



the Binnacle

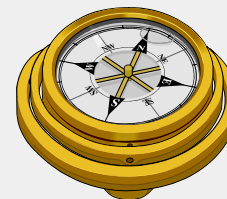
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UPCOMING AT LCYC....WORKDAY 5/14.....PRACTICE RACE 5/18.....A1 5/25

Pre-workday Heroes By Mike Barker, Docks

On Saturday, April 16th at 0900 hr a select group of 13 LCYC members gathered at the club to begin the arduous task of re-wiring and re-plumbing the docks as well as other critical maintenance items. The work needed to be done before Workday so the docks could be launched on schedule. Under the direction of David Kelton, these selfless members volunteered a beautiful Spring Saturday, and more, of their precious time to toil for the benefit of all LCYC members. The Commodore



and I figured that by doing this work the club saved many thousands of dollars. The best way to honor these generous people is to simply mention their names here.

They are:

David Kelton, Wes Daum, Ted Latrell, Lou Chariatti, Mike Lynch, Bob Platt, Chris Johnson, Rick Heath, Russ and David Shapiro, Steve Landau, Bob De Sorbo, Doug Viehmann and John Harris

"It was a great pleasure to work side-by-side with these talented and dedicated LCYC members." Mike Barker



The Kiosk crew in action.....

Is Ice Harvesting A Solution to LCYC Foamy Beer?

It is LCYC spring workday. The dock is in. A job well done. A tired and thirsty crew pulls the beer tap with thoughts of a cold refreshing beer. The frequent result is a cup of FOAM. Have you experienced the dispiriting cup of foamy beer? The solution to the problem of foamy beer is simple and has been well documented. Keep the keg cold. Cold before tapping, cold while tapping and cold while drawing. Also don't bounce the keg. It is important to keep the tap riser cold. We could focus our efforts and sharpen the present keg management process--perhaps by adding more ice, increasing the number of layers of keg management or keg cooling consultants. This has all been tried before and usually has produced a lot of foamy beer. Some flatlanders have suggested we build an LCYC icehouse and harvest enough ice, which covered with sawdust, would last the sailing season ensuring an adequate ice supply on site. I argue against an investment in obsolete ice harvesting technology. Where, for example, could we find a specialized saw for cutting the ice blocks out of the lake? When is the last time you used an ice pick? With global warming we could be cutting on thin ice. After considerable reflection (you are spared additional details) the social chair rejects ice harvesting in favor of the electric keg cooler. The electric keg cooler is a technological innovation proven to considerably improve the quality of many sailors' lives. (Continued page 2)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!!!
OPENING COCKTAIL PARTY SAT. JUNE 4
DETAILS FLYER UPCOMING SHORTLY**



Commodores Corner by John Harris

Well, it looks like Mother Nature took offense at my comments in the last Binnacle about how springtime in Vermont often doesn't show up before Memorial Day. This April's weather has been some of the nicest in my recollection. We picked a good year to spend the April school break in Boston, where it almost hit 80 degrees, rather than the BVI. Hopefully this nice weather has given everyone a head start on his or her boats for the summer. It has given some of the LCYC stalwarts a head start on workday, as folks, headed up by Ernie Reuter, have been getting our new RC boat whipped into shape and another crew, headed up by Mike Barker and Dave Kelton, have been working on a much needed complete replacement of the electrical and water system on our docks. There is plenty of work remaining to be done on both of these projects, so if you can't make workday or just want lend a hand, give these guys a call. As you all know, the start of the season is right around the corner, starting with opening workday on Saturday May 14th. The season calendar including all regatta, rendezvous and social events is posted on the website, so if you want to know what is happening this summer, check it out. Also, we have a lot of new members this year; so if you see an unfamiliar face at workday, please introduce yourself (the worst that can happen is it turns out to be someone who has been a member of the club for 20 years who you've never met!!!). On the subject of new members, the BOG will be hosting our first annual new members orientation on May 21st. That's all for now...see you on Workday!!!!

Ice harvest (contuned from page 1)

The social chair is looking for a keg cooler or two or a two-keg cooler. Please contact Denny Bowen at 802-985-9754 or dpbowen@adelphia.net if you have keg cooler experience to share. Ice harvesting advocates need not comment.



Calling All Moorings

by Steve Landau - Harbormaster



The ice is out and our club diver is getting organized to start on our mooring field. For those who took their mooring floats and pennants home for the winter - *it's time to cart them back*. **Please be sure your name and mooring # are permanently painted on the float.**

When placing gear back on the lawn try to spot your relative position in the line up. It is organized by mooring field row - if you can't spot your place just leave it by the



shed. The sooner gear is back the sooner the diver can begin work. All gear must be back by May 1st to avoid incurring extra cost to the club or yourself.. Any gear re-

quiring repairs will be corrected and billed to the owner.. Members will be notified if anything significant is required. **Worn pennants will not be installed.** Our diver Pierre LaRocque is an expert on LCYC mooring standards and he will supply first quality Chicago (US made) hardware and hand-made pennants at better than competitive prices. You may contact him at 233-1479 or pierrer@champlaindivers.com

We are looking forward to a great 2005 sailing season and hope our efforts to have safe moorings will pay off as the season unfolds.

Rendezvous Fun is coming soon !!!!



Check out the Cruising link at www.lcyc-vt.org

RACE COMMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

All Club members who are boat owning participants in the LCYC racing program are required to act as Race Committee (RC) at least once every two years. LCYC



provides an assigned Principal Race Officer (PRO) for each race to assist in all aspects of race and race-course decisions. The LCYC race committee boat will be used to run the races. If

it's been a while since you have signed up, schedule your RC service commitment at www.lcyc-vt.org or contact CRO Ernie Reuter at ernie@clothncanvas.com. Also from your CRO.....the following club members have volunteered time to become PRO's for the coming summer at LCYC. Each of them will run 3 races over the summer as well as be responsible for maintaining the new RC signal boat which will live on the dock at the club. We will work towards a level of consistency upon which our racing program will come to depend on and benefit from. Thanks to these generous people for jumping on board in the inaugural season.

Race Committee PRO's 2005

Bruce Hill, Bruce Hewitt, David Main, David Cain, Steve Walkerman, Bern Collins, Jack Flecke, Charlie Lord, Dale Hyerstay, Rick Howell, Mike Caldwell, Bob Goodwin and Fritz Horton.



Trophy Notice: It's time to think about dusting off those trophies that have been sitting above the fireplace and in the den. Just a reminder that they should be returned to the club on work day which is rapidly approaching. Please give them to Lou Chiriatti or Randee Bloomberg.

Junior Sailing Summer Schedule

(continued from March)

Session III July 25 – August 5

9:00 – 12:00 Beginners: Optis Ages: 8-12 yrs Limit: 8 students

Intermediate: FJ's Ages: 12-15 yrs Limit: 16 students

1:00 – 4:00 Advanced: Optis Ages: 8-14 yrs Limit: 6 students (unless you own an Opti)

Racing/Advanced FJ Ages: 12-17 yrs. Limit: 16 students 4-week class

Session IV August 8 – August 19

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Racing/Advanced FJ (cont'd)

Membership by Beth Thorpe

LCYC Passages....Last spring after the opening cocktail party Bibs Francis came up to me and suggested that we publish the names of new and resigning members in the Binnacle. She said we never know who has left. So to follow up on Bibs' request, here is a list of changes in membership for this year.

New Members

Christopher and Marti Bird

Scott and Kendra Bowen

John and Valerie Chikanosky

Tom and Dawn Edwards

Tom and Jill Gorman

Jason Hyerstay

Chris Johnson and Maureen Harmon

Christopher and Mary Lintermann

Richard Lutman

David and Heather Main

Walt and Aimee Marti

Christopher and Valerie Morris

Fred Perkins and Patty Armstrong

Kate Snow and Bruce Polick

Frank and Jessie Snyder

James and Renee Turvey

Deaths

Norman Alpert

Barbara Francis

Gardiner Lane

John Osmond

Resignations

Bill and Maurene Gilbert

Paul Koerber

Christine Osmond

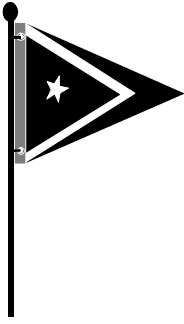
Nick and Linda Penniman

John F. and Dianne Shearer

John and Gwen Stetson

Will and Linda Stoler

Fred and Katherine Tiballi



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LCYC Classifieds

For Sale....Force 5 sailboat, Very good condition, fast boat, one sail, beautiful bright work, trailer available, will deliver call Chris @ 985-2728

For Sale... Fiberglass dinghy w/ varnished oars and bronze oarlocks (7' 11") fits in the back of a pickup; 2 hp, 4 stroke Honda outboard motor; used one season; excellent condition; both boat and motor cost \$2100.; asking \$1100. OBO; Peter Collins 863-4841

Wanted.....Upright freezer for the clubhouse. Contact Bob Turnau @ 985-3074



2005 Board of Governors

Commodore.....	John Harris
Vice Commodore & Treasurer	Steve Walkerman
Rear Commodore.....	Steve Landau
Secretary, Membership & Log.....	Beth Thorpe
Grounds	Ulie Holzinger
Boats	Bill Aldrich
Communications	Ernie Reuter
Docks	Mike Barker
Harbormaster	Steve Landau
House	Bob Turnau
Regatta	Tris Coffin
Sailing Programs	Barbara Robitaille
Social Committee	Dennis Bowen
Stewards & Personnel	Rick Heath
Cruising /Rendezvous	Ted/Joanne Lattrell

Appointed Officers

Fleet Chaplain	Chuck Bowen
One-Design Coordinator	Rick Stevens
Club Historian	Bern Collins
Fleet Surgeons	Drs. Larry & Roberta Coffin
Club Liaison	Bruce Hill
Auditors ..	O'Brien, Doremus & Phillips
PHRF Handicappers	Gene Cloutier

Stewards

Managing Steward:	Ryan Heaslip
Stewards:	David Leopold, Alec Antell, Kate Rabideau, Patrick Haley, Andy Dunn