - Traffic jam breaks. Not too bad. If we can just go a little faster than Mapquest assumptions we can still get there at a reasonable hour.

1:00pm - Stop in NY state rest area; doing pretty well; meet Mrs. Carlson (Jim's 8th grade English teacher) and her husband on their way to Florida for the winter. Silently think "boy, they've really got a long ride ahead of them!"

1:30pm - Back on the road for the second of three four hour legs. Jim has brought along sitcom DVDs. Listening to sitcoms for hours on end while you drive makes you somewhat giddy (e.g. no longer strong enough to open the wrapper to a granola bar) - life is good.

4:00pm - Through the New York City area, and headed west on this slick back route through Pennsylvania/West Virginia that Mapquest recommends. Won't have to worry about traffic in Baltimore and DC. Boy technology is cool.

5:00pm. - Now in West Smallville, and traffic is even worse here than East Smallville! Total standstill for two hours. We actually see a barn raising in rural PA as we wait. No longer convinced technology is so cool. The Amish are doing pretty well without it, as I've witnessed first hand.

7:00pm - Headed back due northeast, in the opposite direction of our destination. At this point just trying to get back to good old Baltimore and DC before midnight. The Mountain Dew IV is retrieved from the trunk - its really hard to break old habits!

8:00pm - Finally on a real road, headed in right direction, at high speed. Within minutes they shut down a lane. Now we know for sure - the freeway gods are after us!

11:30pm - Actually reach good old Route 66 off the DC beltway. Between the super snooze button and the Mountain Dew, I'm primed to go for it and get to Charlottesville tonight.

Saturday, 1:00am - Finally there. But oops, forgot to make hotel reservations. Luckily have a rest stop hotel guide handy. At this moment, at 1:00am and with Jim sleeping next to me while I haggle with managers of off-brand hotels for a better price, all doubt that I'm Jack Turvey's son is definitively erased.

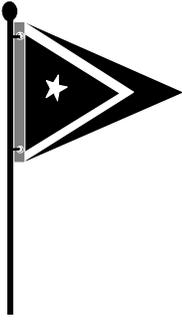
1:30am - Head hits pillow at Red Carpet Inn. Make mental note to check with friend where he stayed this weekend. Since we're in a bizarro parallel universe, I'm guessing he stayed at Red Roof Inn, or maybe even a Holiday Inn Express. But wait, he was smarter before he went to sleep that night, so I can't blame it on Holiday Inn Express. Anyway, big game is tomorrow - and like Scarlet O'Hara I can always believe "tomorrow's going to be another day!" (ignoring of course that it already is tomorrow).

Epilogue

We woke up the next morning just in time to get to the game, which started at noon. It was a perfect day to go to a college football game, and while I had tried to cut corners on almost every expense for the trip, the tickets themselves were the one exception. We sat in the first row, on the 10 yard line. Nobody but the players had a better view of UVa's winning drive in the final two minutes of the game. It was awesome - like we were in front of a parade of 60 thousand screaming lunatics, and we were the head bull goose loonies. We left the game and drove Skyline Drive until sunset, another remarkable experience that should be on everyone's life checklist. All in all, it was about as much fun as a human being can have (on land, that is!)



All hands up tells it all as UVa beats Wake in the closing minutes of a perfect afternoon in Charlottesville.



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Tervis Tumblers—The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

Christine McCaffrey has a good stock of Tervis Tumblers with the LCYC burgee for last minute holiday gift giving. A 4-pack of 12 oz. tumblers for \$21.00 or 4-pack of 16 oz tumblers for \$23.00. She will also have a few 17 oz mugs as well. She would prefer not to have to be mailing these to anyone at this busy time of the year but could arrange for delivery in the Burlington area.

Your Photos and Stories Wanted!

Please share your prized boating photos and “big fish” and other stories with the club. You can post them to the web site for general viewing, or send them directly to turvey@us.ibm.com if you’d like them to be considered for publication in the Binnacle. Our motto is that the Binnacle should be the one sailing magazine you read, when you’re reading only one! (Okay, so that’s a butchered version of the Schaefer Beer jingle, but you get the idea—keep the content coming!).

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