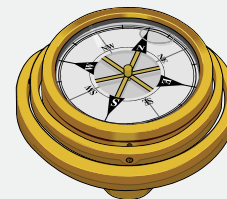




the Binnacle

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UPCOMING AT LCYC....

5/5 Opening Work Day-Coffee on at 8 a.m.
5/19 New Member Orientation
5/25 Wednesday Night Practice Race
5/30 First Wednesday Night Race
6/9 125th Anniversary Gala on the *Ticonderoga*.

Opening Work Day: May 5 ...Let's get at it!!!

Work Day happens a little earlier this year and it looks like lake level and temperature index got the memo. After last year's slow start, it will be great to get a little jump on the season! Many of us have favorite Work Day tasks to do year after year... LCYC would not function without those efforts! Know your commitment is appreciated by all. Others of us will be able to ask the Greeters where to be most helpful at check in. Thank you to all for pitching in and doing your part! Social says Hot Coffee will be ready by 8am.



Bruce and Carol Hill Yachtsman of the Year

At the Change of Watch Bruce and Carol Hill were honored for their many years of service to the Club by being named Yachtsman of the Year.

CELEBRATE LCYC'S 125th ANNIVERSARY.

Mark your calendars! In celebration of the Club's 125th anniversary, LCYC will be hosting two major events for members. The First is on June 9th at 6:00 PM. We will board the steamship *Ticonderoga* at the Shelburne Museum for a festive evening with great food and lively music to celebrate the 125th on one of Lake Champlain's maritime treasures. Reservations will be accepted at Work Day.

More information in the next Binnacle!!



Commodores Corner

Spring has arrived! Our warm and dry weather has each of us thinking about preparing our boats for the coming sailing season on Lake Champlain. The lake is well below flood level and we anticipate a normal beginning to Club operations. Pierre has been working on our mooring field and preparations are well underway for opening the Club. Work Day is only three weeks away! May 5th!

Through the leadership and work of Jill Burley and the previous Board of Governors, I am very fortunate to begin my tenure as Commodore with LCYC in ship shape. All of our programs are healthy and working hard to meet the needs of our membership and the Lake Champlain boating community. Our membership continues to thrive and I look forward to introducing our newest members to the Club later this spring. Our new Board of Governors has spent the winter and early spring reviewing our programs, developing and approving the Club's operating and capital budgets and reviewing our insurance programs. Sherm White has taken the helm of our Social programs and has his sights set on an exciting year of events and varied activities. Doug Merrill has hired new instructors and anticipates a full roster of sailors for our successful Jr. Sailing program. Mike Lynch, brings his experienced hand and watchful eyes to docks and predicts that the docks will be OPEN after we finish our chores on Work Day. Chuck Finn has been doing double duty managing both our finances as Treasurer and working with Doug White to plan an exciting cruising program. Race registration has been open for several weeks opening the gate to an exciting program of Monday, Wednesday and Saturday races under the guidance of Dave Powlison. Jill Gagne, our new Club Secretary and membership chair has updated the Log for printing. Steve Walkerman, our new Harbormaster is

working with Pierre to ensure our moorings commissioned by May 1. Brett Lewis has hired an experienced and capable crew of Stewards for 2012. Under Denny Bowen's leadership the Board navigated the budget process. Ann Vivian and Jim Spencer have a list of projects for Work Day and beyond to clean and prepare our clubhouse and grounds for another busy season. Noah Dater has been working with our communications team to update existing communications and lay the groundwork to move into social media our member communications. Doug White, our Vice-Commodore, has our fleet of LCYC boats ready for Work Day crews and has worked with me to coordinate the work of the Board and our many programs in anticipation of an exciting season.

Mark your calendars! In celebration of the Club's 125th anniversary, LCYC will be hosting two major events for members. Our 125th Celebratory Committee has exciting and memorable events to celebrate this very special anniversary with our members. On June 9th at 6:00 PM, we will board the steamship *Ticonderoga* at the Shelburne Museum for a festive evening with great food and lively music to celebrate the 125th on one of Lake Champlain's maritime treasures. The celebration continues on July 22nd as we reinstate an LCYC tradition – Family Day. The day will be filled with both onshore and on the water activities intended for all members of the family. You will not want to miss either of these festive and memorable events! Reservations for the June 9th event will be accepted at Work Day.

I look forward to seeing you on Work Day as we open another season, connect with old and new friends, and celebrate this very special place we know as LCYC!

Chris Leopold, Commodore

From the Harbormaster

This season should mark a return to a “normal” start of the summer sailing season. The lake is at a relatively normal level , and the moorings will be going in shortly.

We are welcoming 7 new boats to the mooring field this year.

Our diver, Pierre has done an inspection of the underwater portion of all moorings within the last two years (each half of the mooring field is inspected each year), and has identified those moorings that are deficient and in need of immediate attention. He will be contacting those members directly.

Our experience with recent storms and strong winds has shown that one of the more common reasons for boats breaking away from their moorings is the failure of the pennants. Some failures are due to chafe in the chocks, some from fouling the pennant(s) on a bow anchor or other fittings, or from a combination of factors. If you have any doubt about the condition of your pennants, please consult Pierre or me!

Remember, it is the responsibility of the member who has a mooring to maintain his/her mooring properly. All the tackle from the mooring block up to the surface, the mooring ball, pick-up and pennants belong to you. The Club provides the services of a diver to commission and decommission the mooring, but it is your responsibility to keep everything in good condition, and to replace any deficient part immediately.

A boat that breaks loose not only risks being damaged or running aground, but presents a risk to any other boat in the mooring area, so keeping your mooring in good condition is important to all of us.

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Outgoing Commodore Jill Burley and her Dad at the Change of Watch Dinner

From the Weather Mark

Even though we're still in April, the Regatta Committee, as well as various club members connected to the racing program at LCYC, have been busy on a lot of fronts. Our own Laura Dunphy, former LCYC junior sailing instructor, who is a first-year student at MIT, has been out on the race course earlier than any of us. She reports having had an exciting first semester skippering on the MIT Sailing Team. This past fall, she participated in multiple regattas, sailing out of MIT, BU and Tufts. Due to MIT's close proximity to other schools, Laura was also able to practice with Harvard, Northeastern and Wellesley on a weekly basis. Over spring break, she practiced in South Carolina, and as of this writing, she probably has more races behind her this spring than many of us will have during an entire summer!

Closer to home, some significant changes you'll see on Wednesday night race courses is the occasional addition of a windward offset mark and, if the stars align correctly, perhaps even a leeward gate. This should provide some variation to our regular courses as well as make crowded windward-mark roundings much safer. Not familiar with what those are all about? Then join us on Monday evening, May 14 at 7pm. Club member Andy Horton will walk us through applicable rules as well as some strategies and tactics you can use to make the best of those situations. You'll also find more details about this in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) on our club website. No charge for this event.

In an effort to establish good communication between the various fleets and the Regatta Committee, we've set up fleet captains for each fleet. They are: Mike Dunphy (JAM), John O'Rourke (Spin C), and Walt Marti (Spin A). We're still looking for a volunteer from the Spin B fleet. Lots of glory—not a ton of work! Let me know if you're interested.

Finally, the RC volunteer program is working well. Everyone who sailed last year and did not serve on RC is now signed up for an event this year. However, because of the number of races we run, we could still use volunteers for the Ladies Cup, Schuyler Island, MacDonough Race and the last Wednesday night race—D4. If you can help out, go to the club website and sign up. Many thanks to those who have already signed up!

*--Dave Powlison
Regatta Chair*



Commodore Chris and Jenny Leopold at the Change of Watch.

Newly Elected Board Members, Officers and Auditors Assume Office at 2012 Change of Watch

By Bern Collins, LCYC Historian

At the LCYC Annual Meeting on October 15, 2011, the following members were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Governors: Chuck Finn, Jill Gagne, Doug Merrill, Dave Powlison, and Sherm White. Mike Lynch was elected to serve the remaining one-year of a three-year term. Chris Leopold was elected to serve a two-year term as commodore; Chuck Finn was elected to a three-year term as treasurer. Two auditors were re-elected: Christina McCaffery to a two-year term and Don O'Brien to a one-year term, with the remaining three-year auditor's term to be filled later. These newly elected and re-elected members assumed office at the January 21, 2012 Change of Watch.

Retiring board members were recognized at Change of Watch by outgoing Commodore Jill Burley and presented with LCYC tankards in appreciation for their years of service: Tom Glynn, Regatta; Skip Hoblin, Cruising/Boating; Mary Lintermann, Communications; Bob Schumacher, Harbor; Jim Turvey, Junior Sailing. Jill Burley was given a standing ovation in appreciation for her years of service and presented with the past commodore's patch and LCYC tankard by incoming Commodore Chris Leopold, who then received the current commodore's patch.

Board of Governors and Terms

<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
<u>February 2013</u>	<u>February 2014</u>	<u>February 2015</u>
Dennis Bowen	Noah Dater	Chuck Finn
Brett Lewis	Chris Leopold	Jill Gagne
Mike Lynch	Jim Spencer	Doug Merrill
Steve Walkerman	Ann Vivian	Dave Powlison
Doug White		Sherm White

Note: The fourteen-member Board of Governors is divided into three groups/three-year terms, with five members in two and four in the third.



The New Board of Governors

Social Committee is looking for volunteers.

Now that spring is in the air, it's time to start thinking about summer activities at LCYC. Most events are member run, so we are in need of volunteers to help make sure they happen.

- 1) Chris Hathaway and Larz Barber have already indicated they are willing to coordinate Spring Work Day on Sat. May 5. We still need a couple more helpers. My hope is that these helpers would become familiar with workday logistics, and be able to take over coordinating in the future to spread the workload. If you are interested, send me an email at swhite@pshift.com or call me at 802-644-5081.
- 2) Wednesday Night Burger Burns are always a well attended function. Your Board of Governors decided last year that the most cost effective way to manage burger burns is to have them run by members. Here is the schedule to date. Note that there are a couple of dates that I am still looking for coordinators for. We also need some volunteers for all of them.
 - June 13. I am hoping someone from the Spinnaker Racing fleet will step forward to coordinate this one.
 - June 27th- The Etchells fleet will be coordinating.
 - July 18th- Shel Reiley and Len Rosner are coordinating.
 - August 1- New members will be running this one.
 - August 15th-I'm looking for someone from the Powerboat fleet to coordinate and find volunteers.
 - August 29th- The Board of Governors will be hosting the American Flatbread Pizza bake.
 - Sept 5- Ulie Holzinger and the Jib and Main fleet will be hosting Ocktoberfest.
- 3) The Ladies Cup is one of the premiere racing and social events of the summer. This year, we are trying to organize a Friday night party on August 3, and will also be doing the Ladies Cup BBQ on Saturday the 4th. I'm looking for a coordinator to organize the Friday night event, as well as volunteers to work the BBQ, which will be catered by Dutch Mill Catering.
- 4) Last but not least, the 125th Anniversary committee has been working hard to plan the 125th Gala event at Shelburne Museum on Saturday June 9th, as well as the Family day planned for July 22. We need volunteers to work both of those events.

Remember, since we are a working club, things only get done if volunteers step forward to help make them happen. If everyone volunteers to help organize a social event every couple of years, the social function shouldn't be too much of a burden for anyone. If people don't volunteer, there is a good chance the event won't happen.

If you have any questions, want to volunteer, or have suggestions for social, contact at the above addresses, or track me down at Work Day. Thanks in advance for your help.

Sherm White, Social Chair.

From your Chair of House:

Big SURPRISE (duh!)... Not all House tasks get done on Work Days! It would be great to get some done early in the season to keep the Club House in good repair and looking its best. Please be in touch with me if you have any of the following skills and a few hours to give to the Club: painting (either interior trim or exterior), carpentry (siding repair, door installation, plumbing access panels), plumbing (moving valves), handy-person (minor hardware replacement, fix-its).

Here's to a wonderful, safe 2012 season on the water! Look forward to seeing all of you on May 5th and out there on the water!

Ann Vivian, House av@gvvarchitects.com



The Watch Changes.

Scuttlebutt: (Editor's Notes.)

Photo Contest

To celebrate we are having a monthly photo contest to find the best club photos of the season. Judging will be arbitrary and prizes random. Recognition may be it's own reward. But seriously, I would like to see the best photos we have and perhaps we can have a special edition of the Binnacle to publish them. We publish them monthly. Send them to me at alamb@alamblaw.com with the subject Binnacle picture.

We are always looking for good sailing stories and pieces on members of the club.

Peace,

Tony Lamb