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Friday June 14th, 7 to 8:30 pm, Speakers' Series  
Bill Kallock: Cruising from Puerto Montt  
to Punta Arenas, Chile.

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## Commodore's Corner



By Charlie Van Winkle

We had respectable wind, not too bad weather, and a decent turn out for the Tea Kettle, which is the opening regatta of the season. The race PROs in training, Gunnar Sievert & Parker Hoblin, led by veteran

Dale Hyerstay were faced with some challenging wind shifts just before the start, but pulled off a start line reset with the professionalism of an America's Cup Regatta. Kudos and thanks guys!

We followed up a good day of sailing by a great opening cocktail party. Although work-day is the opening of the club, I'll call the cocktail party the Grand Opening, when shortly thereafter the weather turns summerlike, the mooring field is filling up and it soon becomes full on boating season. The event was hosted by John & Jean White, with the assistance of volunteers Ann Clark, Jon & Lin Bootle, and Shawna Litsky. Thanks team! Thanks also to Dorothy Hill and Jean Henshaw for the flower arrangements both inside and outside the club. They looked and smelled great! We welcomed new members Sally Smith, John & Gwen Stetson and Geoff & Diane Ibbott, and presented them with their burgees. Welcome to LCYC!

We also took time to recognize one of our members. We, as in "we the club," presented Bruce Hill with an honorary membership and formalized it with a framed photo of his old boat, Golden Daisy, sun glistening off the port side during one of her many races, along with an inset picture of a younger Bruce dressed in a red foul weather jacket. I said "we the club," because it was not something that was generated by any one segment of the club, but more like everyone. Shortly after the Change of Watch in January my new Commodore's e-mail in box started blowing up for a couple of days about Bruce not renewing his membership. It didn't take very long before another round of e-mails hit the in box nominating

Bruce for honorary membership. In fact, even at the opening cocktail party folks were still nominating him. It was kind of a surprise so unless you read the board minutes not a lot folks knew about it.



While I was preparing my remarks, I paged through the log and found Bruce has been a member since 1969. For some, even Bruce I would think, it may seem like 1969 was only yesterday, but heck it was 50 years ago! Fifty years is a pretty big deal. Think about what was going on fifty years ago. Woodstock happened that summer, Nixon was president, gasoline was around a quarter a gallon, and Bruce was introducing folks to the amazing asset in our backyard called Lake Champlain. Somebody shouted out during the party, "How many people have ever sailed with Bruce?" About half of the folks listening put their hands up. Another shouted out, "How many people have raced against Bruce?" About two thirds of the hands went up. The last shout out was "How many people bought their boat through Bruce?" and a lot of the hands went up. So thanks Bruce, thanks for helping introduce so many to Lake Champlain, thanks for being an ever-present regatta participant and thanks for

being part of the club for so long. Fifty years doing anything is a big deal and thanks for sharing that time with us at LCYC.

A couple of updates on the facility. We had our new stove delivered in time for the first burger burn of the season, which I'm told by Ann that was a great success. The painters are scheduled to begin, weather permitting, around mid-June. After they are finished, the

awning will be installed, so be on the lookout for a volunteer call.

Our new launch is nearing completion of its retrofits and will get wet soon. The new boat needs a name! If you got any ideas, send them in, and sorry "Boaty McBoat Face" is taken. It is now full on boating season! See you on the water!!!

## Upcoming Speakers' Series

### Cruising the Coast of Chile

Follow Bill Kallock's epic cruise from Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas, Chile. A crew of four (a Brit, a Norwegian, a Brazilian friend and Bill) spent the month of November sailing a Boreal 47 1,000 miles through the fjords of Chile and dodging low-pressure systems. **Friday, June 14, immediately after the Cruiser Pot Luck.**

### To the Bahamas (and Back)

The Purdys brought their boat from LCYC to Florida on the Intracoastal Waterway during the fall of 2018. Merri and Doug spent the first four months of 2019 sailing from No Name Harbor, Miami, to Nassau and down through the Exumas to the Georgetown Regatta. Then, they returned to the States via the Eastern Bahamas and the Abacos. They will talk about provisioning, sailing, and other challenges of cruising in the Bahamas while showing slides of their trip. **Friday, July 12, 7pm, immediately after the Commodores' Pot Luck.**

## Get Ready for Family Day!



Attention parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends: LCYC's annual Family Day will be held on Sunday, July 14, from 1pm to 4 pm. We will have activities for children of all ages, including paddleboard lessons, Flying Junior sailing, make your own sailboat, Joey the Clown's great bouncy house, complete with a slide, the Big Blue Trunk with lots of games and activities, and make-your-own sundaes. Please join us for this fun event! There is no charge.

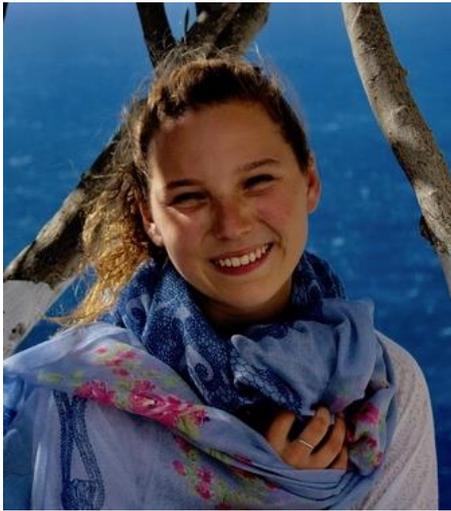
# Spring Workday 2019

## Paul O. Boisvert photos





## Meet the 2019 LCYC Stewards



**Gabrielle Booth, Head Steward:** This will be my third year as a steward. I just finished my second year studying Biomedical Engineering at the University of British Columbia. This year, I threw myself into the BC outdoors whenever I could by hiking, ski touring, snowboarding, rock climbing, and kayaking. I'm excited to be in Vermont this summer spending time at the club, on the lake, and in the mountains. Can't wait to see you all on the water!

**Dave Boerman:** After tearing my ACL ski racing this winter, I am back at the club to drive the boats while I rehab my knee. I am a senior at Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., where I am studying Biology. Besides skiing, I love hockey, fishing, dogs, and ice cream. See you around the club soon!



**Charlotte Bresee:** I am a returning steward. I graduated this spring with a major in Biology from Clark University. Before jumping to start graduate school for nutrition, I will be working at LCYC and then traveling for a few months. I've been sailing with my family for many years now on *Sophie* as well as with the Sailing Club at my college. In addition to sailing, I love cooking, traveling, and arts and crafts. I look forward to another awesome summer on Lake Champlain!



**Bridgette Charlebois:** This is my fourth summer working as a steward for LCYC. I recently graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering, from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and will be continuing on to my masters in the fall. I am an avid skier, hiker and sailor, and am excited for another summer on the lake!

**Robert “Bo” Hopwood:** This will be my third summer as a steward, and I am looking forward to getting back on the water after this long winter. I am currently a rising junior at Saint Michael's College with a double major in Business Administration and Environmental Science. I am looking forward to an awesome season and catching up with all you guys. Don't be shy to say “Hi” if you see me around the club.



**Jack Main:** I am super excited to be returning for my 3rd season at LCYC! I was shipped off to Hamden, Connecticut, this past fall to study at Quinnipiac University. I have been doing a lot of work in the communications field, studying journalism, starting a radio show, and calling play-by-play and color commentary for the Quinnipiac hockey, basketball, baseball and softball teams. When home in Vermont, you'll catch me skiing at Sugarbush, sailing on the lake, and working for the Lake Monsters at Centennial Field. I really missed the 802 while I was away, so I am looking forward to all the stories you have to share when I see you this summer!



**Andrew Slauterbeck:** I am a Health Science Major at the University of Vermont, and I will be a sophomore there next fall, graduating in 2022. I am on the pre-med track and am in the UVM Honors College. I enjoy the outdoors, sports, and sailing with my family. In high school I was a Varsity Lacrosse defenseman and a track and field athlete. I look forward to meeting all of you during this sailing season!



## Member Spotlight: The Hamilton Family

### *What brought you to Vermont?*

After college, we spent nearly 10 years living in Boston. We enjoyed it, but were growing tired of the city life and looking to start a family. We had spent many weekends coming to Vermont to visit friends and enjoy the lake and mountains. A lucky, unsolicited job offer in Burlington allowed us to take the leap, and it has been great for us.

### *What do you do for a living?*

Drew is a mechanical engineer at Hallam-ICS, a local engineering firm that designs mechanical, electrical and control systems for commercial buildings. Kristin is a Senior Communications Manager for NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. Back in Boston, Kristin was a litigation attorney.

### *What's your boating background?*

Kristin grew up in Annapolis, MD, where a formal sailing education is mandatory, and spent her summers in sailing camp and then teaching sailing to tourists and locals.

Drew was born into a family of sailboat racers in Cleveland, OH. He also spent his summers in sailing camp and traveling with and coaching the junior sailing program.

We met in college on the Roger Williams sailing team. Since college, we have competed in a variety of small keelboat one-design classes in regattas all along the East Coast and on the Great Lakes.

### *When did you join LCYC and why?*

This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> summer at LCYC. We moved to Vermont from Boston in 2015. We both grew up spending time on the water and racing sailboats. LCYC provides the best opportunity for us to continue this with our new family. We have a two-year-old girl, Lila, and are expecting a little boy this summer.

### *Tell us about your current boat.*

We have a 22-foot powerboat (Chris Craft Sea Hawk 216) we use for cocktail cruising and exploring Lake Champlain. Also, starting this summer, we have partnered with James and Pam Unsworth on an Etchells for racing.

### *What's the most interesting/fun/unusual experience you've had while sailing?*

One time sailing Charleston Race Week in a Viper, Drew hooked a crab pot two separate times in the same race. They were both complete stop, lower the spinnaker and back-down events. It was not a good result. Our favorite boating vacation to date has been BVI bare-boat chartering, where we explored the islands. Anegada was our favorite.

### *What other hobbies, pastimes or interests do you have besides boating?*

We try to spend our winter weekends at the mountain. We are currently pass-holders at Stowe.

### *How does your family participate in LCYC?*

We try to race every Wednesday night and Monday Etchells/sportboat races as our schedules allow. Drew sailed on Bertha (J/70 – James Unsworth) for the last few years, and Kristin sailed on Morning Star (Dehler 29 – Steve Unsworth) in 2017, but had to take 2018 off to



*Kristin, Lila and Drew*

watch our toddler. We enjoy the burger, pizza, etc. nights after the Wednesday night races. We have enjoyed the kid get-togethers [LCYC Playgroup] every month or so in the summers. It has been a great way to meet other young families at the club.

*Your most memorable experiences at LCYC?*

There is not one memory in particular, but we have really enjoyed spending time at LCYC these past few summers. Lila loves the playset, the launch rides and boat rides out into the bay to watch her dad sail.

*In what ways have you been an active member of the LCYC community?*

Kristin is on the social committee and has worked a few Wednesday night dinner events. Drew is on the dock committee and has helped out with dock-building. We've also been on the race committee a few times.

*Do you have a favorite LCYC event?*

Summer weekends are typically busy for us, so we don't get to attend many of the weekend races, but we have enjoyed the Hot Ruddered Bum. There is usually some decent breeze (not last year) and a good party afterward.

*Best aspect of LCYC?*

It provides great access to the lake. The docks, facilities and launch drivers have all been top-notch for us. The members have all been very welcoming, and it's great to be a part of a sailing-centric yacht club.

*If you could improve one thing about LCYC, what would it be?*

Upgrades to the ramp and dry-sail areas. We spent a few years sailing in the sportboat class, and our powerboat is ramp launchable. Currently, we must go elsewhere in the fall to haul the boat because the existing ramp cannot support the low water levels.

*Is there anything else you'd like to add about your connection to LCYC?*

We came in the 2016 class year when the membership spiked and there was a mooring shortage. We'd like to send a special thanks to Bob Finn for managing that and finding us temporary moorings the first few years so we could enjoy the lake.

## Opening Cocktail Party a Huge Success



*By Ann Clark, Social Chair. Photos by Jean White*

Bleak skies and cool weather did not deter a record number of LCYC club members from joining in the festivities of the annual Opening Cocktail Party. Hosts Jean and John White, along with their crew of Lin and Jon Bootle and Shawna Lidsky, staged a party to be remembered. Members contributed fantastic food, and Jean Henshaw and Dorothy Hill created floral decorations that would easily win prizes in any competition. Many young members attended with their children in tow, which added to the festivities.

Commodore Charlie Van Winkle formally introduced our new club members: Sally Smith, Diane and Geoff Ibbott, and Gwen and John Stetson. They were presented with LCYC burgees.

The hit of the evening was 50-year LCYC member Bruce Hill being made an honorary member of the club and being presented with a beautiful photo of his former boat, *Golden Daisy*, which was queen of Lake Champlain for many years.

The Social Committee of the club looks forward to seeing you and your family at other social events throughout the sailing, cruising and picnicking season.

# Opening Cocktail Party 2019





# Around the Club

## Busy House Activities



*By Tom Glynn, House Chair*

There is a lot happening around the clubhouse this season. We had an emergency just before workday when one of the overhead doors in the south wall of the great room jumped its track and jammed in the closed position. It has been repaired, and access panels have been installed above each door to allow us to better service the doors in the future.

Painters have treated the upper cedar siding for mold. Around June 13, they will begin staining the cedar siding and painting the walkway ceiling and the access panels for the overhead doors in the great room as well as the exterior trim. Their first area of work will be above the awning frames so that the awning can be installed immediately after they are finished. Until that time, we are asking that the "Adirondack" chairs be returned inside the club after use to limit exposure to rain, etc.

We expect the entire project to take about a week and a half, weather permitting. The painters know that the club is in operation seven days a week and will work to limit their impact on membership use of the building. Members are asked to extend the same consideration in order that the project can be completed as quickly as possible.

The skylight at the entry to the restrooms was installed this spring and appears to be functioning well. We will keep monitoring it as we prepare to solicit proposals for replacing the entire roof next season. Related to that project, at last fall's closing workday, the membership was polled on the question of whether to retain the existing great room skylight when a new roof is installed. The vote was almost 2 to 1 to retain the present cupola and skylight. Plans for the new roof will reflect this preference.

We are soliciting proposals from contractors to renovate all of the restrooms this season. This work will be done in stages so that we always have two rooms in operation, which will make the project take a little longer.

The club has purchased two new barbecue grills. Please remember to scrape the grill after use and to cover it if you are the last to use it in the evening.

### *A couple of reminders:*

1. If you would like to schedule a private event for more than 10 persons at the club: please see the requirements for reserving a date, available dates, fees and insurance requirements listed on the club website.
2. Please clean the kitchen after using it. Sinks should be left empty with items returned to proper storage in cabinets.

It has been a cold wet spring. I'm sure we all look forward to enjoying our beautiful facilities as the season warms up.

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## Composting is Coming to LCYC



*By Gunnar Sievert*

In 2012, the Vermont Legislature unanimously passed Act 148, a universal recycling and composting law that offers Vermonters a new set of systems and tools for keeping as much waste as possible out of the landfill. One of the fundamental purposes of the law was to change the concept of waste from being simply trash to being composed largely of recoverable resources.

Since the time of passage, different sections of the law have gone into effect, and on July 1, 2020, all food scraps will be banned from the landfill and must be composted. Rather than wait until that date, the LCYC Board of Governors has decided to adopt the practice of composting now since it is such a significant contribution to the public good.

To implement this new procedure, the club has engaged the services of Earthgirl Composting, a Vermont company that will take all the club's composted materials and dispose of them in a digester in Randolph. What we will have at the club, in addition to the bins we already have for mixed recycling and returnables, will be two bins for food scraps and plates, cups, glasses and flatware, which will all be compostable in accordance with the criteria of the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD).

It should not be a problem for the club members to get used to this new routine, and the Board of Governors will educate our members and facilitate this process. There will be printed instructions placed by the bins that will be easy to follow and allow the membership to become fully familiar with the new practice.

## Harbor Report



*By Bob Finn, Harbormaster*

This season, we moved around 15 members to new, unfamiliar moorings. To avoid confusion and any surprises, I offer the following tips:

1. Please make sure your mooring float ball has its number visible to the launch stewards and other members.
2. A mooring chart with all mooring assignments, both seasonal and permanent, is posted outside the stewards' office.
3. Pierre's mooring commission report is also posted for your reference. It shows whether pennant lines and pick up are on the mooring. Before bringing your boat to a new mooring, you can know what to expect. Those whose mooring assignments didn't change

will find them the same as they were left in the fall.

Please be aware that Pierre is extremely busy and may not be able to respond quickly. Also, stewards are getting back up to speed and may need your guidance finding moorings. Members' patience and courtesy are always appreciated. We all look forward to a great season on the lake.

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## Ramp Extension and Repaving at LCYC

*By Joss Besse and Al Lewis*

The Board of Governors this month approved two substantial capital improvement projects, to be done this summer or fall, which may affect operations.

**Launch Ramp Extension:** When water levels are low (like last fall), the paved portion of the ramp ends at the waterline. Beyond that we are essentially using the lakebed as our ramp, and over time it has become very rutted and has developed a clay-bottomed hole. The result is that some trailers have been damaged or even stuck in the clay, and it often is hard to center a boat on a trailer when one side sinks into a rut. The plan is to do some minor excavation of the lake bottom to ensure adequate depth, then install 6 pre-cast concrete slabs so that our existing 12' wide ramp extends another 30' east into the lake. We have already received all necessary local, state and federal construction permits, which are good for the next several years. The project will be managed by several club members/engineers, and will need to tap into some LCYC volunteer labor.



*The ramp at low water last year.*

**Repaving:** Both the driveway and the walkways will be repaved. The driveway has deteriorated significantly in the last several years and will be repaved in its entirety—though to answer a question we have heard more than once, the existing graveled areas will remain gravel. The walkways, particularly the main walkways going to the stairs and ramp to the dock, have heaved enough to be a real problem and have also settled where they join the clubhouse slab, creating a significant lip. All walkways will be repaved, including a few sections that are particularly bad, which will be dug up prior to paving.

**Schedule for both projects:** Both projects are likely to be done this year. The launch ramp extension work can only be when water level is low. The project would be completed this fall if the weather cooperates over the summer and the lake elevation drops again to completely expose the existing ramp. The repaving projects will also be scheduled for fall to minimize interference with club activities. These schedules will be refined as summer proceeds, and we will keep everyone informed as we get a better idea when the projects will be started

## LCYC Cruising Plans



*By Lynnea Rosner, Cruising Chair*

For those who haven't heard, as I write this *Antares* is currently at Catskill, waiting for the canal folks to place the buoys in the river portions and the spillways by the locks so the Champlain Canal can open for the season. The delay in opening is due to strong currents from the rainy spring, making it dangerous for the crews to place the buoys. Possibly the nice weather forecast for this weekend will allow them to finally open the canal, albeit four weeks late (original opening date - 5/17).

We're looking forward to the 2019 cruising season and will kickoff the season with a Cruiser's Potluck Friday, June 14, before the Father's Day Weekend Cruise. Immediately after will be the first Speakers' Series of the season. Bill Kallock will talk about his cruise down the coast of Chile. Hopefully we'll be here, but will make arrangements in case we're still working our way up the canal. A sign-up email will be sent to those on the Cruiser's List requesting numbers and meat choice, provided by LCYC, for those planning to attend. Please sign up so we can be sure to have sufficient food on hand. Anyone not on the list who wishes to be added, please contact me:

Lynnea Rosner, *Cruising Chair*, at: [cruisingleye@gmail.com](mailto:cruisingleye@gmail.com)

The July Cruise Week, June 28 – July 7, will start with a Friday evening Pot Luck. As in the past, the fleet will return to Burlington for the fireworks on July 3, before heading back out for the remainder of the week.

Hope to see you on the lake!

### Scuttlebutt (Editor's notes)



With all of the rain and cold weather it has been hard to prepare for the summer sailing season.

I have had crew graduate and move away or get married but I have never had one simply age out on racing and move to warmer climes until now.

So now I am in the crew rebuilding mode. Most of you know the drill: recruit, sweet talk, persuade. It takes a while until they get into the routine of regularly sailing.

For the Tea Kettle I finally rounded up enough bodies, but then no one knew how to tie a bowline. So much for our educational system - who graduates from anything without knowing how to tie a bowline?

On Monday, I only had three crew coming for Wednesday night. Wednesday night there were 10 on the boat - and some even knew port from starboard!!

This week's quiz: What club member has a national sailing championship on his trophy shelf?

Peace,  
Tony