



the Binnacle

Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.
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Upcoming ... Awards Banquet 10/16 ... Workday 10/17 ... Annual Meeting ... 10/17 following workday

Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club will be held upon completion of Fall Workday chores on October 17, 2009, at the Clubhouse, 2790 Harbor Road, Shelburne, Vermont.

AGENDA

Elections

I. The following members are nominated to serve on the Board of Governors for a term of three years commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Jill Burley
- Al Gasior
- Brett Lewis
- Steve Walkerman
- Doug White

II. The following member is nominated to serve a remaining two years of a three-year term on the Board of Governors commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Mary Lintermann

III. The following member is nominated to serve a remaining one year of a three-year term on the Board of Governors commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Jim Spencer

IV. Nominated to serve a two-year term as Commodore commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Jill Burley

V. Nominated to serve a one-year term as Treasurer commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Steve Walkerman

VI. Nominated to serve a one-year term as Auditors commencing with Change of Watch in 2010:

- Susan Lamb
- Don O'Brien
- Tina McCaffrey



Commodores Corner

WORK DAY! Fall is bittersweet for boaters; like the red-berried vines that brighten fall flower arrangements and are an invasive species to the trees that support them, Bittersweet. We enjoy the crisp days, sailors love the winds of September, we revel in the camaraderie of working together putting the club to bed, and yet it means we are putting aside those wonderful days on the water until next year; wrapping up our toys and saying goodbye to summer friends. The cold gray days may invade our bright and sunny dispositions, but we can show off our smiles and tans one more time on October 17th!

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for the successful completion of the hard work of creating the long list of qualified names that have been considered for the slate of Officers of the Club presented to the membership in this issue of the Binnacle. All members will vote the nominees into office on work day but they will actually take over their posts at the Change of Watch in January. All past Commodores comprise the Nominating Committee, this year we filled two picnic tables at the Club as we began the process, you know who you are and I give these anonymous deliberators a hearty Huzzah!

The boats are gradually moving off to their winter habitats, but a few of us will still be out there in November. Over the past weeks I have heard more than a few of you say that your boat will be in the water a bit longer than usual this year to make up for our wet June. Keep the faith that we will each have a warm day for winterizing. I keep telling myself that keeping the fiberglass out of the sun for 6 months every year should double the life expectancy of the gel coat finish, just as Ann tells me that sunscreen will halve my apparent age. This all sounds like higher math to me.

Get out your tools and Meet me at the Club October 17th for Work Day fun and food.

Thinking warm thoughts on a cold day.

Doug Viehmann



Stewards Report by Jill Burley

Special thanks go to Bob Schumacher, Steve Landau and Shell Reiley for keeping launch service going, the first week of September, when our stewards were all headed back to school. Good job fellows!

Look for the annual stewards gratuity letter in your mail. You may contribute by mail or at Work Day. The Stewards did a great job this year, please take the opportunity to show them your appreciation.

Birds Migrate South, Etchells North by John Harris

This year's season wrapped up on Sept. 26-27 with a 2 day regatta for J-24's and Etchells hosted by MBBC. This first time event for the Etchells fleet attracted a total of 11 boats including 2 from Malletts Bay and 1 from CT.

The wind gods smiled on us with 2 days of 15-25 knot southerlies. The 20+ knots definitely did some stress testing of both boats and crew work given the minimal amount of time we end up sailing in these conditions each summer. Unfortunately this resulted in some breakdowns and attrition such that we only ended up with 9 boats racing most of the first day and only 6 boats on the second. Nonetheless there was a lot of really tight racing, with many close mark roundings and some really fun spinnaker runs.

The leader board ended with some of the usual suspects at the top as Ernie Pomerleau and Chris Morgan edged out Don Brush (sailing his nice shiny "road boat" USA 1078) for first place. Between the two boats they took 1, 2 in all 6 races.

I had the pleasure of sailing on my old boat with current owner Jim Turvey and we were able to achieve our modest goals of never finishing last, not doing anything embarrassing and being competitive with the top boats. Although we ended up 5th and had a few minor snafus (mostly equipment related) along the way, we were right in the mix for most all of the races with the high point coming in race 5 where we were in 2nd place behind 1300 at both the windward and leeward marks (at which point, unfortunately we had one of the aforementioned mechanical snafus).

I can tell you Jim really enjoyed the view from the front of the fleet, although he did learn quickly that the stress level, particularly at mark roundings, can be a little bit higher than further back in the pack. All in all, it was a great way to wrap up the season for all who participated and perhaps the first annual MBBC hosted event for Etchells.



THE LCYC REGATTA COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO
THE 2009
LCYC ANNUAL REGATTA AWARDS DINNER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2009

LCYC CLUB HOUSE

COCKTAILS 18:00

MENU:

GARDEN SALAD/ROLLS/BUTTER

CARVED PRIME RIB AU JUS

PASTA PRIMA VERA

GARDEN VEGITABLE RICE

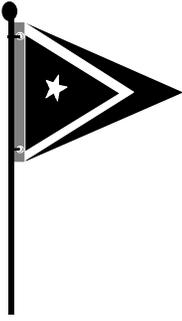
BABY GLAZED CARROTS

APPLE PIE

BEER/SODA/WATER

BYOB WINE

COST: \$12.00 PER PERSON



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Wanted: Dinghy/Row Boat by Fran Burstein

I'm looking for an old dinghy, row boat, etc. The ability to float is not required. I'm going to use it as the basis for constructing a backyard toy for my four year old grandson.

Please contact me at franburst@gmail.com . Thank you.

2009 Board of Governors

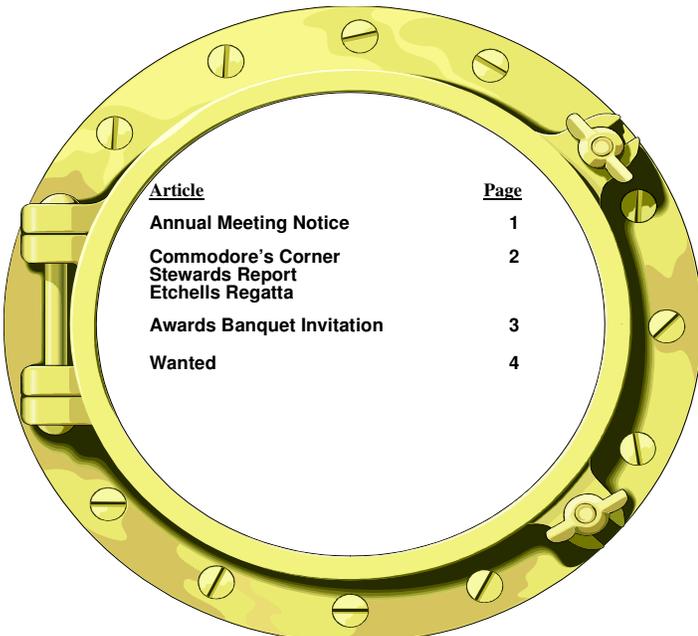
- Commodore..... Doug Viehmann
- Vice Commodore & TreasurerSteve Walkerman
- Rear Commodore.....Jill Burley
- Secretary, Membership & Log.....Jay Heaslip
- GroundsMary Lintermann
- BoatsBill Aldrich
- CommunicationsTina McCaffrey
- Docks Bob DeSorbo
- HarbormasterBob Schumacher
- HouseWes Daum
- RegattaTom Glynn
- Sailing ProgramsJim Turvey
- Social CommitteeBob Manchester
- Stewards & PersonnelJill Burley
- Cruising /RendezvousSkip Hoblin

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 HandicappersTony Lamb, John O'Rourke
- Webmaster Jason Hyerstay

Stewards

- Managing Steward:Chris Paganelli



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