



the Binnacle

Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.

Commodore: Charlie Van Winkle

June 2020

Director of Club Communications: Dave Powlison

Binnacle Editor: Tony Lamb



Let Summer Begin!!!



[Click Here for summer storm video by Fritz Horton.](#)

In this issue:

Commodore's Corner	page 2
LCYC Logs and Stickers	page 3
COVID-19 Task Force and Guidelines	page 4
Welcome, New Members!	page 5
Redding Up the Club	page 7
Member Spotlight: Ben and Heidi Lessard	page 8
2020 LCYC Junior Sailing Instructors	page 9
LCYC 2020 Stewards	page 10
Around the Club	
Docks	page 14
Harbor	page 14
Grounds	page 15
House	page 15
Jr. Sailing	page 16
From the Weather Mark	page 16
Social	page 17
Stewards	page 18
Transitions	page 19
Scuttlebutt	page 20



Commodore's Corner



*By Charlie Van Winkle,
Commodore;*

We are getting there, not quite 100 % yet, but getting there. If you haven't been down to the club lately, it is starting to look familiar, yet different. The moorings are in, and the docks went in on May 16, thanks to Michael Kerbaugh, the Docks Chair, and his small team of volunteers. We opened the new bathrooms for the season on June 4! I said "new" because, thanks to project management by House Chair Tom Glynn, we redid all three bathrooms last fall, top to bottom. They even have new shower curtains! The same day the bathrooms opened, we started offering launch service. John Stetson, the new Stewards Chair, has rounded up a fine crew who have been busy with projects like painting the play-set and main dock stairs. You can find out more about who is returning and who is new elsewhere in this issue. Our newest launch the *Bern C*, received an engine overhaul, and after a two- or three-year wait on parts from some western European country, the *Milo's* engine was rebuilt. Thanks go to the Boats Chair Don Brush and his helper, Bob Schumacher, for putting in the hours over the winter to get the launches running. Wes Daum, the new Grounds Chair, held several work parties to get the plantings around the club in order and has plans for some solar-powered lights on the new walkways and the darker corners of the parking lot.

Things look the same, but here is where they become different. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we set up a task force made up of ad hoc members from the Board of Governors and two MDs from the membership at large. The charge of the task force is to monitor the evolving guidelines from the VT Dept of Health (DOH), World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), and tailor them to the specific operations at LCYC. These recommenda-

tions were distilled into the LCYC COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan. The task force oversees monitoring the guidelines as they evolve, modifying the plan as necessary.

There are some things that are different as we begin the season, so here is what you need to know. The biggest impact on everyone is that on top of asking members to try and maintain an appropriate social distance, we are requiring masks be worn while at the club, on the grounds, in the bathrooms, on the docks or while using the launch. To protect our employees, we downsized the launch capacity to four passengers. We set up a sign-in book to facilitate contact tracing and offer an electronic method of signing in through an app called "Jibble." If you are interested in using the app, indicate so the first time you sign in, and you will receive an invite. You only need to sign in; don't worry about signing out. We have hand sanitizers set up in the bathrooms and near the sign-in book to minimize contact exposure. I'll be the first one to tell you that the rules are kind of a pain, and wearing a mask in 90-degree heat isn't the most fun thing I've done, but we are establishing these requirements out of an abundance of caution.

We modified the sailing instructional program, pivoting from group lessons to private lessons. Private lessons start at \$75 for a three-hour, one-person session, with a slight increase for two people. At that price point, we are significantly below market rate. This revenue-neutral program is intended to offer some level of sailing instruction over the summer. We have also dropped the word "Junior" from the program name and intend to offer sailing lessons to anyone who is interested. Instruction on the weekends is also available. Look on the website or check in with Sailing Instruction Chair Bill Kallock for more information.

Because of gathering restrictions and a ban on organized sports, we had to cancel the social and regatta programs until further notice. Yes, regatta events were considered to be an organized sport by the ACCD. The good news is that on June 8, the Governor and ACCD said low-contact sports, such as baseball, soccer,

lacrosse and hockey, could begin scrimmaging on June 15 and in-league competition could begin on July 1. I have accumulated enough orthopedic hardware in my body over the years from the low-contact sport of lacrosse to build the space shuttle, so if ACCD is calling lax low contact, regatta events are a shoe-in. We know folks are chomping at the bit to get their Wednesday-night competitive juices going, and Regatta Chair James Unsworth is actively engaging the task force with an optimistic eye toward a practice race (intra-squad scrimmage) on June 24 and competition to begin officially on July 1. The COVID task force will give the final ok to proceed, but James wanted to give skippers enough time to clear their Wednesday night schedules. Remember, as with other low-contact sports, the regatta rules will likely have the same guidelines, so no spitting and no sharing water bottles.

After getting skunked on both workday and the opening cocktail party events, Heidi Lessard, the new Social Chair, has been somewhat creative in trying to maintain the social scene, sponsoring a virtual cocktail party along with a quest for the most decadent dessert. Zoom yoga is going to be offered a couple of times this summer, so if you had too much decadent dessert you might be able to zoom off a few pounds via yoga. The good news is that as of this writing, restrictions on group sizes were limited to 25 persons or less and trending up, which hopefully will be the catalyst toward opening the kitchen and clubhouse.

New Membership Chair Betsey Dempsey has brought all the membership logs to the club. They are currently located on the same table as the sign-in book in alphabetical order. After hours, the stewards are bringing them inside. Along with your membership cards, you'll find an LCYC burgee sticker attached to your book. This is for your car, your boat, your dog, the dinghy motor, whatever . . . just trying to promote the club. If you are looking for another burgee, reach out to Betsey.

Nobody wants this pandemic over more than me, but all the literature I read suggests this situation will be with us for a while. Some of our guidelines may appear too conservative to some, not restrictive enough to others, but please recognize that we are tending to be more conservative for the sake of our employees and members. In my experience, when the wind picks up and the weather goes south, it is a whole lot easier to shake out a reef, than to put one in. Right now, think of the club as having a double reef in the main and the storm sail out. As we learn more from this pandemic, we will shake out the first reef, then the second, and if things are going well, we'll change the headsail. I just hope that with the club opening and abbreviated functioning, we are working toward a new normal at our place of respite, relief and recreation.

Remember, play smart and stay safe.

Email for the Commodore:

LCYC.Commodore@gmail.com

LCYC Logs and Stickers



By Betsey Dempsey, Membership/Secretary

LCYC logs are now available and will be on a table outside the steward's office, under the awning. They will be there whenever stewards are on duty. Please take the log that has your membership card attached. We are working on getting the club log into a PDF format as well. When ready, we will email the file to all members.

Every family will also receive a sticker of the LCYC burgee. It is approximately 3" x 5" and a traditional sticker, which means

it can go on your boat or whatever else you'd like to put it on. These are unlike the car window stickers, which have adhesive on the opposite side. The sticker is attached to your 2020 club log.



What is the COVID-19 Task Force?

The COVID-19 Task Force is an ad hoc subcommittee of the BOG. Its purpose is to establish guidelines that will enable the club to safely reopen and operate during the Coronavirus pandemic. The committee consists of six BOG members, the fleet surgeon and an additional medical doctor from the general membership.

The committee has met multiple times since mid-May and has developed a COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan. The Plan is based on currently available information published by the State of Vermont, CDC, VOSHA and other public officials. It specifically addresses how these recommendations would fit into the operation of LCYC. It outlines the expectations and responsibilities of the BOG, the stewards and the general membership, and it provides a set of guidelines for operation. The Plan and associated guidelines will be reassessed biweekly throughout the summer, or as needed, to maintain a safe environment for the members, their guests and our employees.

The highlights of the Plan and Guidelines include:

- Do not come to LCYC if you are sick or suspect you may have been in contact with anyone having COVID-19 or you have traveled to an area the State considers high-risk.
- Sign in when visiting the club to enable contact tracing, if the need arises. Include all members of your party.
- Wear a cloth facemask when around others while on the LCYC grounds, in the clubhouse, on the docks and in the launches.
- Maintain the recommended social distance, which is currently 6 feet.
- Avoid forming groups of people larger than 25.
- Limit the number of passengers in the launch to four people, excluding children under the age of two.
- The stewards will routinely disinfect commonly contacted surfaces in the clubhouse, bathrooms and launches.
- The clubhouse and kitchen will remain closed for the time being, but we are assessing how to clean and maintain a disinfecting schedule, with an eye toward opening them.
- Bins for recycling, returnable containers and compostables will be located near the dumpster area. Members are encouraged to “pack in and pack out.”

The committee acknowledges that there is much debate regarding the appropriate guidelines. The BOG has supported the recommendations of the committee to provide a higher level of protection for our membership and employees. While none of us enjoy wearing a mask and would love to see normal social events resume, we feel this is a small ask that may enable all of our members, particularly those who may be more vulnerable, to enjoy LCYC this summer.

Welcome, New Members!

Erin Sepic

Warm greetings, all! My name is Erin, and I was born and raised in Kingston, Ontario. I came to VT in 1996 to attend UVM, and apart from my 4 years at grad school in NY, I've never left the Green Mountains.

I have operated a Chiropractic Family Practice in Richmond for the last 15 years and still love working in such a beautiful location. I live in Shelburne village with my mini GoldenDoodle—Gryffin, Gryff, the Gryffernator—and we spend our time (when not tag-teaming patients at the office) paddling, mountain or fat biking, skiing, hanging on the boat, or chilling in the outdoors.

I grew up windsurfing, although I sailed a small boat some during high school. I didn't get the sailing bug until settling back in VT in 2005. My first boat was a PY 26, and I upsized last year to a 1978 Islander 32, *Staršie*, which I adore.

Looking forward to meeting you all and learning all I can, while having a grand time! I am grateful to be a member, and here's to a fun and safe season!



Larry and Brigit Robinson

What brings us to LCYC is the chance to be with other people who enjoy the lake as much as we do. I (Larry) am the more regatta-oriented person, as I enjoy the challenges that sailboat racing brings, and although Willsboro Bay is a wonderful locale, few of the members are competitive focused. My brother, who now lives in Charlotte, is just as competitive as I and is learning to be a topnotch helmsman, so we are looking to connect with more of the wonderful sailors who call Lake Champlain home. Brigit enjoys the day-sailing aspect of cruising, enjoying time out on the water with family and friends. Our now-grown children have also been introduced to sailing, and Brig and I have greatly enjoyed teaching them how to sail and spending time with them on the boat.



Brigit and I are both in medicine; I am a general surgeon, while Brigit is a nurse practitioner for colorectal surgery. Both of us are at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY. Brigit's family has had a summer place for almost 60 years at the water's edge on Willsboro Point, and we have built our own summer home at the head of Willsboro Bay, close to the marina. We have had many years of enjoyment on Lake Champlain, and our long-term hope is to retire in Vermont.

We are both extremely pleased to be elected as members of LCYC and are looking forward to many new moments with you all!

The Ringler Family

We hope this finds everyone well. We are excited to be new members of LCYC! We, Mat and Sarah, have three children, Ben 4, Hadley 7, Ava 9 and a dog, Piper. We live in Charlotte, and with Ben going into kindergarten next year, all three kids will be at Charlotte Central School. Sarah teaches and works at UVM. She is also a strong advocate for safer skin care products and works for a wellness brand called Beautycounter. Mat has worked in the computer industry designing chips and is currently working at Mavell Semiconductor. Mat grew up sailing on the ocean and has completed several ocean races to Bermuda and Halifax. We are partners with the Bushey family on the *J29, J-Chip*. We look forward to meeting everyone and sailing!



The Bushey Family

We're very excited to become part of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club! Jason and Jensa met at LCYC back in 1998 crewing on the boat *Peregrine*; therefore, it is sort of a homecoming for us. We have joined the club to partake in all it offers—easy access to a mooring, a fantastic junior sailing program for our children, and a lively social atmosphere. We also wish to become better sailors, learning all we can, and the club offers a lot of opportunities there.

Jason owns a small business, JRB Enterprises, LLC, which includes central vac sales/service/installation, construction, real estate and property management. Jensa is the District Literacy Leader for the Champlain Valley School District as well as Jason's bookkeeper. In our spare time, we exercise (skiing, tennis, dancing, baseball), read, travel, take part in church-related events, and visit with family and friends.



Henry, 13, loves to play baseball, sail, read and hang with friends. He has been part of junior sailing at LCYC since he was 8. Lila, 11, is a dancer, horseback rider, reader and seamstress. We also have a fluffy cat, Pumpkin Seed, and seven chickens.

Our family is in partnership with Mat Ringler and his family on the boat *J-Chip*. In our photo, we are sailing for the first time this summer on *J-Chip*. We look forward to seeing a few familiar faces when we come to the club this summer as well as making many new friends!

Redding Up the Club



No launch service? No problem. Because of the delayed club opening, our stewards moved on to other projects in lieu of driving launches. Painting structure photo, l to r: Andrew Slauterbeck, Bo Hopwood, Parker Main and Ethan Behr. Ramp and stairs photo, l to r: Gabby Torrens-Sperry, Will Moody, Jack Main and Grace Slauterbeck. John Stetson and John Harris photos .

Member Spotlight: Ben and Heidi Lessard

When did you join LCYC, and why?

Heidi and I joined the summer of 2016. We knew it was the right choice for *Evergreen* and us after our first visit, looking for a potential location to moor our sailboat. We love LCYC for its beautiful view, active community and culture of boaters who look out for one another.

Tell us about your current boat or boats.

Evergreen is a 1973 Ericson 25. We are restoring a steel-hulled Van De Stadt Vita 30. We also own a 2017 Sea Ray SLX 230.

What do you do for work?

Ben: I'm a Design and Build Mechanical Engineer, specializing in automation and industrial inkjet printing. Heidi: I'm a hospice nurse and previously worked in health care administration with a background in working with patients and families affected by Alzheimer's and dementia.

What are your hobbies other than boating?

Some of our common interests are a love of learning, entertaining, we enjoy nature, cooking, antiques and boat restoration. Ben also enjoys hiking, reading and woodworking. Heidi loves growing wildflowers, horses (animals in general), writing and apothecary. Above all, boating, family and friends are our greatest joy.

Three fun facts:

Ben's first time leaving the house was at 19, moved to London while still dating Heidi back in the US. Heidi's grandma was a welder of Navy ships during World War II.

In college, Ben and Heidi motorbiked across the country and, in Colorado, ran out of money, gas, hitchhiked for help and lived to tell about it!

Most memorable LCYC moment?

Heidi: My most memorable time at LCYC was on August 10, 2019—my first experience racing. It was aboard *Kinsale* in the Schuyler Island race with Bob Finn at the helm and Ben at my side. The pure magnificence during the prestart was an experience for the senses like no other: the beauty of all the sailboats in close range, the sounds of sails luffing, racers shouting and water splashing every which way against the hull. The energy of pure excitement and anticipation in the air was palpable, chaotic and exhilarating. Well into the race, weather conditions shifted and as the boat continued to heel over and waves became bigger, crashing over the bow, I embraced the wind and held onto the lifelines tight! With my feet dangling off the edge of the boat and wet from the rain and waves, I remember yelling out in joy, "*Isn't this fun!!!!*" It was an incredible first experience racing and all the better with an extraordinarily skilled crew! Notable mention: *Kinsale* won that race, and the Schuyler Island trophy sits proudly in Ben and Heidi's living room, representing for me the marking of my first race and a day spent out on the lake with great friends.

What would you like to see changed or added at LCYC?

Ben: I would like to see and encourage everyone to continue sharing their knowledge and experiences through the speaker series and group learning. Heidi: I feel fortunate to have been under the wing of past Social Chairs, entertaining and hosting many different kinds of events. With



that, I've started to look at building on their hard work to continue to engage members in meaningful ways. One of my goals is to get a fire ring onsite and host bonfire events. I think evening bonfires with other members, friends and loved ones at LCYC would be magical.

What do you both treasure most about LCYC?

The people. Each person's unique strengths, knowledge and insights contribute toward enhancing our club as a whole.

Is there one LCYC event you both make sure you always attend?

Hot Ruddered Bum. The race, fall air, spiked cider and a crackling fire to sit by at the clubhouse.

What's one of your favorite items on a boat?

Ben: Mast Tabernacle. This allows me to put the mast up or down on our boat by myself, although the help of my lovely assistant is always appreciated. Heidi: Boat hook. It is somewhat of a running joke on our boat that my Sperry's always end up in the water somehow. From retrieving my boat shoes to lines to floating artifacts on the water's surface, pushing off breakwaters, docks, pulling up mooring chains . . . sometimes, the simplest tool is the most versatile.

Favorite Quote? "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen out there." –Capt. Ronald Rico

2020 LCYC Junior Sailing Instructors

Jack Merrill joins the Junior Sailing staff as a third-year instructor. Jack is from Shelburne and has participated in LCYC junior sailing for the past 11 years. He's raced, skippering both Optis and FJs, winning the Cheeseburger in Paradise Regatta last year. He also races in the MBBC Laser summer series and was on the CVU sailing team. Jack just finished a gap year where he spent a lot of time climbing and skiing, working as a ski instructor and a bartender in Steamboat, Colorado. Next year, he is attending Cornell University and is planning to major in Chemical Engineering. Jack is very excited to spend some (socially-distant) time on the water this summer helping kids fine-tune their sailing skills.



Emma Hawko returns to the Junior Sailing staff for her third year as an instructor. She grew up in Shelburne and has participated in the LCYC Junior Sailing program for the past eight years. She raced with the Vermont high school sailing team and is a regular Etchells and Lightning crew at LCYC and MBBC. Emma just completed her first year at McGill where she is studying International Development. She is a crew on the McGill Sailing Team and was awarded Rookie of the Year this past fall. She also qualified to represent Canada at the World Championships for university sailing this June on Lake Garda, Italy, before it was cancelled. Last summer, she competed in the Lightning District Championship, Atlantic Coast Championship and North American Championship. She is very excited to continue teaching sailing this summer!

LCYC 2020 Stewards

Andrew Slauterbeck

Hello, LCYC! My name is Andrew Slauterbeck. I am a Health Science major at The University of Vermont on the pre-med track. I enjoy being outdoors, talking to people and working in the rain. This is my second year being a steward, and I am super-excited to be returning this year.



Bo Hopwood

Hello, LCYC! I hope everyone is staying safe in these unprecedented times. I have just finished my junior year at Saint Michael's College and look forward to returning as a senior in the fall. I am a double major in Business Administration and Environmental Studies. Like most schools, I was sent home after spring break and relocated to southern Utah, where I took my classes online and did some awesome hiking and camping. This will be my fourth summer as a steward, and I am very excited to return. I look forward to another great season.

Ethan Behr

Hello! My name is Ethan Behr, and I am a first-year steward this summer! My family enjoys sailing Lake Champlain on our Ericson 38, *Moonshadow*. I love to spend time on, in or around water—sailing, swim team, rowing and vacations on Cape Cod. I play piano and trumpet, which included a week at Jazz at Lincoln Center last summer. I graduated from Rice Memorial High School this spring, and I look forward to studying physics and music at Boston College! See you on the water!



Gabby Torrens-Sperry

This is my first year at LCYC, and I'm very excited to meet all of you! I am studying political science at The University of Vermont this fall, and my main interests are law and criminology. I have played on the Girls' Varsity Golf Team for the past four years and competed on the debate team. Some of my favorite things to do are cooking, playing the guitar and piano, singing and traveling. I am bilingual in Spanish, too! I have always loved being on the lake and grew up boating and sailing on Lake Champlain with my grandfather. I look forward to see what this summer brings!

Grace Slauterbeck

Hi! I am a first-year steward and am very excited to start working at LCYC this year! I am majoring in political science at The University of Vermont and will be a junior this fall. I am currently on a pre-law track and am also in the UVM Honors College. I love playing sports, being outdoors, and any and all dogs. In high school, I was on the varsity basketball team as well as an AAU team called Lone Wolf. I was also on the track and field team throughout high school. I am very excited for this summer at LCYC, and I look forward to meeting all of you on the water!



Jack Main, Head Steward

Ahoy! I am back for my fourth summer at LCYC and my first as the head steward! I just finished up my sophomore year at Quinnipiac University (last semester sponsored by ZOOM), studying journalism and business. At school, I have been beat reporting for the Quinnipiac Men's Basketball team and talking sports on my radio show for WQAQ. When I'm not at the club, you may find me on the hiking trails, sailing, skiing or at Centennial Field taking in a Lake Monsters Game. My family has been members of the club since 2005, sailing the *Eiger Stubli* with the cruising fleet for the past 11 seasons, and we look to continue that tradition this upcoming season.

Parker Main

This is my first summer working at LCYC, and I am super excited. This spring, I will be graduating from South Burlington High School, and in the fall, I will start my freshman year at the University of Hartford. I haven't decided on an area of study yet, but I'm hoping to continue playing my French horn for orchestras and bands as well as joining the Hartford track and cross country teams. I look forward to seeing you at the club!



William Moody

I'm thrilled to be joining LCYC for my first season as a steward. After backpacking in South America and working as 2nd engineer onboard *Never Enough* in Fort Lauderdale, I've spent this past year settling into UVM where I am studying Geography and Economics. While this has been a crazy semester, I am excited to return to some normalcy this summer out on the water. I can't wait to start meeting the LCYC community!



Around the Club

Docks



By Michael Kerbaugh, Docks Chair

I'm pleased to report that the docks are in good shape! Thank you to all of the LCYC volunteers who have gotten us to this point. As mentioned in a recent email blast, we're trying to find a good balance between dock use and respectful behaviors for members of all ages. Please continue to wear masks on the docks. Please try not to monopolize or spend a long time on the docks, especially during busy time periods. If you are tying up your boat, please keep your boat tied as far from the center docks (where people walk) as possible. Observe a safe distance at all times on the dock. When approaching the dock from ashore, queue up on the wooden ramp and note the number of people on the dock. Be prepared to let the docks clear before stepping onto them. Maintain social distance when waiting on the launch.

Water and power are turned on, but I have not put out hoses, as that becomes something to keep clean. There are hoses around LCYC, or you can always bring your own.

Dinghy slots have been in high demand this year, and we are working hard to accommodate everyone. In an effort to spread dinghies out as much as possible, we're using the Dinse slip and the junior sailing dock for them. Please reach out to me if your dinghy slot is not working for you for any reason. If you are on one of the ends of the dinghy-dock fingers, please install stern anchors.

I'm personally thrilled with the way things have been going relative to docks. We're off to a great summer! Let's all be respectful, keep our distance, and continue to use and enjoy this key LCYC asset.

Harbor



By Bob Finn, Harbormaster

With five new active members joining LCYC this year, our moorings waiting list stands at 14. Thanks to several long-standing members who have offered their moorings, almost all new members who need them have been accommodated for this year.

Given the fluid conditions for healthy sailing and boating, many members haven't launched their boats. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who plans not to put their boat in the water this summer so that empty moorings can be put to good use. Please drop me an email or text. Many thanks and stay safe.

Grounds



By Wes Daum, Grounds Chair

After many cans of stain and a lot of work by the 2020 stewards, the stairway, ramp, and playground area are now looking much better. Thanks to John Stetson and the stewards for their work. A grounds mini-workday was held, and several hardy souls showed up to work on the gardens and grounds. The lawn was raked, gardens were weeded and new butterfly friendly annuals were added to the front garden. Thanks to those who attended that workday: Hilary Besse, Randee Bloomberg, Beth Thorpe, Terry Kennaugh, Thea Platt and Gunner Sievert. Thanks also go to Susannah Kerest for planting the flowerpots on the patio.

Shrubs have been planted down by the edge of the lawn on the lakeside. After a few years, they should be about a foot high and will spread and provide a dividing line between the poison ivy and the lawn. Any poison ivy that dares cross the line will be dealt with severely. There is a bumper crop of poison ivy this year. Do not venture onto the bank. If anybody has a goat available, they are welcome to bring it down for a few happy hours of grazing on the front hill. You may see some black tar paper placed over the poison ivy. This is yet another of a number of attempts to get it under control.

House



By Tom Glynn, House Chair

As spring turns to summer, many of us are slowly getting our boats in the water and starting to think about what this sailing season might really look like. For those of us charged with getting LCYC's house in order for the season, in addition to our own boats, it has been a period of slowly bringing the facilities online as Vermont "opens up" and considering what might be different this year from the past.

We have significantly increased the cleaning regimen for the building. Randy Mushtare, our custodian, has increased his schedule so that he is cleaning all the restrooms every day. In previous years, Randy only cleaned five times a week. Randy's work is being augmented by the stewards "wiping down" all touch zones with disinfectant twice a day. While the kitchen and house, other than restrooms, remain closed at the time of this writing, when they do come online, they will be added to the cleaning schedule.

To make keeping the kitchen clean easier, we will be removing all dishes, utensils, etc. from the cabinets and putting them in storage. When the kitchen opens up, members who wish to use it must bring their own utensils and take them home for cleaning or, if disposable, do so at the bins near the dumpster. Think of it as "carry in-carry out."

On July 1, LCYC, like all the rest of the state, will be required to separate compostables from other trash. Our trash hauler will place a separate, marked container for compostables outside the area where the dumpsters are located. When coming off your boat, please separate compostables from all other trash and place them in this container.

In the spring *Binnacle*, in what seems like a lifetime ago in a different world, we shared some thoughts about plans for the clubhouse roof. We said that our goal was to use the summer to refine plans and provided estimates for each element of the project with a goal of sharing them with the membership over the summer and doing any work after the club closes in the fall, much as we did with the restroom project last year. This remains our goal. Hopefully, as the season progresses, it will become possible for us to get together in larger numbers so we might review the scope of anticipated work, answer any question members might have and hear members' suggestions.

Junior Sailing



By Bill Kallock, Junior Sailing Programs Chair

When last I wrote, we were looking forward to a fun and exciting 2020 Junior Sailing Program. As with many things in 2020, plans are subject to change. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our concern for the health and safety of the kids and club members, we have canceled the Junior Sailing Program for this summer. It was a very difficult decision and one that we didn't take lightly. With most camps being canceled this summer, we understand that it will be hard on kids and parents.

But, all is not lost! We will be offering small-group private lessons to keep junior sailors interested in sailing and help them hone their sailing skills. These lessons will be taught by two returning instructors, Jack Merrill and Emma Hawko. They will be teaching three-hour sessions twice a day (9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm) from June 29 to August 7. These sessions will be limited to two students per instructor. We ask that the two students be part of the same "family group." A family group includes members of another family with whom you have been socially isolating. Although this is under the Junior Sailing Program, the instructors would be happy to provide instruction to anyone who wants to improve their dinghy sailing skills.

Fees for the private lessons are \$75 for a three-hour session for the first student and \$30 for each additional student. To reserve a private lesson with these great instructors, email me at jrsailing.lcyc@gmail.com.

From the Weather Mark



By James Unsworth, Regatta Chair

The LCYC Race Management Group and the Regatta Committee have been working diligently to find a path forward to allow for some form of racing this season. We have bounced back and forth as things have progressed and restrictions have eased. We are taking a lesson from our Governor and are planning a phased "spigot-turning" approach to starting the sailing season. Here is where we are.

Starting June 24, we will begin our Wednesday night sailing with a practice race. The following weeks being the normally scheduled Wednesday night series, starting with "B2" on July 1. We believe this is in keeping with the Governor's planned order to allow for organized sports events to begin July 1.

If turnout is good for the Wednesday series, we will attempt to phase in weekend events as well as the Monday night Etchells/Sportboat series. We plan to reschedule the Doublehanded Race. Stay tuned for updates.

We ask that all racers follow the directives set forth by State officials, the LCYC COVID-19 Task Force and the Board of Governors. A few main points:

- Members and guests are required to wear masks on the grounds, docks and launches.
- Please maintain social distance on the docks.

AROUND THE CLUB

- Please remember to sign in, when you get to the club.
- Please ensure plenty of time to get to the race course. With limited capacity on the launches, it may take more time to get to your boat. Only 2 crew members may ride the launch to or from the mooring.
- We suggest that crews be limited to immediate family or other trusted households. Ultimately, it is the skipper's decision whom to have on board.
- **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS ONE:** The sailing instructions are changing in a very important way. We will be utilizing Appendix U of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. THE SEQUENCE WILL BE CHANGING FROM A 5-MINUTE STARTING SEQUENCE TO A 3-MINUTE DINGHY SEQUENCE. This will help limit the number of race officials on the water. PLEASE REVIEW ALL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THE FIRST RACE.
- We are allowing folks to swap between Spin and JAM fleets. You must communicate this to the Race Committee prior to the start of the race.

It has been a team effort to get here! I want to sincerely thank all the fleet captains and the Race Management Group. If you see them, thank them. Lastly, if you have chosen not to race this year, we still need volunteers to run races. It would be a great excuse to get on the water with your family and would be a tremendous help.

Social



By Heidi Lessard, Social Chair

With the start of sunny June, members have been reconnecting with one another, and many of you are out enjoying lake life! I was thrilled to hear from so many of you after our Opening Virtual Cocktail Party with such great feedback and kind words. A different kind of opening cocktail party, indeed, but as the old saying goes, "When life gives you lemons, put them in your drink!"

As we move through June, we are continuing to offer gentle yoga taught by LCYC's very own yogi, Jean White. There will be a social hour after class with no agenda, but to simply be present and spend time with one another. The next session will be on June 27 at 6pm. No yoga experience necessary. This is an opportunity to come together and spend time with members we may not have connected with in some time. Family is always encouraged to participate. Look for more details coming soon regarding Zoom yoga in the near future.

Along with yoga, you may have noticed a trend around member food and drink ideas. This has generated a more enthusiastic response than anticipated, which means boaters at LCYC know how to eat and drink well. Please feel free, if so inclined, to continue to participate in recipe submissions when a theme is presented in the weeks to come. A collection of culinary treasures may surface later, including each one of your personal contributions.

On an operational note, social events at the club continue to be on hold until further notice. Know I am dedicated to creative and meaningful ways to stay connected until traditional events resume. Thank you for your understanding and patience. As Social Chair, I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have at any time. Your voice is important, and I would love to hear from you or spend some time with you to get to know you better!



Stewards



By John Stetson, Stewards Chair

We are very fortunate to have such a strong team of stewards this summer. Our returning stewards, Jack, Andrew and Bo, are busy providing regular launch service, while the new stewards, Ethan, Gabby, Grace, Parker and Will, are training and assisting with the additional cleaning at the club. They continue to be challenged by Coronavirus-induced delays to their licensing process. We hope that they will all be fully licensed soon and will then be with us for a few years. See the bios and photos of the team.

Not content to sit and wait for launch service to begin, the stewards tackled several projects that usually would have been done on workday. The crew cleaned the dumpster area, applied bottom paint and cleaned boats, put out furniture, installed the awning, and painted the play structure, stairs and ramp. Orientation and training on the launches wrapped up a very productive week.

In addition to the normal launch-driving duties, the stewards are providing additional cleaning and disinfecting of the bathrooms and launches to help minimize the transmission of the virus. As with the stewards, all passengers are asked to wear facemasks and limit the number of passengers to 4. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Please let me know if you are interested in being added to the list of volunteer stewards. We may have some gaps over the summer and will likely need volunteers as the stewards return to school in the fall.

A note of gratitude

Parallel to Commodore Charlie's leadership and task force efforts, I'd like to take a moment to shine a light on and express gratitude to each and every member who came forth in past months with a heart of genuine concern, compassion and care for the safety and wellbeing of each other and the operations of our club.

In addition to genuine compassion and care, ongoing thanks to all member advocacy efforts, insights and expertise not only from those within healthcare, but holistically, involving backgrounds in education, law, business, social service and finance among other voices from various professions and trades.

What I would personally like all of you to know is that your voice continues to be heard. Please know your individual, personal and professional strengths are respected and valued.

With the beautiful summer ahead, here's to making our way back to boating, the lake and each other!

--Heidi K. Lessard, Social Chair

Transitions



Former LCYC club member Dana Bolton passed away from complications with brain cancer. He was an active racer on Lake Champlain, most recently with his J88, *Alchemy*. Dana was briefly a member of the LCYC Board of Governors and the Board of the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center until illness forced him to resign. He climbed mountains, sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, competed in triathlons, left a successful law career to join the Board and teach kids to sail at the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, and made friends everywhere he went. He will be missed.

Scuttlebutt (Editor's notes)



Have you ever had the experience of turning on the evening news and the reporter or the weather person looks so young that you wonder if it was “take-your-children-to-work-day” at the TV station. Or a government spokesman comes on and you wonder if they have turned the conference over to the interns.

I have to say that I feel a little like that

when I see all the younger folk joining the club. And to think it was only a few years ago when we computed the average age of those putting in the main docks on workday, and the age was over 70. So much worrying about the “graying of the club.”

It is such a great change to have them join us!

A fun game is to ask younger folks who the first president was that they can remember. It is getting so that you are lucky if anyone remembers Ronald Regan! I remember newsreels (!?) of Harry Truman out for his walks around the block the White House sits on.