



the Binnacle

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Commodore's Corner



By Walt N. Marti, Commodore
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And we're off! As we approach the Summer Solstice, we find ourselves well into the 2022 boating season. After a successful opening day (did you record your volunteer hours?) and a fantastic opening social, there have been many opportunities to enjoy our great Club, with many more in store. Be sure to check out the weekly "This Week" email.

In this Binnacle edition, we highlight all our summer employees who work diligently to make LCYC the special place it is. When you see them, please take a minute to let them know how much we appreciate all they do.

Our South End project is proceeding steadily – the fencing should be up soon. We owe a BIG thank you to Member Tom Cabot for his generous donations to this project (stone, stone delivery, fence post digger, etc.) and Pierre for his volunteer assistance cleaning up this area. Again, a special thanks to Bob Schumacher and Joss Besse for their tremendous leadership and many hours of labor.

As a reminder, each member is responsible for providing and maintaining your mooring ball, pennants, and pick-up buoy. If you need help in replacing any of these, please get in touch with Pierre LaRocque.

As I mentioned earlier, so far in 2022, there have been many opportunities to volunteer and begin logging your eight (8) hours of required volunteer hours. Please contact your committee chair (or Betsey Dempsey at lcycsecretary@gmail.com) if you need assistance logging your hours. During the summer, many tasks need to be accomplished. If you are looking for a project to log some hours, please let me know (lcyc commodore@gmail.com), and I will put you in touch with a committee chair looking for help.

Stay safe – I look forward to seeing you at LCYC.

In Memoriam: Ginny Walters

The club lost long time member Ginny Walters this past winter. Please join her family and friends for a celebration of Ginny's life at LCYC on Tuesday, July 26, from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

New Members

Doug & Dee Smith

After 35+ years of living in the Champlain Islands and sailing our Allied-Seawind Ketch, **SUNPOWER**, we retired and down-sized, building a 2-bedroom house in South Burlington.

Our mooring at LCYC will allow continued operation of the 32-foot ketch, to explore numerous past destinations and hopefully new ones!

Sunpower was indeed a family cruising sailboat with 5 bunks and a set up for safe & sound sailing from the Canadian border to Fort Ticonderoga and beyond. Now with grown children, two boys and 1 girl, ages 44, 41, & 35, and two grandchildren, ages 8 & 6, and a third arriving soon, we again anticipate more active use of the sailboat their children grew up on.

We look forward to meeting new friends & sailing partners soon!



Tim and Teresa Anderson

Teresa and I are excited to be joining the club this summer. We have been fortunate to meet and sail with many of you over the last 10 years while crewing for Doug Merrill and the team on MOOV'in. We will be bringing Jellyfish, our Beneteau 30.1 to the club and look forward to joining some of the cruises. We have 5 kids who are spread all over New England, but hopefully will make appearances back home this summer for some sailing (the best we could do for the picture is 6 of the 7 of us).



Teresa grew up around the waters of Maine and works at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont. I spent my early days sailing on Buzzards Bay in Marion, MA at Beverly Yacht Club and work at the UVM Health Network.

We look forward to getting to know you all at the club and on the water.
Cheers, Tim and Teresa

2022 Stewards.



Andrew Slauterbeck

Hello! My name is Andrew Slauterbeck, and this is my fourth year working as a steward here at LCYC. I graduated from UVM this spring with a Public Health Sciences Major. During the fall/winter I worked as a UVM Chemistry, Physics, and Biology tutor. I am taking this year off to apply to med school, and plan on joining a Fire and Rescue team in the fall. I am really looking forward to spending this summer outside hiking, swimming, and working here!

Hi! My name is Ethan Behr, and this will be my third summer as a steward at LCYC! I will be a sophomore at Boston College in the fall, studying physics and music. In my free time, I love playing piano and other instruments, hiking, reading, and spending time on and/or in the water! I can't wait to be back at LCYC. See you this summer!



Ethan Behr



Gabby Torrens-Sperry

I'm Gabby. This will be my third summer at the club and I'm so excited! I'm from Shelburne, and I will be returning to UMiami as a junior this fall to study Political Science. I love cooking, baking, music, and spending time outside in the sun on the water. Can't wait to see everyone!



Grace Slauterbeck

Hi! I am back for my third summer at LCYC, and I am very excited to be returning! I am graduating from UVM in May with a Bachelor's in Political Science. I am still on a pre-law track and will be studying for my LSATs this summer! I love being outdoors and playing with my dogs. I also love to ski and learned how to ski moguls successfully this past winter! However, I am glad that winter is over and summer is around the corner! I look forward to seeing you this summer and getting out on the water!

Ahoy! I am excited to be starting my third season at the club this summer. I am finishing up my sophomore year at the University of Hartford studying music management and playing the french horn. When I'm not in the classroom I compete on the cross country and track teams, you may even see me running around South Burlington. Besides running and music, I enjoy playing basketball, hiking, skiing and being out on the water. I can't wait for the season to start!



Parker Main



Will Moody

Hi everyone! I could not be more excited to return to LCYC again this summer as a Steward. During the off-season I have been completing my Junior year at UVM where I am studying Political Science, Economics and Geography. I have also been interning with two local financial firms. With just a few weeks left in the spring semester I am excited to be breaking away from classes and to get back out on the water. I look forward to seeing everyone back out under the sun for another season at LCYC!

Jr. Sailing Instructors



Emma Hawko returns to the Junior Sailing staff for her fourth year as an instructor and second year as Head Instructor. Emma grew up in Shelburne and has participated in the LCYC Junior Sailing program since she was 10 years old. She grew up racing with the Vermont high school sailing team and is a regular Etchells and Lightning crew at LCYC and MBBC. This spring Emma will be competing at Lightning Worlds and was awarded a boat grant from the International Lightning Class. Emma just finished her junior year at McGill University where she studies International Development and History. She has continued to race at McGill; helping lead the team to another national title and is now the captain of the team. She is excited to continue teaching sailing this summer!

Leigh Kerbaugh joins the Junior Sailing staff this year. Leigh is from Williston and will be graduating from CVU and heading to the College of the Holy Cross this fall. Leigh grew up at LCYC, sailing on Magic and most recently on Stella, a full on cruising boat. She loves sailing, and spending summer days around LCYC. Some of Leigh's other interests include sailing and rowing. She has very fond memories of Junior Sailing camps when she was younger and she can't wait to be back at the camp as an instructor this time.



Brendan Hawko joins the Junior Sailing staff for his first year as an instructor. Brendan grew up in Shelburne and has participated in the LCYC Junior Sailing program for the past eight years. He races with the Vermont high school sailing team and is a regular Etchells crew at LCYC. He has traveled the Northeast to participate in Etchells Nationals and Canadian Nationals. During the winter Brendan is an avid skier and spends lots of time in the backcountry. He is certified in Wilderness First Aid and aspires to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in the next year. Brendan just completed his sophomore year at Champlain Valley Union High School and is very excited to teach sailing this summer!



Nate Hanson lives in Shelburne and has been part of the jr sailing program Nathan Hanson for 8 years. This is his first year as an instructor. In addition to racing with LCYC, Nathan also sails with the Vermont high school sailing team and crews for the Etchells class at LCYC. He has also participated in the Mayor's Cup regatta and J24 nationals. Nathan enjoys skiing and snowmobiling and playing lacrosse. He will be a junior at CVU and is excited to spend his summer sailing.

Club Custodian



Randy Mushtare has been our dedicated Custodian since 2016 and some say that no one knows the clubhouse quite as well as he does. In the off-season, Randy is the Day Custodian at Shelburne Community School. When he's not working, he loves bowling, traveling, and spending time with his three children and six grandchildren.





Around the Club



From the Weather Mark.

By Bob Turnau, Regatta Chair

This year the club will be instituting the requirement that all sailors participating in any and all LCYC races (Etchells, Wednesday Nights, Single-handed, or Weekend races) must sign a liability waiver. Forms will be available at work day, and after work-day will be available in the steward's office, or can be downloaded from the web. Please make sure that you get the completed waiver forms in to me before starting the racing season.

Some sage advice from John Harris regarding the Bots (autonomous race marks:

Some considerations:

- Offset marks. Exercise extra caution when approaching and exiting the windward mark, as we will no longer be setting an offset mark.
- Permanent marks C, E, S, W and B. We are keeping P and A marks for now.
- The new bots eliminate most of the anchored drop marks and the need for mark boats
- Bots are not “self aware”. They simply go from point A to point B. If you encounter one when it’s moving, please keep clear of it.
- Bots are inflatable. Hitting one will be no different than hitting a drop mark (without an anchor line in which to become entangled) and much better than hitting a permanent mark.
- Bots will make a beeline to return their assigned waypoint when hit and moved off station. Please keep that in mind.
- When sailing courses where permanent marks have been eliminated a bot will be used in its place. Weekend course descriptions still use the permanent mark designations and locations.
- Another exciting (and long overdue) change this season is moving the start from P to south of Rock Dunder for some of the S and SW wind broad lake race courses. No more starting in the squirrely winds near Shelburne Point, where too many race outcomes are decided in the first 5-10 minutes. Look at the chart and familiarize yourself with the waters surrounding Rock Dunder.
- As always, make sure you carefully read the NOR’s and SI’s and course documents before you head to the race course.

Fair winds....

Scuttlebutt (Editor's notes)



When I heard that the Club was tearing down the two storage sheds on the edge of the property my first thought was of that old saw that is probably applicable to almost any organization you might belong: how many LCYC members does it take to change a light bulb. Three. One to change the bulb and two to talk about how great the old one was.

I ~~have~~ had a special relationship with those sheds. My daughter called them the "Tony Lamb memorial sheds." In fact I was the one who purchased the two sheds for the club in 1985 for \$65 a piece at Grossman's (a Home Depot before there was a Home Depot.)

I was serving on the Board of Governors at the time and the two biggest complaints of the members were 1. members taking other members dinghies to row out to their boats (and the pressure for more dinghy space and 2. the mess the Jr. Sailors were making leaving their gear all over the club house.

The Board thought that if they could just address those two issues complaining would drop off to almost nothing. (You can anyone who has served on the Board since to see how that worked out.)

The solution worked out for the dinghy problems was to purchase the three club dinghy's' you see on the dock today.

The solution to the second problem was to turn over the old Butler Building, which stood where the Jr. Sailing building is now, to the Jr. Sailors as a club house where they could keep their gear. The problem was what to do with all of the dock, mooring field and house and ground stuff that was stored in that building.

The answer was to build the two sheds joined together. The extended roof and fuel storage tank was added a few years later. (Up until that time the stewards would have to bring fuel in jerry cans for the boats. Story best forgotten.)

The sheds were precut kits that we had to assemble. I don't remember everyone that worked on them but I do remember Mike Lynch using his Seebee training to get us going. While we did not get a lot of help, in true LCYC fashion we did get a lot of advice. Particularly about applying the shingles.

Being a visual learner I would ask if they would show me. In true LCYC fashion they were more than willing to demonstrate the recommended technique. I would always ask them to do one or two more so I could be sure that I had it. Then they would leave.

Fortunately, almost immediately another member would suggest how it should be done. Again I would ask for a demonstration of a few to be sure that I understood. And again most willingly they would show us.

It is a little surprising how relatively few demonstrations it took to complete the roof!

Just think if the Board had waited another three years those sheds would have lasted forty

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years and we really would have gotten our monies worth.

Peace,
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