

the Binnacle

Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.
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Upcoming Events ... Awards Night 10/17 ... Closing Workday 10/18

Lake Champlain Yacht Club Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the members of the Lake Champlain “Yacht” Club will be held on October 18th, 2008 and the Clubhouse.

The meeting will be called to order upon completion of the workday chores. Members will be asked to vote on Nominations as follows:

- To Serve on the Board of Governors for a term of three years commencing with the Change of Watch in 2009:
 - Mike Dunphy
 - Tom Glynn
 - Skip Hoblin
 - Rob Rothman
 - Bob Schumacher
- To Serve as Treasurer for a term of on year commencing with the Change of Watch in 2008:
 - Steve Walkerman
- To Serve as Auditors for a term of on year commencing with the Change of Watch in 2008:
 - Scott Carpenter
 - Susan Lamb
 - Don O’Brien

The Commodore also asks that you convey your opinions and comments concerning possible capital improvements in the near future. A brief presentation will be made by the Facilities Improvement Committee which was appointed by the Commodore. A vote on a resolution to proceed with site design, permitting and then schematic design if permits are approved, will be called. No expenses for construction will be voted on until the Change of Watch meeting in January 2009.



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Commodore's Corner

Summer is gone and the boats in the Harbor are disappearing, through no fault of their own! You who do not appreciate the cool clear days of fall on the lake make it more enjoyable for those of us who truly enjoy the solitude on the lake. The call of the Loons floating south on the broad lake, the way one can sail for hours and not need to yell Starboard! Seeing Camels Hump and Mansfield so clearly I swear I can count the hikers on top. They may be looking for foliage but it is a glorious sight when those colors are seen from the lake. These are some of the things you are missing. Then again I miss the warm day to put the boat away...

For those other die-hards Pierre requests that all boats be off of their moorings by November 1st so he does not freeze to the moorings while removing them. This year the Board of Governors requests that all Dinghies be removed from club property by November 1st also. There is a plan afoot to make some changes to the south bank along the launch ramp that will allow for easier access to boats stored there. It would be helpful if there were not a pile of tenders frozen into the turf when the work is done in early spring.

As I reminisce about this great season I wonder if all of you were as lucky as I seemed to be when I sailed between the rainstorms and found wind in my sails when it was predicted to be flat. The racers had a few cancellations mid summer but we all took it in stride. Those were the days when the inner tubers and the water-skiers had a heyday.

In other news Mark Sperry and I are continuing to work with the Shelburne assessors to try to reduce next years proposed tax bill to a number closer to our current payments. Three of our members had to recuse themselves from the 20 member citizens board. Proof that active citizens have their fingers in all the pots. For all the details you can bend my ears on workday.

Workday has been rescheduled due to a schedule conflict that arose in my family. The short story is: My father, at the age of 80, is re-marrying. For those of you who know him, he likes to move fast, he met this wonderful lady in January, proposed in July and picked October 11th after consulting one of my sisters. So Workday...If you cannot make it on the 18th and can show up on the 11th there will be a small work crew doing grounds work where the boats and docks get stored. This will allow us to do fall clean-up in those areas which usually we cannot get to. The rest of us will enjoy the crowd and a brief presentation about the work of the "Facilities Improvement Committee", a brief annual meeting and then Lunch!

As always at our annual fall meeting we will be voting on a new slate of nominees for the Board of Governors on workday. The current Board continues in office until January, however this is one of only a few opportunities to thank those about to "retire" from their last three years on the board. Find these folks on workday and offer them thanks and happy "retirement": Steve Booth, Harbor; Dorothy Hill, Jr Sailing; Ulie Holzinger (4 years!), Grounds; Ted Lattrell, Cruising; John O'Rourke, Regatta.

I look forward to seeing you at workday and enjoying a few tales of the season.
Good Harbors and Safe Passage

Doug Viehmann



Junior Sailing Wrap-Up by Dot Hill

Fall is here and the jr sailing boats are put away until next spring. I want to thank some folks for their inputs in our program this year. Work day to-do list will be shorter due to the efforts of Doug White; he has organized the Butler building area housing Jr sail boats and equipment. He also helped earlier in the season with repairs and troubleshooting. Thank you Doug. Our instructors away at college now, James Unsworth (RWU), Tyler Colvin (UNH), and John Hill (RWU), and assistant instructors Laura Dunphy, Meg Wallace, and Catherine Hill, all members of the Northern Vermont High School Sailing Team. Also, all those that helped with our regattas and Boat tour. Thank you all. And also thanks to our Jr sailor participants and their parents-the Club would have a very different feel to it if we didn't have the great group of sailors showing up each morning and afternoon starting in late June through mid-August. It is a great way to spend a summer day. Check the Club website in 2009 for registration information.

Regatta Awards this Friday night will feature Jr Sailing perpetual awards for Sportsmanship, Most Improved, and Best Skipper/Intrepid award. Please come and cheer on our recipients. LCYC will be hosting an invitational regional Jr regatta next July and we look forward to another fine event. We are entertaining ideas for naming this event, one which we rotate with MBBC hosting every other year. Northern Lake George YC and Lake George Club trade hosting the famed "Cheeseburger in Paradise Regatta" for instance. You can input on the Club website or just email your suggestions.



Lago Maggiore by Peter and Tia Trottier

As we faced the lighthearted challenge of naming our boat, we took the modern approach and went online. Plenty of websites to peruse, lots of name options; some hinted at careers with a cute twist, many conjured up visions of fun filled days on the water, others were just plain humorous, and some were a tad suggestive!

Then we took the not so modern approach and thought about the serene beauty of Lake Champlain. We wanted to somehow speak to that ~ when we thought of another beautiful lake, Lago Maggiore. It is in Feriolo Italy, where Peter's grandfather grew up, and many relatives live to this day. We have heard stories that date back 100 years of experiences "Gramps and Uncle Nib" had with their siblings living on Lago Maggiore. We immediately knew that was the name for our boat. It speaks to the magnificence of the lake, and to family, the two things we look forward to enjoying 'aboard the *Lago Maggiore*' for many years to come!

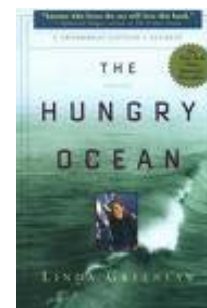


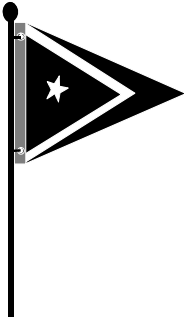
For the Saloon Table, Book Review by Bette Reuter: The Hungry Ocean, by Linda Greenlaw (Hyperion Press).

One is first taken by the fact that Linda Greenlaw is a swordboat captain and a woman. That made for a potentially good read. And it was. Her spunk is refreshing when she writes "observations and philosophies might not interest all readers but are included because it is my book".

There are lots of trials and tribulations, bad weather, and the hard routine of operating a sea-going fishing boat off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. All of which you experience as though you were shadowing her on a trip. If you're interested in a version of the real life challenges of a sword fisherman, then this book is for you.

Would I recommend it to a friend? No, there was a small piece of ugliness about noosing a shark and treating it "like a piñata" that more than surprised me. I was expecting her and her crew to be at one with the sea, respecting everything alive that was in it.





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As Always, Ernie Reuter is Right on the Mark

2008 Board of Governors

- Commodore..... Doug Viehmann
- Vice Commodore & TreasurerSteve Walkerman
- Rear Commodore.....Ted Lattrell
- Secretary, Membership & Log.....Jay Heaslip
- GroundsUlrie Holzinger
- BoatsBill Aldrich
- CommunicationsTina McCaffrey
- Docks Bob DeSorbo
- HarbormasterSteve Booth
- HouseWes Daum
- RegattaJohn O'Rourke
- Sailing ProgramsDorothy Hill
- Social CommitteeBob Manchester
- Stewards & PersonnelJill Burley
- Cruising /RendezvousTed Lattrell

Appointed Officers

- Fleet ChaplainChuck Bowen
- One-Design CoordinatorRick Stevens
- Club HistorianBern Collins
- Fleet SurgeonsDrs. Larry & Roberta Coffin
- Club LiaisonBruce Hill
- Auditors .. O'Brien, Carpenter & Phillips
- PHRF Handicappers Tony Lamb, John O'Rourke

Stewards

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