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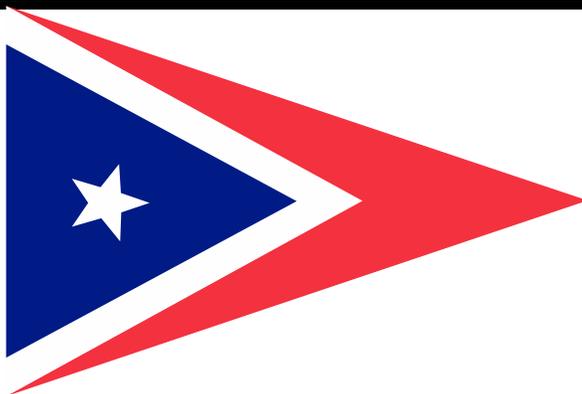
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## LCYC Change of Watch Dinner

The annual LCYC Change of Watch Dinner will be on **Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 6 pm** at Burlington Country Club.

We hope to see you all at Change of Watch Dinner. Reconnect with fellow members while you dine, dance and celebrate the New Year! We will welcome new members to the Board of Governors and say a big thank you to outgoing Board members as well. In addition, special awards will be given to outstanding LCYC members. An evening you won't want to miss!

Cocktails (cash bar), hors d'oeuvres, elegant buffet dinner, dessert and dancing to music by SuperSounds.

\$38 per person, \$75 per couple.

Please RSVP via email at [reservations@lcyc.info](mailto:reservations@lcyc.info) and to assist registration at the door, send your check (payable to LCYC) to:

Jean White

9 Arbor Road, South Burlington, VT 05403

Deadline for registration is **Monday, January 26, 2015**



## Commodore's Corner

December 2014 Commodore's Corner

Where did the year go? It seems like a few weeks ago I was being handed the keys to the club by former Commodore Leopold and the next thing I know, I'm pulling the cover onto MOOvin' and tucking her away for the winter. It's been almost a year, but it hardly seems it.

While I've been on the job for a year, I don't think I'll get a report card from the Board. So I'll grade myself. On the positive side, I believe almost all of our members who had the good fortune to spend time at the club this summer enjoyed it immensely. Our programs were well run, the club well maintained, and most importantly, the weather cooperated. Financially, we continue to be in good shape. We are covering our expenses and setting aside an appropriate amount for future capital needs. I deserve almost no credit for any of that. Our program chairs lead most of the efforts, and our club members provided most of the manpower to make it happen. On the 'needs development' side, I did not make the progress that I had hoped to on developing consensus around what a future Butler building should function as, and what it should look like. I also made little progress in tracking volunteer participation and communicating volunteer needs more effectively. More work to do for next year....

While most of us are only dreaming of sailing as we shovel driveways or contemplate skiing, a few members decided that the boating life was too good to give up, and headed off the lake for the winter. Four LCYC boats headed for warmer waters this winter. Dick Lednicky and Andrea Van Hoven have sailed down the coast aboard *Imagine* to join the Blue Planet Odyssey. They plan on spending three years circumnavigating the globe, stopping to help with environmental projects along their way. Read about their travels on their website, <https://imaginevt.wordpress.com/>. Ernie and Bette Reuter, after spending many seasons preparing their Passport 40 *Iemanga* for liveaboard

life, have headed South. Follow their travels at [sviemanja.blogspot.com](http://sviemanja.blogspot.com)

John Saar sailed to Newport News, Virginia to participate in the Carribean 1500 rally. He completed a safe transit to Tortola, BVI aboard *Emerald*, his Passport 47, with Jeff Bordeau and Pierre LaRoque aboard. Len and Lynnea Rosner have also set sail for warmer climates on their Saber 362 *Antares*. The Rosners have sailed back and forth to the Bahamas more often than some of us have made the trip to Converse Bay. They make all aspects of long voyages look easy! They update a website to let us follow their travels, it is <http://users.burlingtontelecom.net/~lgrosner@burlingtontelecom.net/>

LCYC is by most measures a small and modest yacht club. But it seems to me that we 'punch above our weight.' In addition to the four voyages heading off the lake this winter, I was impressed to open last month's Sailing World and find three of our members mentioned inside. Dave Powlison penned a feature about sailing icon Steve Benjamin. Andy Horton wrote an insightful guide to salvaging a less than perfect start (particularly helpful to me!). And Bob Schumacher was pictured racing in the Nevada Desert for a story covering the 2014 Landsailing world Championships. Pretty good press for a little club on a not-quite-great lake.

Hopefully your spouses have found the dog-eared copies of the West Marine and APS catalogues that you left conspicuously on your night stand and will make sure that your hoped-for boat treats are under the tree later this month. I wish you a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all at the Change of Watch dinner on January 31!

Doug Merrill  
Commodore

## **Junior Sailing**

By Walt Marti

Even though winter is in full force – it is already time to begin thinking about LCYC's 2015 Junior Sailing program.

A huge thanks and “shout out” to Steve Page, LCYC member and owner of The Small Boat Repair Shop. Steve has donated his time and expertise by taking two of our Opti's to his shop and mending some damage that was too extensive to do at the club this spring – thank you Steve.

Soon we will be recruiting for the 2015 Junior Sailing staff. Please check the LCYC website in mid-January for timelines, applications etc. We will be hiring:

- Head Instructor
- Instructors
- Junior Instructors
- Instructors in Training

If you know of someone interested in one of these roles – please direct them to the LCYC website next month.

As always, any questions, comments, etc. regarding the LCYC Jr. Sailing program should be directed to [jrsailing.lcyc@gmail.com](mailto:jrsailing.lcyc@gmail.com).

Walt Marti  
Director of Junior Sailing



## **Dreaming of Summer!**

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Written By Doug Purdy

Inspired by Skipper

I hope this mid winter copy of the Binnacle finds you well. The crew of Purdy Suite spends our winter days thinking of summer, our friends, and waiting for our first grandchild to arrive this coming April.

Though many of us are land bound in this arctic Shangri-La, several members of the club have left behind the joy of shoveling and loading wood into the fireplace for the burden of warmer climes, new horizons and amazing sunsets.



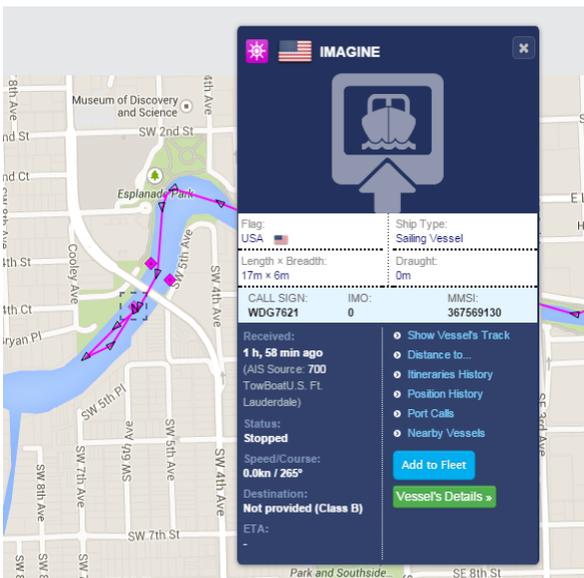
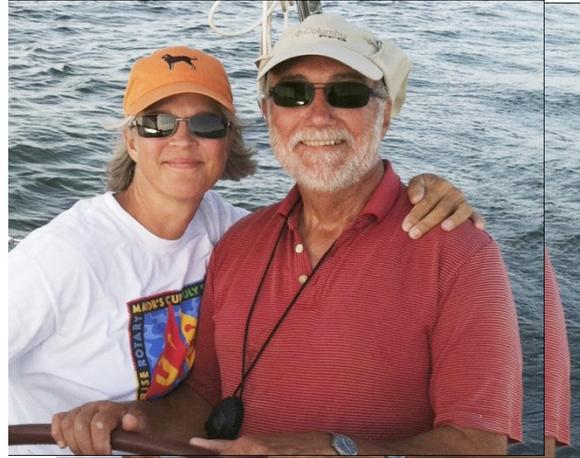
Leonard and Lynnea Rosner are well into their Southern sojourn this year. Their most recent post included being approached by two Coast Guard boats with blue flashing lights as their course might have passed within the exclusion zone of a submarine's path as it exited the St. Mary's River in Georgia. They have since hauled the boat in Florida and will launch it again in a few weeks after a trip home for the holidays.

The upset coastal denizen in this picture is just one of the amazing things that Lynnea sends in the wonderfully composed log of her and Leonard's travels I receive in my email. It makes my day to find an email in the inbox from Lynnea. The pictures are amazing and keep me dreaming of our own future plans to cruise after retirement.



Ernie and Betty Reuter, on board Iemanja, ([sviemanja.blogspot.com](http://sviemanja.blogspot.com)) have also arrived at their southern holiday dockage. They have been enjoying the fruits of their labor spent preparing Iemanja for extended cruising. Under the watchful eye of Minnie, seen here on the [Dog Watch](#), they have had a safe and enjoyable trip South. They too are returning to the land of ice and snow for the holidays.

I look forward to reading about Imanja's cruising this winter.



Richard Lednicky and Andrea Van Hoven, on board Imagine, <https://imaginevt.wordpress.com> are somewhere near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. You can follow their blog as they sail around the world as part of the Blue Planet Odyssey. After an exhaustive Internet search, I believe I found them at anchor in the New River. We all wish them the best of luck and fair winds as they get ready for the start of their trip. The ultimate in adventure must be an around the world cruise.

### **Next Summer's Cruising**

I have been thinking of how I can improve the cruising trips we will be taking next summer. It will be hard to have a more enjoyable time than we had this summer. That was when Merri reminded me that we don't have to try to have a better time, just to have as good a time as we had. Last summer was a great season. We cruised the lake as a club, had wonderful walks, great sails, and just enjoyed each other's company. I look forward to next summer's adventures on the lake. I have a couple ideas for fun activities, but just being together is all that it takes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Change of Watch!  
Doug and Merri Purdy (and Skipper the sailing dog!)

### **Scuttlebutt** \* (another word for Editor's Notes)

I had the chance to visit my daughter while she was aboard the boat "Oceans of Hope" in Charleston, South Carolina. This is a project to give individuals with MS an opportunity to extend themselves and try new and difficult things. After wandering around New York, they sailed non-stop for Charleston. You could follow their track on their website, which was fine until they were off Cape Hatteras and a front with violent thunderstorms was approaching. The Coast Guard issued small craft warnings and alerted to the prospect of water spouts. At this point the website went down for about twelve hours.

Fortunately the program Vessel Tracker which shows ships around the world was up and you could track them moving along near the coast. Part of their problem was that they draw ten feet and have a 90 foot mast-those shorten the list of possible havens considerably. Besides it has always seemed to me you either want to be out or in in violent storms but moving in between can be really exciting. They made it.

I had dinner with my daughter and some of the crew, another American and four Danes. Each with MS. One of whom had brought their scooter.

They were the leaving crew and it was amazing to see how they had bonded and how much the sail had meant to them. In many ways sailing is such a basic part of our fabric lives that we forget how much it sustains us.

Happy Holidays

Peace,  
Tony Lamb, Editor