



the Binnacle

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LCYC Annual Boat Tour

6:30pm - Friday, July 19

Ever thought "Gee I would like to go aboard that boat some day"? Well, here's your chance - the annual LCYC Boat Tour.

You are invited to tour new/unique/classic boats both power and sail while enjoying an evening of light refreshments and good conversation. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new and old members.

Hosted by our Junior Sailors who will display their new chase boat and look cute.

There is no charge for the tour but a contribution to the Jr. Sailing fund will not be refused - the club will have light refreshments but feel free to BYOB for adult beverages.

Come for a festive fun evening - meet new members - see cool boats.

Questions? Call Steve Landau 985-3742



Defective Inflatable Replaced

By Fritz Horton, Commodore

As you may know, last year LCYC purchased a new 14 ft "Caribe" RIB (Reinforced Inflatable Boat) for the Sailing Instruction Program. You probably do not know that we had problems with the package from day one. This year, we resolved to do something about it. In June, we returned it to the seller, Defender Marine of Waterford, CT.

Defender found the Caribe had a split hull-deck joint and was dumping about 2 gal / hour into the inner hull when underway. This was a problem they had seen on "umpteens" Caribes in the past and was one reason they don't carry Caribe anymore. The problem is definitely a manufacturer's defect and not something LCYC did to the boat.

To be brief, after developing and weighing several options, those Board members concerned with the issue opted to swap of the Caribe for a new 16' Bombard "Explorer FB 485 RIB inflatable with a 40 hp Yamaha 4-stroke engine and new, trailer (the Caribe trailer was too small for the Bombard).

In the photo at left, you'll notice a few critical features that sold us on this option:

- The boat is almost two ft longer than the Caribe.
- The boat has a lot more space in front of the console and more room beside it.
- The boat has generous storage under the floor, but little else is hidden from view.
- The boat is more of a true "workboat" than the Caribe, welcome and necessary requirement for its use as a Club-owned boat. It doesn't have several of the superficial bells and whistles the Caribe had, a few of which we can install ourselves if need be (bilge pump and lights come to mind).
- It will cost us less than \$1,000 more than the Caribe's purchase price, which was fully applied to the difference.

Best of all, since I was the one facing another 10-hour day for the trip to/from Waterford, CT, Bob Schumacher was in the area, picked up the boat and brought it to the Club last weekend. Ernie Reuter has installed a protective canvas tank cover to add to the life of the inflated tanks.

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Binnacle articles wanted!

News, observations, book reviews, sailing tips, humor welcome! Send your articles, photos, letters to the editor, etc., to

Regatta Committee

by Dave Powlison — Regatta Chair

The big news for July is that one of the top sailors in the world is coming to LCYC—Ed Baird (see flyer inside the paper version of this issue of *The Binnacle*). He'll be here on Monday, July 22, with an evening program that will provide entertainment for racers and cruisers alike (even power boaters, too), as he talks about his experiences in the America's Cup and a number of other top sailing competitions. This is a rare opportunity for you to meet him. Bring your crews, too.

Ed will spend the day working with our advanced junior sailors on the water and off, providing an incredible chance for our young sailors to learn from one of the best. From 6-7 pm, he'll run a tactics & strategy seminar for the die-hard racers, and the centerpiece of his visit—a general program for all club members—will begin at 7:30 pm. There's a minimal flat-fee of \$10, which covers all the evening events. Come to one or both. There is no charge for our juniors.

We'd like to get a sense for how many will be attending the evening program(s), so if you are planning to attend, drop an email to Dave Powlison (powlison@attglobal.net).

Between no wind and the threat of severe thunderstorms, Wednesday night racing in June has been a challenge, with only two June Wednesday evening races completed. The Schuyler Island Race, sailed on the last Saturday in June, was also a long haul in light winds to Schuyler Island, where the race was shortened. The Saturday Etchells series was also sailed in light winds. Let's hope the wind returns for July. Look for complete June results on our club website: www.lcyc-vt.org

In an effort to get out from under the often squirrely winds coming off Allen Hill, "C" (Club) mark has been moved about 200 hundred yards to the north. If that location appears preferable to the old one, we'll leave it there the rest of the summer.

Jesse Kuehn, who is our paid help in running races, has a new title—"PRO" (Principal Race Officer). This title is consistent with what other clubs with paid race committees use and with the Rules of Racing. Most importantly, this designation establishes him as the primary person responsible for running the races, rather than as an assistant to whomever happens to be providing the committee boat on any given day.

Check your calendars. There's lots of great racing coming up.

2002 Logs at Clubhouse Now

The new and vastly improved LCYC Log is available at the Club for members to pick up. Please take only one copy per membership. Prior to its publication, the membership data was updated. No additional copies will be printed.

Rules Corner -- 4

by Dave Perry

"At the start--does a leeward boat have to give a windward boat room to pass inside the committee boat, if they are overlapped, as if the committee boat is a mark?"

When boats are on their final approach to start, rule 18 (Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions) does not apply (rule 18.1a), meaning that a leeward/outside boat does not have to give a windward/inside boat room to pass to leeward of the starting mark (say, a race committee boat). If W tries to squeeze between L and the mark and hits L or forces L to bear away to avoid a collision, W has broken rule 11 (On the Same Tack, Overlapped). This is what is called "barging."

This excerpt is from Dave Perry's Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing, available from US SAILING by calling 1-800-US-SAIL-1 or ordering on-line from www.ussailing.org



Commodore's Corner

by Fritz Horton, Commodore



BYOB from now on at Club events! The Board of Governors has been reviewing our policy regarding the serving of alcohol with our insurance agent and the Vermont Liquor Control Board. Until further notice, with the exception of the champagne toast at the Ladies Cup, and a similar toast at the Hot Ruddered Bum Regatta, you will have to Bring Your Own Booze to Club events.

LCYC's New Database Manager: Laurie Landau has offered her skills to set up and maintain a master database for LCYC. Need to change your information shown in the Log? (e-mail and/or home address, phone number, boat type or name, etc.) Send the updated info to Laurie Landau, ljlandau@adelphia.net.

Thanks to **Steve Landau, Dave Legrow and Dave Kelton** for their time and testimony at hearings in Burlington that resulted in harbor mooring fees being reduced to \$10 from a proposed \$25 per night.

Special thanks to **Bob Schumacher** for driving LCYC's new RIB to the club from Waterford, CT.

Board Position Open: Please let me know if you wish to join the Board of Governors in charge of Communications. Skills needed are those associated with public relations, marketing, newsletter writing. Contact me, and to discuss the possibilities at 802-985-8387.

If you have taken digital photos of sailing or club-related activities, please send them to the Club's Webmaster, Ernie Reuter (ernie@clothncanvas.com) with the names of who, if anyone is in the photo and a caption—hopefully humorous!

Grounds

by Charlie Van Winkle

First off many thanks to the **Anonymous Volunteer** who was sympathetic to the picnic table by the Butler building with the "PAINT ME PLEASE" sign on it. I left the table, the paint, the brush, a rag and the sign in a heap on top of the table on a Friday, and by Tuesday, sha-zam! A freshly-painted picnic table! (I'm going to try that trick on my house next.)

You may notice two of the tables are being held together with "Duct Tape." Be advised, this is a serious scientific experiment! In our efforts to find a replacement for pressure-treated lumber (which will no longer be sold after 2003), we are trying the duct tape approach. So far, the tables with the duct tape on them have outlasted all of the other tables.

I am looking for volunteers to help out with work on the club's grounds in a couple of areas. If you find yourself with no wind, nothing pressing to do on your boat, or would like to volunteer some time, give me a shout or drop me an e-mail, We have a few special needs areas for you outdoor types.

Now down to business:

- ◆ Please be cautious of the poison ivy, it is predominately near the swim dock steps, both sides of the main dock steps, and along the top of the bank, we taken recent measures to control spreading of the weed but do be careful not to come into contact with the leaves in these areas. If you do come in contact with the leaves, wash the area thoroughly with soap & water. Next year we are going to duct tape the plants in the ground before they sprout.
- ◆ As announced on Spring Workday, we are ascertaining that every dinghy on the south property line is owned by a club member. If you store a dinghy at the club, make sure your name and current mooring number are clearly marked on it. **Unmarked dinghies are scheduled to be auctioned off in the Fall...**
- ◆ **Dog owners:** club rules require that you keep your dog under control on the premises. As a courtesy to other members, we would also ask that you **clean up after your dog**. Check with the stewards for plastic bags, and, for the big jobs, the shovel in the shed!
- ◆ Please **don't store your empty boat trailer in the parking lot**. Aside from being against club rules, empty trailers take premium parking space, forcing overflow parking on the lawn. Parking conditions for the Schuyler Island Race on June 29th and Fourth of July were prime examples. If you made the mistake of leaving your trailer in the parking lot this week and you can't find it, it has been towed. The stewards will be able to tell you where you can find it.

As for the new stick, well, let's just say, we are gearing up for a good sailing in August... See you on the water, er... grounds!

Evening - 802-899-3890; vanwinkle@compuserve.com

First Aid Kit Onboard

By "The Yacht Docs"

Outfitting your boat in the spring should include creating or inventorying your onboard first aid kit, just as you check the sails, life preservers, rigging, batteries and engine.

Your first aid kit can be purchased already made up, or you can inexpensively create your own. Whichever you decide upon, the kit should be weather-resistant, easily stored, in a convenient and easily accessible location known to all on board, and appropriate for the type of boating you anticipate. You should consider the number and ages of people on board, for how long, and whether you will be racing or cruising and how long it might take you to get to medical help.

Your fleet surgeons placed small first aid kits in each of the launches. These could be duplicated for day sailing or short day motor excursions. The following contents were placed in a Rubbermaid or Tupperware-like container:

- ✓ Assorted band-aids
- ✓ Wound dressings—3"x3", 5"x7"
- ✓ Tape—non-allergenic
- ✓ Ace bandage—2" or 3"
- ✓ Pocket Mask—a small portable mask for CPR (available for \$12 from the Red Cross on Mansfield Ave.)
- ✓ Splint—3"x 8" (can be purchased)

You could easily add such things as antiseptic wipes, a waterproof foil blanket, sunscreen, motion sickness tablets, acetaminophen, tweezers, latex gloves, scissors, insect sting relief.

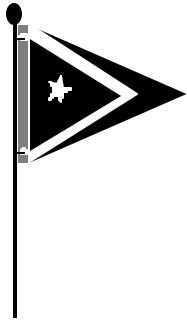
If you decide to purchase a commercial first aid kit, we suggest you review those available from West Marine or Boat U. S., listing from \$7.99. In addition, the American Red Cross has a "Marine Kit #1" for \$25. -- available on Mansfield Ave. in Burlington.

Don't forget your most important links to help and an integral part of your onboard emergency equipment—your VHF radio and your cell phone.

Most importantly, don't put off getting some sort of first aid kit on board. We're always happy to consult with you on its design and contents. Have a safe boating season!

Sheldon Wins Bermuda Race

LCYC member Skip Sheldon and his 20-man crew on his 65-ft IMS "Zaraffa" won the Newport-Bermuda race and the coveted St. David's Lighthouse trophy. Crew included Shelburne's Andy Horton on his first off-shore race—one of eight who was not seasick on this 'gearbuster', which featured four man overboard events. Skip is a dedicated ocean racer after more than 50 years of sailing experience. Last year he placed second in the Fastnet, and reports have it that he will enter the boat in the next Sydney-Hobart Race. Stay tuned!



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CLASSIFIEDS

Project Boat: **Century 2000**, 1985. Fiberglass 18 ft. I.O Bowrider; Mercruiser 200 V-8 (Marine Version of Chevy 305); Sound hull but interior needs to be replaced and out-drive repaired; covers & top in fair condition. E-Z Loader single-axle trailer. No reasonable offer refused. (985-8387)

Aluminum "**Shorestation**" (capacity: 3500lb) boat hoist with wheels. (985-8387)

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Loadmaster sailboat trailer: aluminum with hydraulic brakes, double axle, 5,000 lbs capacity for boats from 22'-25'. Bunks can be adjusted and may also accommodate a power boat with some minor tweaking. 7 months old; tires have less than 300 miles on them. \$3,000 firm. Can be seen at the Shelburne Shipyard - call 985-3326 and ask for Karen (in the office) she knows where trailer is in yard. Bruce and Susan Chapin.

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