



the Binnacle

Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.

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LCYC 2003 Jr. Sailing Program Schedule and Fees



LCYC's instructional programs and their costs are shown below. Contact Barb Robitaille to register or if you have questions.

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Beginners</u> Ages 8-10 Optis	<u>Beginners</u> Ages 11-17 FJs & Optis	<u>Intermediates</u> Ages 11-17 FJs & Optis	<u>Racing/ Advanced</u> FJs & Optis
6/23 – 7/3	Session I M-F 9-12 am 8 stu-		Session I M-F 9-12 am 15 students	Session I M-F 1-4 pm 20 stu-
7/7 – 7/18		Session I M-F 9-12 am 15 stu-		Session I (cont'd)
7/21 – 8/1	Session II M-F 9-12 am 8 stu-		Session II M-F 9-12 am 15 students	Session II M-F 1-4 pm 20 stu-
8/4 – 8/15		Session II M-F 9-12 am 15 stu-		Session II (cont'd)

Costs

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Special Group</u>	<u>Non- member</u>
2-week session	\$140.	\$160.	\$180.
4-week session	\$200.	\$220.	\$240.

STEWARD POSITIONS OPEN

QUALIFICATIONS

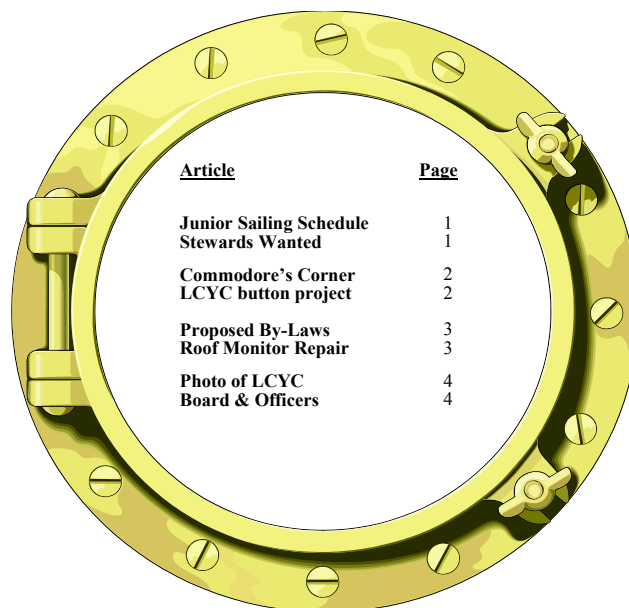
Boating Experience

Required - Boating Safety Course;
**Desired -Coast Guard License – 6-pack or Limited
 Launch Operator's License**
Work – May to October – flexible hours

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Harbor Safety
Launch Service
Docks Integrity
Club House (Housekeeping)
Grounds (Maintenance)
Social Events (General help)

**Contact Linda Livingstone,
 Chair Stewards Committee
 Tel. 865-1871 days 434-5524 evenings**





Commodore's Corner

by Fritz Horton

For as long as I can remember, Dale Hyerstay has served as LCYC's Historian. Each year, he has kept a record of what the Club has accomplished and important events of the previous year to keep the awareness of tradition and change current in our minds. This year, Dale is catching up on all the details, but once that is done, he will retire from this position.

Permanent Home for Ladies Cup? At the March Board meeting, Bibs Francis brought forth the concept of an arrangement with the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to display the Ladies Cup in a permanent and secure fashion as the centerpiece of an exhibit of recreational boating on the lake. The Museum has focused on the Revolutionary War battles, the lake's archaeology and, more recently lake commerce. As anyone would guess from looking at a nineteenth century copy of "The Log", with its listing of sailing and steam yachts, many of which were ninety feet in length or greater, recreational boating has been a significant part of the activity on the lake at times.

The idea of taking the Ladies Cup from its safe hiding place in a bank vault and placing it on exhibit for all to see is exciting to some and taboo to others. Issues of security, insurance and replacement if lost or damaged are of prime concern and must be answered satisfactorily in a formal proposal from the Museum at some point. For now, it is just an idea worth consideration and exploration in the interest of portraying another important facet of life on Lake Champlain.

By-Law Revisions: Two revisions to the By-Laws have been drafted and are printed for your review. If you have a comment or suggestion regarding these items, please do so prior to April 25 to allow the Board to consider your points, make the necessary changes and issue a revised notice of By-Law change ten days prior to Spring Workday.

Volunteer Sought for New Position: The agreement with the Town and LCYC's neighbors creates a new position for an Appointed Officer for the Club. In the past, the function of "public relations" has been a co-function for the Club Historian. Now that we will have a "Neighborhood and Community Liaison Officer", the term "public relations" is assigned to this position simply an expansion of "liasion" duties to the public at large. LCYC seeks a member, ideally a Shelburne resident, with experience in public relations to fill this position, effective immediately following Spring Workday.

Duties are likely to be few and yet necessary to fulfill our agreement with the Environmental Court and our neighbors.

Conditional Use Permit Application: Also, as a function of the agreement, LCYC has applied for a conditional use permit with the Town of Shelburne to cap the number of moorings at the present number, 155, in accordance with a map Steve Landau has drawn. A hearing for that permit will be forthcoming. If we do not obtain the permit, we will resume our appeal at the Environmental Court.

Original LCYC Buttons Available

Our intrepid sleuth and Past Commodore, John Dupee, located and purchased an authentic LCYC blazer button seen in the photo. He found it at the same place where it was manufactured long ago, the Waterbury Button Company, and found that they still have the molds. They can be made again! And LCYC will make it easy for you to have one or more



Manufacturer: Waterbury Button Company, Cheshire, Connecticut

Item: Lake Champlain Yacht Club #08539 Premium Gold

Terms: Set-Up Charge: \$100.00 per size for each order. Minimum of 10 per item)

	<u>9-pc set</u>	<u>10-pc set</u>	<u>12-pc set</u>
Blazer Sets			
with gift box:	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$40.00

	<u>24L small</u>
Cuff Links with gift box:	\$20.00
Pierced Earrings with gift box:	\$20.00
Tie Tack with gift box:	\$12.00
Tie Bar with gift box:	\$17.50
Key Chain with gift box:	\$20.00
Letter Opener with gift box:	\$20.00
Money Clip with gift box:	\$20.00

	<u>Poly Bag</u>	<u>With Gift Box</u>
Lapel Pin:	\$3.00	\$8.00

Volume discounts will apply on quantities of 100 or more of each item:

100 – 5% 250 – 10% 500 – 15%

LCYC plans to make a single order and pay the \$100 set up charge on behalf of its members. A sign-up sheet will be available on Spring Workday, and the order will be placed soon afterward.

If you wish to order before Workday, please send a note to LCYC, P. O. Box 411, Shelburne, VT 05482 before May 20, 2003, listing each item and its cost and a check made out to "LCYC". If more than twenty orders are received, the modest discount offered by the Waterbury Button Company will be donated to LCYC's Junior Sailing Program.



~ Notice of Proposed By-Law Revisions ~

The following by-law changes shall be considered and voted upon at the meeting on Spring Workday:

Item (1) Article II -Members Section 1 (g) -Definitions

Current wording: "Approved Member" shall mean ----

Proposed wording: "Approved Applicant" shall mean----

Rationale: To eliminate confusion as to who is really a member as opposed to a person approved for membership who has not paid the his/her dues.

Item (2) Article V - Use of Club Facilities Section 2 - Mooring Rights (last sentence)

Current wording: An assignment of Mooring Rights may not be revoked unless the member in Good Standing voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, or ceases to be a member in Good Standing for any reason whatsoever.

Proposed wording: An assignment of Mooring Rights may be revoked when the Member in Good Standing ceases to be a Member in Good Standing, voluntarily relinquishes such Mooring Rights, or ceases to use such mooring for a period of two years. All Harbor Policies and Rules currently in effect will apply.

Rationale: To free up unused moorings for reassignment while assuring members of reasonable time to replace boats and priority on the assignment list should mooring rights be reinstated in the future. (See Harbor rule #21 below.)

Item (3) Article IV-Officers Section 4-(h) Miscellaneous

Current wording: "The Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain, Chaplain and Public Relations-Historian shall perform appropriate duties as directed by the Commodore."

Proposed wording: "(a) The Fleet Surgeon, Fleet Captain, Chaplain, and Historian shall perform appropriate duties as directed by the Commodore .

(b) The Public Relations / Neighborhood Liaison Officer shall assist the Commodore and Communications Committee in promoting positive relationships and timely communication with the community and LCYC's neighbors.

Rationale: As a result of the agreement with the Town of Shelburne and the adjacent neighbors regarding the mooring dispute, LCYC must provide a person designated as the Liaison Officer whose duties, in general, are to serve as a contact person for members and the neighbors regarding LCYC issues. Certain minor duties with respect to our neighbors are necessary to comply with the agreement.

Change to Club Policies and Guidelines While not part of the By-laws the following Harbor Rule defines the workings of the By-Law change identified in **Item (2)**.

Harbor Rules - Moorings:

(21) Members removing boats from the mooring field may retain mooring assignment for two years if intending to reoccupy. After that time moorings will be relinquished for reassignment. A member relinquishing in this fashion will retain all rights to reassignment per Article V, section 3 of the By-Laws. Members may not lend, sublet, or borrow moorings without the approval of the Harbormaster. Vacant moorings may be temporarily assigned or used as guest moorings during the two-year period. The Harbormaster shall have sole authority with respect to waivers to this rule.

Note: the two-year clock will start with the 2003 season."

Roof Monitor Repair Project Update

If you have been in the clubhouse during or following a wind-storm, you know we have a "leaky roof". Puddles in the center and water under the paint in a few places on the walls indicate the source is the roof monitor—the structure supporting the central skylight.

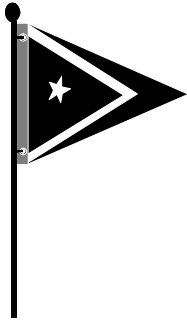


The problem has not been easy to isolate. Two years ago, it was thought that the skylight flashings or the skylight itself were the culprits, but, despite deluges of hosed water and removal of plywood panels inside, the source of water infiltration could not be observed "in

the act". Since the flashings were definitely not installed correctly, new heavy-gauge flashings were fabricated, and a volunteer team installed them in 2001. We saw some improvement, but the "leak" has persisted.

Last summer, Bob Platt and new member Will Stoler led an investigation and found that the monitor's wooden louvers are the most likely culprits. These were units fabricated by the contractor at a considerable savings vs. the cost of manufactured units, but they appear to lack sealants at all joints, and the space between louvers may be allowing water to blow inside. Also, the original wood louvers are warped and difficult to refinish.

This Spring, Bob and Will and a team of volunteers will install new prefinished screened metal louvers in place of the wooden units, thereby eliminating the most likely source of leaks. If you are called to help, please do so and bring your climbing shoes!



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LCYC CALENDAR

A 2003 LCYC calendar will be published and available at the LCYC website as soon as the 2003 schedule is finalized. The calendar will note all important LCYC dates as well as other Lake Champlain oriented material.

Those members, who do not have access to the website, may obtain a calendar by contacting the ineffable Muddy Bilges.

2003 Board of Governors

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 Communications Dave Kelton
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 HarbormasterSteve Landau
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 Stewards & PersonnelLinda Livingstone
 Cruising /RendezvousDave Kelton

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Stewards

Managing Steward:Ryan Heaslip
 Stewards:(Pending)

