



the Binnacle

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Peregrine Wins Ladies' Cup Trophy.....The winning crew of Peregrine pictured above sailed to the first overall on corrected for any LCYC boat. Other awards presented were First Overall any club going to Evoked Potential. First Over the Line honors went to K2.

shorten the course by setting a finishing line on a leg of the course between a drop mark and the race committee boat. The signal for this course change and shortening will be display of the S flag and two sounds. The course may be shortened in this manner even if boats are already sailing on the leg of the course on which the shortened finish line is to be set.

USAF Rules 32.1 and 33 are accordingly amended for this race.

Etchells Series E Races Etchells Series E races will be held on September 25, 2004. These races will be instead of the Etchells class races in the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center Fall Regatta for purposes of Series E. The Etchells races will be conducted in accordance with the General Sailing Instructions for Series E, except that the Etchells races will start as soon as practicable after the start of the Schuyler Island Race.

ALL OF THESE RACES ARE SUBJECT TO OBTAINING A RACE COMMITTEE TO RUN THE RACES!!!!

Have fun! The Regatta Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RACE:

RE-RUNNING OF THE SCHUYLER ISLAND RACE (SPINNAKER DIVISION)

AND ADDITIONAL ETHELLS SERIES E RACES

Schuyler Island Race The Schuyler Island Race for the Spinnaker Division, part of the Billado Series, will be re-run on September 25, 2004. The previously run Schuyler Island Race was abandoned for the Spinnaker Division after an allowed protest. The skipper's meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on September 25, and the starting sequence will begin at 10:00. a.m. JAM fleet members are welcome to race and will be scored as a fleet. However, this race will not count toward the JAM Cannon Trophy series championship. It will count toward the Billado Trophy series championship. The race will be conducted in accordance with the LCYC 2004 General Sailing Instructions, including those set forth for the Schuyler Island Race, with the exception of the following Special Sailing Instruction:

The 2004 LCYC General Sailing Instructions are hereby supplemented as follows for the Schuyler Island Race to occur on September 25, 2004:

In addition to shortening the course at a course mark per USAF Rule 32 and LCYC General Sailing Instruction No. 17, the race committee may change and

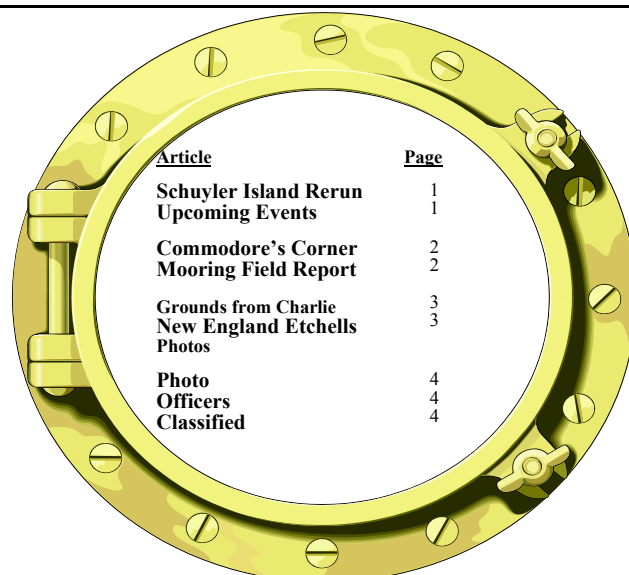
Upcoming Events at LCYC....

Battle of Plattsburgh Rendezvous.....Saturday 9/11/04

Macdonough Breakfast & Race.....Saturday 9/11/04

Pig Roast.....Saturday 9/18/04

Schuyler Island Rerun....Saturday 9/25/04



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Commodores Corner Man oh man....where does the time go? Spring workday seems like it was just a few weeks ago and here we are halfway through August already. The Mayor's Cup is gone by (congratulations to Luis Gonzalez and the crew of K2 who brought the title back to LCYC) and Ladies Cup is also history. Fritz Horton and crew finally have their names on the Ladies' Cup. Unfortunately, the Wednesday night wind gods have not been particularly kind to us so far this summer, although under the watchful eye of our regatta chair Tris Coffin and the direction of our PRO Jesse Kuehn, our RC's have gotten off some excellent races under trying conditions (and the burger burns have been great). Hopefully, as the summer progresses, so do the wind speeds. Our Junior Sailing program is off and running with another full roster of students from beginners to racers. We had 2 boats compete in the local Bemis Cup (national youth double-handed) qualifier at LCCSC, with Lauren Harris and Kate Weaver sailing under the LCYC burgee and Lindsay and Morgan Selin sailing for LCCSC. The Selin sisters, who have been long time participants in the LCYC Junior Sailing program, finished second, qualifying for the next round of competition. In the local Sears Cup (youth triplehanded) qualifier at MBBC the LCYC Team of James Unsworth (skipper), Meredith Powlison and Brad Harris took first place and will move on to the Area A qualifier later this month. This year the local, area A and national championships for Sears are being sailed in Lightnings and all being held at MBBC. On the one-design racing front, this past weekend was the inaugural LCYC Finn and Europe regatta. For those not familiar with these boats, they are both single-handed dinghies sailed in the Olympics by men and women, respectively. Spearheaded by the erstwhile Dave Powlison, who was just trying to have a low key, fun regatta (without having to travel), this ended up being one of the largest Finn regattas in North America this season with 19 boats coming from as far away Maryland (and one of the sailors from California). On the Europe side of things we had 4 visiting boats, all from Quebec.

On the cruising front, our Rendezvous chair Ted Lattrell tells me that things are going well. The highlight of the season to date was the joint LCYC/MBBC Valcour rendezvous which, for those who were intrepid enough to get there through 25-30 knot northwesterlies, featured a guided nature tour of the island by retired Botany professor Dick Villamil of MBBC. This past week featured another successful rendezvous in Converse Bay, at which there were 7 boats. Ted asked me to remind all to mark your calendars for the upcoming Champagne race, which is THE high point of the LCYC Rendezvous calendar. (continued page 4)

Mooring Field Report - Summer 2004

By Steve Landau - Harbormaster

Waiting List/Guests

Our mooring field is now full and a waiting list is in place for members or approved applicants who desire a mooring in the future. We maintain one guest mooring with others that may be borrowed. The stewards control guest use and non member fees are charged.

Wreck Markers

The sunken barge wreck in our north harbor is now marked on both ends with white buoys / orange bands. Avoid passing between these markers. As the lake drops you will go aground.

Commissioning

Mooring field is complete after many requests for underwater gear replacement - smart move every so often. A number of moorings required chain/hardware repair and work is almost complete. If you have requests call our diver : Pierre LeRocque 233-1479

Pennant Wear

Many pennants required replacement this year. Chain wrap is the primary culprit. The solution is to whip the two pennants together every 18 inches to boat freeboard height. This prevents one pennant from wrapping the chain when your boat rides up on the ball on windless days.

Lake Depth/ Hazzards

As of July 17 the lake level was 96f. 1ft. This is about normal but as summer progresses our mooring depths will drop and may require shortening of chain/pennants to maintain separation. Keep an eye your location.

Mooring Replacement

Over the years the club has lost/skipped four mooring positions. These were recently reinstalled to maintain our approved mooring numbers for members/guest spots.



New Boatthe Toensing's *Southern Cross*

Sailor WritesIf sometime during this long summer you have some reading time you might try *All Helen's Children* by LCYC's Michael Barker. Mike's latest book in the memoir form has nothing to do with sailing and everything to do with family. It follows on the heels of his 5-star rated *Growing Up In California* published in 2001. Both books are available at Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com. Check them out!

From the Grounds – Charlie Van Winkle

You may have noticed the new Black Eyed Susan Daisy's next to the new ramp on your way to the main dock. Many thanks to Larry & Jan Sudbay and their family for their creative design, installation labor and financial generosity in sprucing up the new amenity. Hopefully the perennials will be back year after year for our enjoyment. For you gardeners looking to do some thinning of your own flowerbeds at home, the grounds committee is actively looking for donations of flowering perennials. Our goal is to have some flowers or color at the club during the months of intensive use (June, July and August). Contact Charlie Van Winkle (vanwinkle05489@peoplepc.com) if you would like to donate something from your garden have suggestions on plantings.



LCYC Etchells Regatta Great Success

-Dave Powlison

LCYC hosted the 2004 Etchells New England Championship on June 19-20, which drew 19 boats from as far away as Florida and Toronto. The fleet launched at the LCCSC and then ran the regatta out of the Boathouse in Burlington. On Saturday, winds for the first race were 5-10 knots, and then it rapidly built to over 20 with gusts as high as 30 for the final two races of the day. With a long fetch from the north, waves enabled lots of surfing and exciting downwind rides. Sunday was just the opposite, as the fleet barely got in one race in light and drifty conditions.

Chuck Poindexter, from Connecticut, won the event on a tiebreaker over former world champion Dirk Kneulman. Ted Castle, with crew Jim Lampman and Clark Boynton were the top boat from Fleet 25, finishing fifth. The fleet had a dinner at LCYC on Saturday evening, followed by a raffle that included great prizes from Harken, Gill, Cloth n' Canvas Recovery, Hall Spars and Burton Snowboards.

Special thanks goes to LCYC members who helped make this regatta possible. Tris Coffin provided the primary race committee boat and the necessary race gear from LCYC. Also on RC duty were Tom Moody, Larry Coffin, Charlie Lord (who provided an additional RC boat), Don Rathbone and Jesse Kuehn. In the spirit of inter-club cooperation, the RC for this event was headed up by certified Principal Race Officer Mark Gardner, from MBBC. Also helping from MBBC were Al Russell and Charlie Dickerson.

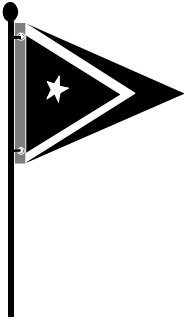
Fleet 25 also wishes to express their thanks to the LCYC Board of Governors for their support of this event.

Commodores Corner (cont.)

On the social side of things, we had a very nice opening cocktail party and some great burger burns. Most recently was the LCYC Boat tour, which besides being an opportunity to see some really neat boats is rapidly becoming one of the great social events of the LCYC calendar. Also featured in association with the boat tour was, for the first time, a nautical tag sale organized by Mike Lynch. If you didn't make this year's Boat tour/tag sale, put this on your "must do" list for 2005.

As a working club, we all know it takes a lot of effort by many people to keep the club running. Some of the volunteers, such as the Board of Governors, are fairly visible, but there are many others who labor behind the scenes, often putting in huge amounts of time and effort with little or no recognition. By recognizing the LCYC "Volunteers of the Month" we hope to bring some of these folks to light. Last Month we honored Mike Lynch and his army who planned and built the long awaited ramp to the docks. This month we would like to honor Bob Schumacher and Dave Powlison, who spent endless hours (and hard work) giving our entire fleet of FJ's a complete makeover. Not only have some long overdue repairs been done, but the boats look great (some of them better than they have in 10 years!!!). Lastly, they are now all rigged identically, which will make a huge difference to both instructors and students alike. Imagine if every time you went out sailing and your boat was rigged differently....you get any idea what a great improvement this is. Thanks Bob and Dave!!!!

That's all for this month....enjoy the rest of the summer.



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LCYC Classifieds

Join the Etchells fleet....USA 358 Mango Challenge is for sale to make room for a newer Etchells. Race ready. Contact The Reuter's for information

Laser Racing....Every other Sunday afternoon. Contact John Harris for details



Crew of *Secrets*-Ladies' Cup

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