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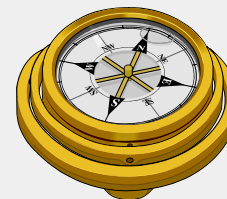
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UPCOMING AT LCYC....AWARDS DINNER 10/14.....FALL WORKDAY 10/15....

CORK 2005: a Father and Son adventure

Part way through July, I get hit from son with "So Dad...I really want to take my Laser up to CORK this year". On the surface, since I have been sailing my Laser every chance I get for the past 3 summers, tagging along and sailing myself seemed like a no brainer. However, at this point, I had sailed in exactly zero real Laser regattas. As with most tough sailing related questions, I decided to consult my sailing guru/neighbor Dave Powlison..."Hey Dave, I'm thinking about sailing CORK ...waddya think?" Dave paused, "Geez John.... that's quite a bit of a step up, especially considering all the regattas you have done...". Based on this rousing endorsement, I signed us right up.

For those not familiar with CORK (Canadian Olympic training Regatta at Kingston), it has been held every August for the past 36 years in Kingston, Ontario and has become one of the premier regattas in North America. It is held out of the Portsmouth Olympic Harbor, site of the 1976 Olympic sailing events and sailed on on the far NE corner of Lake Ontario at the confluence of the St. Lawrence River. As you might infer from the name, the majority of the sailors are kids (primarily HS and College age), although there were a few of us over 30 types out there. But not so many that us gray and/or no hair types couldn't easily seek each other out and share a beer after the race without drawing a big crowd. There are a variety of classes including Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Laser 2, 420, Byte, I-14 and 29er. In total there were almost 500 boats and between 600 and 700 sailors. The Laser classes made up about half the boats with 100 Laser Full Rigs and 140 Radials. This was an ISAF Grade 1 event for Lasers and Radials and so the top end of each fleet was well populated with the top Junior, College and National class sailors from across North America and beyond, including the top contenders for the 2008 Canadian Olympic team. One of the other neat aspects of CORK is that many of the competitors (and parents) are housed in the dorms at Queens University and St. Lawrence College, both of which are located within walking distance of the sailing center. This adds to the "Olympic village" type experience, especially for the kid, as the dorms are packed with sailors from all over North America.

The regatta is a 5 day event with one day of round robin type qualifying races (to separate the Laser and

2005 AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, October 14, 2005

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Cocktails 6 to 7 pm

Race Committee Boat Dedication 6:30 pm

Dinner 7 pm

LCYC Clubhouse

Menu

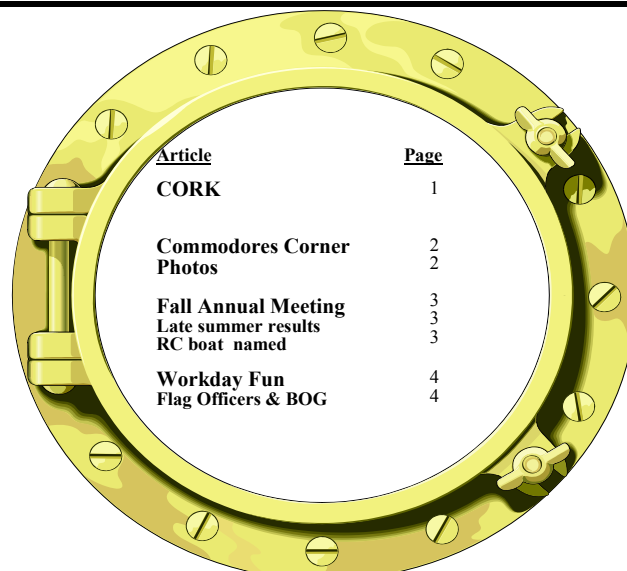
Salad, pan seared lemon chicken breast with a supreme sauce, carved roast beef, carved portabella mushrooms, maple baby carrots & cheddar chive mashed potatoes, bread, cheesecake

Beer and soda

Cost - \$13.00 per person. For reservations, please email

Denny Bowen at dpbowen@adelphia.net or call (802) 985-9754 no later than Tuesday, October

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Commodores Corner by John Harris

Although the leaves have not yet shown much sign of changing, another Lake Champlain sailing season is coming to an end. And a very good season it has been. Although we have seen our usual share of light winds, we have had many more than usual Vermont quota of glorious sunny days and the wind gods have been particularly nice to us this Fall. The weather for this past weekend's Hot Ruddered Bum race was arguably an 11 on a scale of 1 to 10...sunshine, temps in the 70's and 20 knots of breeze. It doesn't get much better than this...period....let alone for the 1st of October.

There were a number of high points to the season including the launching of our new PRO program and RC Boat, some really great social and rendezvous events, a booming Junior Sailing program and the upgrades to our dock electrical and water systems, just to name a few. When you get a chance, make sure you thank your Board of Governors members, who put in a lot of time and effort, along with a host of other volunteers, to make this all possible. Speaking of the Board of Governors, there are four who will be leaving the board after this year, all of whom have made significant contributions in their respective areas and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them all for a great job:

Steve Landau	Harbormaster
Beth Thorpe	Membership/Secretary
Tris Coffin	Regatta
Barb Robitaille	Junior Sailing

As this season winds down, so does my tenure as Commodore. I have been honored to be able to serve the club in this capacity and am proud of what the club has accomplished over the past 2 years. I have had a fantastic Board with whom to work, which made the job all that much easier and enjoyable. There is an outstanding slate of candidates up for election to take over the Commodore reins and those of the other outgoing BOG members and I am confident that they will keep the club moving forward in the coming years. See you at the Awards Dinner and Workday/Annual Meeting!



Congratulations !!!!
 Kelemen Cup Winner Dave Powlison and crew ...
Pied Piper
 Cannon Cup Winner Mike Barker and crew....
Wingdam
 Billado Cup Winner Luis Gonzalez and crew.....
K2

LCYC Annual Fall Meeting**Fall Workday****Saturday October 15, 2005****At approximately Noon (just before lunch)****Agenda Items****Vote on Bylaws Change (as warned in the August Binnacle)****Election of Commodore****Charles Lord****Election of Board of Governors****John O'Rourke, Dorothy Hill, Don Rathbone, Steve Booth, Ted Lattrell*****Election of Treasurer****Steve Walkerman****Election of Auditors****Don O'Brien, Greg Doremus, Peter Phillips***** Contingent on passage of proposed By-laws change****J Dinse dedication....**

Come and join us when we dedicate the J. Dinse on Awards Dinner night before dinner at 1830 hrs on the dock.

J. DINSE
LCYC

CORK (continued from page 1)

and Silver Fleets), followed by 4 days of fleet racing. Day 1 (Saturday) dawned gray, overcast and very breezy and ended up providing a rather rude welcome to the very steep, short chop for which Kingston is also notorious. Long story short, we both ended up in the Silver Fleet (Brad in Radial and the old guy in Full Rig).

I won't bore you with all the details of the week except to say that we saw every wind condition possible from 25 kts to drifter. It was great sailing, a great venue and a really neat atmosphere. Kingston is also a really neat town with interesting architecture (including the 19th century penitentiary abutting the marina), good restaurants and nice downtown area. We learned a ton about big fleet Laser sailing. I am glad I went and we are both looking forward to going back.

Finally, as luck would have it, I parked my boat next to Peter Seidenberg who is arguably the best Grand Master (over 65) Laser sailor in North America, if not the world, and I am sure the oldest guy in the CORK Laser fleet. He ended up finishing 14th out of 73 boats in the Laser Radial Gold fleet, despite having to burn one of his throwouts on a Retirement. Getting to know Peter was a real treat and gave me hope that I still have lots of good Laser years ahead of me.

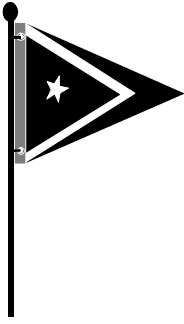
Late Summer Race Results

Series C	Etchells	Pied Piper
	JAM B	Coquet
	JAM A	Wingdam
	Spin C	Sugar Babe
	Spin B	Shockwave
	Spin A	K2

Series D	Etchells	Hot Chocolate
	JAM B	Becalmed
	JAM A	Wingdam
	Spin C	Ragtime
	Spin B	Shockwave
	Spin A	K2

Lady Skippers	JAM B	Swan Song
	JAM A	Ruffian
	Spin C	Sonar
	Spin B	Joyride
	Spin A	K2

Hot Ruddered Bum	JAM B	Becalmed
	JAM A	Wingdam
	Spin C	Maverick
	Spin B	Magic
	Spin A	Adventure



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Workday fun!! Coming Saturday, Oct 15th



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