



the Binnacle

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Commodore's Corner



By Walt N. Marti, Commodore
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Let's Go Boating...

By the time you read this, we will be ready for our May 22nd opening!

- The moorings and docks are all in
- The grounds are neat and tidy
- The house and bathrooms are good to go
- The cupola project is complete
- The club boats are all afloat
- The Junior Sailing program is ready
- The staff (Stewards, Sailing Instructors, Grounds, House) are all set (our goal is to have 100% of the staff fully vaccinated by Memorial Day)

Over 120 Members have collectively contributed to this effort. A BIG thank you to all who have assisted and to the Board of Governors for their leadership. If you haven't had the time or opportunity to help out yet, please contact a Committee Chair (or me), and we will easily find a task for you.

We will open this year under the new State/CDC guidelines as of May 14th. If you are fully vaccinated (two weeks post final shot), you can enjoy all aspects of LCYC mask free. If you are not fully vaccinated, masks are required when you can't properly distance (docks, launches, bathrooms, etc.) Of course, we fully support the choice of those fully vaccinated to still wear a mask.

The Social Committee is busy planning for 2021. We are going to "walk before we run" with a BYO social on June 12. Come July, we will be able to ramp up our Burger Burns and all the other fun LCYC traditions (Commodore's Potluck, Macdonough Breakfast, Corn Roast, etc.) – stay tuned.

Again - Save the Date – June 12th – weather permitting, we plan to host a "safe" Welcome Back social.

Keep reading - inside this edition of The Binnacle, you will discover:

- Introductions to more new members
- The launch service start date and hours
- The "current state" of using the house/kitchen/grills
- All about the Junior Sailing program for this summer
- Important mooring and dock reminders
- Updates for all cruisers and racers
- Where NOT to park

Aimee and I look forward to seeing you at LCYC and out on the water...

New Members

Lindsay Bolger and Alec Brecher

Hello! We're delighted to join the LCYC community and look forward to meeting you.

By way of introduction, Alec's love for sailing began as a teenager in Panama, where he plied tropical waters on a Hobie 16' and played castaway among the Pearl Islands. Lindsey was initiated when the two met in college in Washington state and Alec strapped her into the trapeze of his 470. Our relationship launched, we explored north-western waters, cruising Puget Sound, the Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound and venturing offshore to the Queen Charlottes. After moving to the Stowe/Waterbury area with our son Stefan in 2001, sailing was limited to bareboating around the Caribbean, Mediterranean, British Columbia and the Maine coast, with deliveries (Alec) to and from Bermuda, and beyond. Meanwhile, we explored other outdoor pursuits such as mountain biking, hiking and back-country skiing.

After more than 20 years cruising and racing (again, Alec) on other people's boats, we found "Red Leaf" in Toronto late last summer and had her trucked to Shelburne (which explains her name and giant maple leaf on her spinnaker). We enjoyed some lovely overnight expeditions and made our racing debut in the "Hot Ruddered Bum" before hauling out for the winter. We're so looking forward to continuing our exploration of Lake Champlain and getting to know our local sailing community!

Lindsey and Alec



The Cupola Project.



Tom Glynn
Overseeing Project



Club House with new cupola!

LCYC COVID Task Force Update.

Update from the LCYC COVID Task Force

The LCYC COVID-19 Task Force has prepared the 2021 LCYC COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan (Plan). It has been posted to the LCYC website for your reference. The Plan reflects the latest COVID-19 update from the State of Vermont.

Safety of the members, guests and our staff is our #1 priority. As much as we would all like to put the pandemic entirely behind us, we are not quite there. We strongly encourage all members to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Following the State of Vermont Guidelines, we will ask all members, guests, and our staff to abide by the following general guidelines:

- Masks and social distancing are no longer required if you are vaccinated. Unvaccinated members and guests must wear masks when social distancing is not possible, including at all times when in the house, bathrooms, docks, and when using the launches.
- The kitchen will be open. Please clean all surfaces before and after use.
- The gas and charcoal grills are available. Please clean all surfaces before and after use, and use your own utensils.
- The Junior Sailing program will operate with limited group sizes.
- Races will proceed as scheduled.
- Social events are presently under consideration.

The Plan will be updated and reissued as the restrictions from the State of Vermont change. We look forward to a great summer and your support in making LCYC a comfortable place to be for all ages and medical conditions.

LCYC COVID-19 Task Force members:

Gerry Davis, MD
Ben Durant
Matt Fisher, MD
Bill Kallock
Walt Marti
Gunnar Sievert

Dave Powlison and Todd Wulfson
take the first sail of the season.
Tris Coffin, Photo



Launching the Docks.

Mike Kerbaugh, Photos



Putting in the brow with Pierre's crane.



Glynn Findholdt and Sherm White: the last vestiges of old school?

Lessons from a Yacht and Small Craft Surveying Course.

By Doug Merrill

I learned that LCYC Member Chris Hathaway found a way to break up the quarantine period this winter by attending a six week long Yacht & Small Craft surveying course at the Chapman School of Seamanship in Stuart, Florida. I thought this sounded pretty interesting, so I asked Chris a few questions about the experience and to share anything that he learned that may be useful to all of our members.

Doug: Six weeks is a long time, what did you cover?

Chris: The syllabus was pretty comprehensive - six weeks was barely adequate. There were lectures on the usual nuts and bolts stuff like fiberglass layup and materials, electrical, propulsion, and rigging, but also on related components of the industry. One of my favorite lectures was from a maritime lawyer -really fascinating stuff about the business and maritime law in general.

One of the best things about this facility is the ability to walk out the classroom door with the instructor and immediately go aboard and investigate the fifty yachts they have on the hard and in the water. I spent as much if not more time crawling around the bilges of that fleet than in the classroom. They even had some hulls that were cut in half, or had the transoms cut off so you could get a really great look at the construction of the boats and the installation of their systems.

Doug: Did most of the material confirm what you already knew, or did some of it surprise you?

Chris: I have to say that I was most surprised at what a deep subject corrosion is: electrolytic vs. galvanic, the role of AC and DC systems, etc. One of the most widely held misconceptions is that electrolytic corrosion is caused by "leaking" AC dockside power. In theory AC current can cause corrosion but in reality it would happen at an inconsequential rate. Destructive corrosion is almost always facilitated by a DC source, although it can piggyback on the grounding wire of an AC circuit. As the instructors liked to say, "DC kills boats, AC kills people".

Another thing that I was surprised to learn was that there are no standards for sailboat rigging other than those from the individual manufacturers. We spent a couple of days inspecting rigging and learning how to perform deck-level examinations, but it is always recommended to hire a service provider who is a professional rigger (and who is a dealer of the specific brand of rigging on the boat) to go aloft for a comprehensive rigging inspection.

Doug: Is there anything you learned that you believe most boat owners (including our membership) should be aware of?

Chris: There are some really simple things that are often overlooked (even on newer boats) that can be easily and inexpensively corrected to add immeasurable safety.

1. Having your batteries properly fused (at the battery not just the panel),
2. Checking the resistance in the grounding wire to your fuel fills.
3. Performing a simple pressure test that will reveal propane leaks.

If you don't already own Nigel Caulder's Mechanical and Electrical book, it's a great investment. He is very highly regarded at Chapman, and is a consultant to the ABYC.

Sounds like a lot to learn, thanks for sharing your thoughts with us Chris!



Graduation from class. Chris is fourth from the left.

Stewards

By John Stetson, Stewards' Chair
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I have great expectations for our 2021 stewards! All are returning from last year. They will be led by Jack Main, assisted by Andrew Slauterbeck and Will Moody. Ethan Behr, Gabby Torrens-Sperry, Grace Slauterbeck and Parker Main round out the roster. As you will see from their bios and photos, all have had an interesting year in their college careers. They are excited to be back!

Launch service is scheduled to commence on Saturday May 22nd. We will plan to operate from 0900h to 2100h on weekdays and from 0800h to 2100h on weekends and holidays.

The stewards will maintain a log for contact tracing purposes, if needed. Please stop by the office as you come to the Club and sign-in. Only one person needs to sign-in for each party.

In keeping with the LCYC COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan, we expect to open with a limitation of 4 passengers per launch, unless all going to the same boat in which case the limit is 6. To start the season, face coverings will be required in the launch. The stewards will be wiping down the launch "handle", but we ask that you use the hand sanitizer before loading. While waiting for the launch, please maintain the recommended social distance of six feet. As was done last year, the stewards will also be wiping down frequently contacted, hard surfaces around the Club each day.

Please do your part to keep the Club safe for members and guests by following the guidelines. Enforcement is not the stewards' responsibility. We all look forward to the restrictions being eased during the summer.

Will Moody:

Hi everyone! I can't wait to get back to LCYC this season. With just a few weeks left in the school year I'm excited to be breaking away from online classes and get back out on the water. With any luck we'll be saying goodbye to online classes for good, as UVM plans to return to in-person classes in the fall. In any case, I hope to see everyone back out under the sun for another season at LCYC!



Parker Main:

I am excited to be starting my second season at the club this summer. I just finished my freshman year at the University of Hartford as an exploratory major. I joined the cross country and track team as well and hope to compete in my second year. This spring I auditioned into the music school at Hartford and hope to continue my education as a music management major. I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Jack Main:

Ahoy! This is Jack Main checking in for my 5th(!) season as a steward and my second as the head steward. Time has flown by as I prepare for my senior year of college... I have been enjoying majoring in journalism, along with covering all Quinnipiac athletics for the past three years, as I prepare to launch my career in the TV and radio industry. Catch me on the hiking trails, mountain biking, skiing, or playing ball



Grace Slauterbeck:

Hi! I am back for my second summer at LCYC and am very excited to be returning! I am currently majoring in political science and minoring in philosophy at The University of Vermont and will be a senior next year. I am still on a pre-law track and will be studying for the LSAT this summer! I love being outdoors and playing with my dogs. I also started skiing again this winter after having stopped for seven years! I had a blast and plan on skiing again next winter! However, I am glad that winter is over, and summer is around the corner! I look forward to seeing all of you this summer and getting out on the water!



Gabby Torrens-Sperry:

Hello! My name is Gabby Torrens-Sperry and I am a returning steward. I will be a sophomore at the University of Vermont studying criminology this Fall. This past year I have been doing lots of cooking, baking, listening to music, and spending time outside. I would say I can cook or bake almost anything! I grew up in Shelburne and can't wait to spend another beautiful summer here. I am looking forward to being on the lake with all of you!

Ethan Behr:

Hello! My name is Ethan Behr, and I am a second-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, you name it! I've also played jazz piano in several groups. I'm looking forward to studying physics and music at Boston College this fall. See you on the water!



Andrew Slauterbeck:

Hello! My name is Andrew Slauterbeck, and this is my third year working as a steward here at LCYC. I will be a Senior at UVM this coming fall. I am a Health Science major in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and will be prepping for the MCATs this summer. I am really looking forward to spending a lot of time outside hiking, swimming, and working here!



Around the Club



House Projects

By Ben Durant, Chair, House
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- **House Work-Day** May 15, at 0900 hours: This applies to all members, if you haven't committed to contribute to a work-day this year, you now have a great opportunity to join us! Our beloved clubhouse is very much in need of your good service this year. With COVID being what it was, the building was well sanitized, but not loved in the normal way and it's showing a few extra cobwebs this year. Click here to RSVP – or call Ben Durant 802.355.6688. Even if you cannot join us on the 15th, we have a few independent projects that can fulfill your volunteer requirement to the club on your own time.
- **Clubhouse Opening Day:** The clubhouse opens for general use officially on Saturday, May 22nd. Please see the note below from Tom Glynn regarding the Cupola Project. While the clubhouse is under construction, we ask that members stay clear of the ongoing project. The accessible bathroom is available as of May 1st, but the Men's and Ladies' room remain closed until opening day.
- **Clubhouse & COVID 19** – The clubhouse continues to be impacted by COVID 19 and policies are changing rapidly. Please see the Update from the LCYC COVID Task Force posted at the club or at LCYC.info for the latest information.
- **The Cupola Project:** After weeks of planning and preparation, our old cupola skylight was lifted off of the clubhouse on Friday, May 5 and a new glass and metal replacement was installed. The old wooden louvers including the surrounding wood trim are being replaced with new louvers and synthetic wood trim. With the skylight in place, final trim and painting of the interior will be done and the scaffolding will be removed. With the completion of this project, the club will have a functional cupola that will not leak or let in wind driven snow or rain and there will no longer be a need to install the canvas covers on the louvers every fall. This has been a complex project that will eliminate the leaks and maintenance that the club has managed for many years. Member Tom Glynn has lead the effort to design the new cupola and oversee its installation, please give him a big "thank you" the next time you see him.



Adam Dantzcher sprucing up the grounds.
Doug Merrill, photo

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Grounds



By *Wes Daum, Grounds Chair*
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If you haven't stopped by the club house yet this spring the daffodils are putting on a bright display and the magnolia trees are also in bloom.

There are new LCYC signs on Harbor Rd. (made by the groundskeeper) and the sign on the driveway has been cleaned and repaired.

With the help of Mike Lynch new hose reels have been installed. Adam Dantzcher hauled in 2 yards of mulch for work day and brought his leaf blower, tree trimmer and other tools which made things much easier.

Work day saw 24 people working the grounds raking and hauling a LOT of mulch. They were: Adam Dantzcher, Bob Platt, Thea Platt, Betsy Weaver, Caroline Weaver, Betty Reuter, Chris Von Trapp, Ann Clarke, John Kwiatkowski, Jeff Blasius, Robin La Rue, Don Dempsey, Paul Boerman, Gunner Sievert, Lindsey Bloger, Randee Bloomberg, Hilary Besse, Alec Brecher, Larry Robinson, Larry's brother Richard Robinson, Lois Lynch, Nancy Bolt, Lynnea Rosner And Beth Thorpe.

Considering our recent weather (snow) we'll wait on the flowers for a while. There are plans afoot to protect the trees on the lawn.

As usual DON'T PARK ON THE LAWN, unless there are no parking spots on the graveled parking areas and keep dogs on a leash. There are plenty of doggie poop bags on the post by the steps to the lake. So there should be no reason to see any surprises in the lawns. Hope to see you at the club soon.





From the Weather Mark

By Bob Turnau, Regatta Chair
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Hi Racers,

As you may recall, US Sailing recently promulgated changes to the racing rules. The Regatta Committee has been hard at work addressing these changes especially those that regard safety considerations. As a result, there will be several new provisions that will be incorporated into our Notice of Races (NoRs) and Sailing Instructions (SIs). Please review these provisions carefully.

First new section is "Safety regulations", which will be in the SI's only. 19.1 codifies in our SI's what has been a standard practice for years. 19.2 and 19.3 address PFD usage. 19.4 addresses max wind speed for starting races.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 *A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.*
- 19.2 *Any time while racing and wind speeds exceed 20 knots all crew members are required to wear a personal flotation device while on deck.*
- 19.3 *Any time while racing and conditions merit all crew members are strongly advised to wear a personal flotation device while on deck. Conditions to be considered include but are not limited to crew position, MOB risk, the wearing of foul weather gear, water temperature, air temperature, sea state, wind speed and physical ability.*
- 19.4 *No race will be started when sustained winds are in excess of 25 knots.*

The second and third new sections are "Risk Statement" and "Insurance". These will be in both the NoR's and SI's. In the previous (2017-2020) Racing Rules these items were only recommended for use in world and continental championships and other major regattas. The new guidelines recommend putting these in all NoR's and SI's. The wording is verbatim as recommended by World Sailing in their latest NoR and SI guidelines.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 *RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.*

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 *Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.*

Note, the safety regulations, risk statement, and insurance requirements apply to all boats participating in LCYC sponsored big boat race events. We will issue SIs for the single-handed fleet in May.

Additionally, because of changing fleet demographics, the Regatta Committee has assessed class splits for this season's racing.

Class splits in affect for this season are as follows:

- Jib and Main A (PHRF < 159)
- Jib and Main B (PHRF ≥ 159)
- Spinnaker A (PHRF < 093)
- Spinnaker B (PHRF 93 - 126)
- Spinnaker C (PHRF > 126)

Also don't forget that the first Wednesday night race is May 26th, and the Tea Kettle race is May 29th.

Note that we will be returning to the normal 5-minute starting sequence this season. In addition, the starting sequence will now include a 1-minute gap between the prior start and the warning for the next start. This is different from prior seasons where the start for a class would be the warning signal for the next. The new sequence will be used for both Wednesday night and Weekend races.

So, the season is almost upon us and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out on the racecourse.

If you have questions about the changes outlined above, please give me a call to discuss.

Harbor Update



By Bob Finn, Harbormaster
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Spring is here and with it the promise of another great season on Lake Champlain. To enable LCYC members to realize that promise, Pierre is commissioning all 155 moorings with owner's pennants fitted to their balls, helping install docks, and clearing the south end for its beautification project which will involve the bank, structures, and dry sail parking.

Harbor moorings are planned to be ready for use by May 15. Looking ahead, members should think carefully about the condition of their pennants, make sure chafe gear is secured at wear points, and have the ability to shorten scope as the lake goes down. Also, we ask that all members ensure that their float ball has a visible mooring number. This will help guide members and launch drivers to the correct mooring.

Thanks to strong interest in new membership, our mooring wait list has grown to 17. While thoughtful members have enabled us to accommodate many on the list with seasonal loaners, there are several who will need to find accommodations elsewhere or not be able to launch this season. So, if your plans have changed and your mooring could be used by another, we will gladly try to line up an occupant which would enable us to refund your \$200 fee.

For those unaware, we have live webcams that allows members to view the north and south mooring fields and conditions on the Bay. Access is through the Club page and **Cameras**, click on this [link](#).

With spring in the air, it's time to prepare our boats and house yards (in order of priority) so we can make the most of another delightful season on the water.

Docks Update



By Mike Kerbaugh
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LCYC Docks have been valued (replacement costs) at over \$250K, making our docks one of our most important assets. But docks are a lot of work! LCYC Volunteers have really stepped up this Spring. We've run two very successful workdays already with 24 different volunteers. We had another 15 different volunteers queued up for the dock installation on May 8. We have replaced water filled floats, a lot of rotten decking, and addressed a number of maintenance issues. This outstanding support, effort, and real results are fantastic, and Indicative of the club spirit we can all be proud of. Thank You Docks Team members ... Job Well Done! There are still a few jobs that need to be addressed, so please reach out to Michael if you are able to help.



These pictures show two different teams re-decking LCYC docks on April 10th and 24th, 2021. Teamwork goes a long way! Excellent volunteer turn out and real improvements on docks!

Dinghy's

We will stick to the dinghy assignments posted at the club for the 2021 season, for dinghy's 12 foot or less in length and motors 15HP or less. Please let Michael Kerbaugh know if you are not planning to use your dinghy slot this summer, or if you need a dinghy slot assigned.

Adopt a Pedestal

Pedestals are the small white towers on the docks that provide the water and power so important to boaters like you. They are often left out, not included in all of the summer fun, the great times, the lifetimes of memories, the joy of summer on Lake Champlain. Now you can adopt your very own pedestal! Just think of the Pride, the Joy, the Shared Experience of summer joy you and your pedestal can have. Adopting a pedestal will bring years of happiness to you and your orphaned pedestal. You can clean the pedestal, rid it off pesky spiderwebs, buy your favorite hose, keep your pedestal in tip top shape, all without any sort of feedback, mouthing, or bad behavior. Think of the Pride you will have when others admire and appreciate your well maintained, awesome, working, well equipped pedestal. You can name your pedestal, and, best of all, at the end of the summer you can simply abandon your pedestal! Enabling a pedestal can mean so much to you, the pedestal, and the club. Please see Michael Kerbaugh to adopt your own pedestal for the summer!

General Dock Guidelines

Docks are a shared asset of LCYC and provide a great opportunity and addition to the LCYC boating experience. Please be mindful of others when you use LCYC docks, and follow all of the club rules, including safe distance and masks rules. LCYC docks are there for your use, but this privilege comes with a few strings attached. You may not leave your boat unattended for extended periods of time (a few hours is considered an extended period of time), and absolutely not unattended overnight. You may not tie up to the docks if the breeze is over 10mph, especially out of the North or North East. If the breeze comes up while you are on the docks, you must move off, at any hour. You cannot use your grill when on the docks; use the club grills on shore. And finally, there is absolutely no swimming permitted off the Main Docks, as we have AC power running on the docks and a malfunction on a member's boat could result in hazardous electrical currents in the water next to the dock. You can swim off of the Junior Sailing dock. Please be mindful of other club members when on the docks.

Cruising Update



By Gunnar Sievert, Cruising Chair
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Mother Nature rewarded us for surviving a tough winter with warm March weather, more suitable for picnicking than skiing, and many in our cruising community took the opportunity to uncover their boats. While April's snow was sobering, spring has returned, LCYC is opening, our boats will soon be in the water, and a full cruising and racing season will be before us.

Last year, LCYC cruisers enjoyed a number of excursions out on the lake, notwithstanding the pandemic and the attendant restrictions, but our club-side gatherings were not feasible. Thankfully, this season looks to unfold in a more promising way.

LCYC as a whole will begin this year with most of the added precautions of last summer still in place, most notably with respect to mask-wearing when social distancing is not possible. However, much progress has been made in Vermont with vaccination proceeding at a brisk pace and the governor is now looking at the 4th of July as a point where we can contemplate a normal existence again. We (the Covid subcommittee of the Board of Governors) will be monitoring our progress and as conditions allow, we will be "turning the spigot" and easing up on restrictions, consistent with Gov. Scott's and the CDC's policies.

What does that mean for us cruisers? Our cruising season kicks off in June, and consistent with our pre-Covid tradition, we will be able to gather at the club the prior evening for dinner. However, initially we will be sitting outdoors at socially distanced picnic tables and social distancing at these tables – one pod at each end. Moreover, we will be eating our own food – not the traditional potluck sharing of dishes. Let's hope that these modifications on the original blueprint are temporary and that we will soon be able to go back to our traditional potluck style dinners with the opportunity to sample each other's cooking and our grills sizzling with Costco burgers and dogs!

Our first dinner will be on Friday the 18th of June followed by the Father's Day cruise that Saturday and Sunday. The following week we will hold a dinner at the club on Friday the 25th of June followed by our June-July cruise to northern parts of the lake, returning on the 3rd of July in time for the fireworks. Check out the Calendar on the LCYC web site and also watch for updates on the Bulletin Board and the Cruiser e-mail listserve.

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Social Update



By Heidi K. Lessard, Rear Commodore, Social Chair

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Daffodils are popping in full bloom around the clubhouse, the smell of fresh cut grass fills the air and familiar faces (or should I say eyes) are starting to make their appearance. As we make our way back; new members (Welcome!!), boating-families, and kindred spirits alike, please extend a kind gesture to one another as we transition into a new season and settle our boats

back into the harbor.

Enjoyable and thoughtful happenings around the club, fresh food and the making of fond lake memories are just around the corner. The Social committee is working hard behind the scenes to create structure within ongoing, ambiguous times. We would like to personally thank you in advance for your support and patience with our crew this summer. We are just as excited as you are for the possibilities that await!

Love from one member to another,
Heidi Katherine Lessard

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Membership Update:



By Betty Dempsey, Membership/Secretary
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It's that time of year when membership applications begin to pick up as more of your neighbors decide to become members of our great club! Since we closed up last fall, we have accepted applications from:

- Theresa and Tim Anderson
- Tim McKegney
- Alec Brecher and Lindsey Bolger
- Doug and Dee Smith

We continue to receive applications and are excited to see new faces around the club!

A request of all members:

Did you sell your boat a decade ago and it's still listed in the log?

Are your children listed under your name and they now have children of their own?

Please take a look at your information in the last log or on the LCYC website and let me know of any updates. You may email changes to lcysecretary@gmail.com. Note that the logs will be available for opening day and will be under the awning next to the Stewards' office each day.

Junior Sailing



By Bill Kallock, Junior Sailing Programs Chair
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The Junior Sailing program is gearing up for the summer. For 8 weeks this summer, June 16 – August 6th, we will run a smaller program with reduced class sizes to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines. We have already filled 86% of spots for the summer and have started a waiting list for some sessions. To sign up for the few remaining spots go to the Junior Sailing page on the LCYC website, <https://lcyc.info/junior-sailing/registration>.

Many LCYC members have been busy behind the scenes getting things ready. Elizabeth Langfeldt helped drum up demand for the program with advertising in the local papers and on Front Porch Forum. Amy Knight has been putting together the new t-shirt design and getting the order ready. Emily Kallock has been helping me beat the bushes for instructors. We have assembled a crew of Kevin Hawko, John Bootle, Doug Merrill and John Hill to get the boats out and cleaned up on May 16th.

Two junior regattas are tentatively scheduled for this summer, but will depend on the State of Vermont COVID-19 guidelines. LCYC is scheduled to host the Champ Chase regatta July 15-16 with sailors expected from LCYC, the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, Northern Lake George Yacht Club, The Lake George Club and the Saratoga Yacht Club. The

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following week, we will travel to the Lake George Club for this year's Cheeseburger Regatta on July 23-24. We will be running Tuesday evening junior race clinics that will begin on June 22 and run throughout the summer from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

We are still in need of 2 more Junior Sailing instructors. If you know of an 18-year-old, or older (could be a great diversion for a retiree) sailor that is looking for a fun, outdoor, community building experience for the summer, please have them submit an application for the LCYC Junior Sailing Program. Applications and detailed information can be found on the LCYC Junior Sailing webpage: <https://lcyg.info/junior-sailing/jobs>.

Scuttlebutt (Editor's notes)



Mike Kerbaugh and the other Committee Chairs deserve a lot of credit for involving so many of the club members in the reopening of the club and using innovative techniques to get things done.

Members too deserve recognition for their willingness to step up during the strange times we live in.

That said, having been a member for just over 40 years, (for those trying to do the math, I joined the club on my tenth birthday), I would like to put a word in for the good old days. Back then, we did not have fork lifts and slings (or safety committees), we just had strong backs. It was always something to see twenty or so club members gather around a dock and lift it off the ground, move it over and set it down on a trailer. This was an egalitarian effort. As a lawyer one of my favorite memories was working alongside Federal Judge Fred Parker as we lifted and moved the docks. (I think I did that once and then realized that being on the waterfront was easier.) Fred was an avid sailor and racer. He had a picture in his chambers of his boat broaching the wrong way with the main vanged down. He never missed a workday doing docks.

The docks were made with unlined Styrofoam with wire mesh to hold them together and keep the muskrats out. Regularly the muskrats won and built nests in the docks over the summer.

It was always quite exciting in the spring when the trailer would start up the ramp with a dock and a muskrat family would come tumbling out of the back, scurrying every which way sending all the members in the area scurrying for safe havens..

Looking back, sometimes things are best left as memories. We have made progress.

I was part of the LCYC 100th anniversary celebration committee. I must confess that I have always had trouble keeping track of the order of the three club houses that we had on the Burlington waterfront from 1888 to 1936. The images of the first and the third are easy for me to confuse.

Recently, an artist friend of mine, Ernie Haas, asked me to date a picture of one on the club houses he wanted to paint. Ernie is a prolific painter of historical Lake Champlain. You will see many of his paintings at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at Basin Harbor and as illustrations in many of their books.

Thank goodness for the internet. So much history, including photos, has been placed on websites that you can check and double check the accuracy of what you find. I thought that I would share what I found and Ernie's paintings with you.

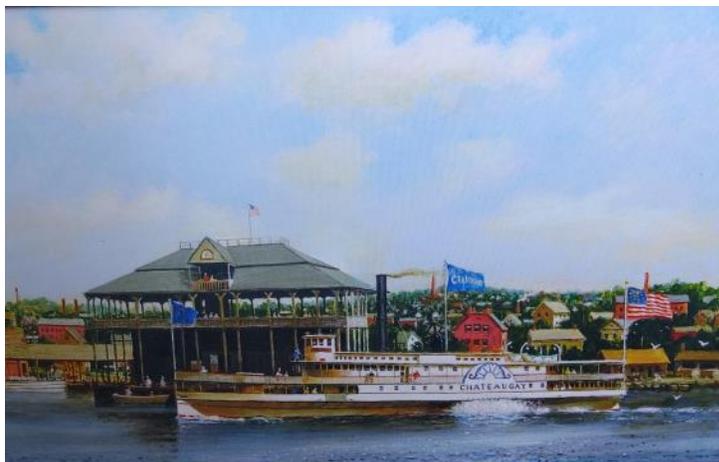
There were three club houses on the water front. The first from 1888 to 1901 when it

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burned. This is Ernie's painting of it. There is some written descriptions suggest that the upper floor could have been opened to the outside as shown. There is also some photographic support for this. In any case, I suggested to Ernie this was perhaps artistic liberty. Respecting my elders, Ernie is 93, I will not repeat his reply.



The second building was smaller and was in place from 1902 to 1911, when it burned. It is the building represented in this local post card.



The third clubhouse was in place from 1913 to 1936, when it the pilings damaged by ice caused the building to collapse into the bay..

You can tell the club houses apart by the dormer like structure in the middle of the roof of the older building.

1936 was an important year because the collapse of that club house led to the founding of

the Mallets Bay Boat Club. Although they have since softened their history, at the time of the celebration of their 50th anniversary in 1986 their log still read to the effect that “the original members were sick and tired of the “highfalutin’ social atmosphere” at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club.”

As Commodore of LCYC at the time, I was asked to convey congratulations from LCYC on their 50th. Being me, I felt compelled to point out that the recollections of folks that were around at their founding, including Robert Thompson, a real gentleman and a member of both clubs, were a bit different. Those recollections included unpaid bar bills by those who left and a history of hard partying that resulted in the burning of two club houses and the collapse of a third.

As evidence of who was responsible I pointed out that when it came time to build new club houses, we built ours of wood and they chose concrete-and ours had not burned down even once since they left.

Peace,
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