



the Binnacle

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UPCOMING EVENTS ...Potluck Supper & BTV Fireworks 7/3 ... 4th of July Fun Race 7/4

Opening Party Rings in the New Sailing Year

After all the work getting our vessels seaworthy again this spring, it was a great day on June 2nd as we took a break to welcome thirteen new members and have the opening cocktail party. The current Commodore Charlie Lord presided over the event, and was joined by six former commodores for the special photo below. Racing events are now in full bloom, and we're looking forward to several special social/sailing events over the week of July 4th.

In this Binnacle we've got updates from many of the board members on keeping the club running smoothly, as well as a remembrance of long-time member Horace Ransom who passed away in April. We'll also recognize the achievements of Andy Horton, who helped Luna Rossa defeat the U.S. representative BMW Oracle in the America's Cup races in Valencia, Spain.



It was a full house at the opening cocktail party, as the skies cleared just in time for the opening ceremonies.



Current Commodore Charlie Lord introduces the new members and presents them with club burgees above, and recognizes the six Past Commodores present at the opening cocktail party below.



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Commodore's Corner

The buildings, grounds and docks look great, thanks to the hard work of our members during our voluntary work days!

The opening cocktail party was a success in spite of threatening weather (for a second year) and we are off to a start of another season. Thirteen new members attended our orientation session prior to the cocktail party. A fine, enthusiastic group, I must say! Your commodore and Steve Landau made a presentation to them using newly revised materials prepared so capably by Steve. Anyone who is interested in having a copy of the two presentations "Club Operations" and "Club Facilities" can obtain them from Steve Landau. They are a fine, condensed resource.

On June 1st, Dick Pratt, from the Champlain Water District, briefed me on a large project they will be conducting in Shelburne Bay in July and August of this year and solicited our cooperation and input. They will be constructing an intake for their plant in Queen City Park on the vacant land between the launching area at the south end of the bay and Shelburne Park. There will be two metal pipes constructed, one 42" in diameter and a second 10" in diameter – both 2700 feet long. As the construction proceeds, these pipes will be pushed out into the bay on floats and when completed will be towed (all 2700 feet) across the bay, then submerged at Queen City Park and connected to the plant---

Quite an undertaking. We will be briefed regularly, along with other maritime interests, on its progress. It ought to add a lot of interest to our bay! Please be aware that the structure will move continually further into the bay as segments are completed and will be a navigational hazard. Obviously, the Coast Guard and Vermont State Police will have an active presence during the construction.

Other Notes:

- Jill Burley's stewards are doing a great job with the launches, lawn and clubhouse. Compliment them when you have a chance.
- David and Kathy Howard donated a new grill to the club for member use – Thanks to them.
- My congratulations to Bob DeSorbo and his crew. They had our docks in and completed by 10:20 on Workday – a new record - **and** all the lights and receptacles were identified and working.

Horace U. Ransom, 1914-2007

Horace was a Life Member and Past Commodore (1966-1967). He died peacefully in his sleep this past April. John Dinse remembers him below:

Horace was a real gentleman and sailor and an asset to the community. He was for several years President of the Chittenden Bank. He actively ran Shelburne Shipyard between the Askes and the Griswolds. That connection was very helpful in the early days of LCYC at Shelburne. I remember early docks for LCYC being built there, I would guess at little or no expense. Horace was a good friend of LCYC and of all the members who knew him!

Board Member Updates

Social—Burger Burn Schedule

There was some initial confusion in the log regarding the dates for the burger burns. The board would like to apologize for any inconvenience. The to-go dates are as follows: July 11&25, August 8&22, and September 5.

Grounds—Unmarked Dinghies to Be Sold 7/13

All dinghies and other boats, surfboards, etc, on the LCYC bank will be sold on July 13th at our boat show and yard sale, unless they are marked with owner and mooring number by July 10th. We will hold a silent auction during the yard sale and boat show, as voted by the Board of Governors.

House—Of Ice and Men (and Women)

1. Ice has returned. The club is selling ice again. The machine has recently been stocked. Bags are \$2 a piece. Leave the cash in the drop box in the ice machine. It's on the honor system. If it is locked, check with the Stewards as the key is in their office.

2. Thanks to Doug Viehmann, Ann Vivian, Thea Platt, Marie Findholdt, Chris Linterman, Pat White, and Arlene Glynn for their efforts putting up the burgees in the club house! Thea will be typing the club names of all the burgees in order and we will get the list laminated and post it on the wall for anyone who is interested.

Sailing Programs—Junior Sailing

Junior Sailing classes are set to begin Monday June 25 and run until August 17. We have lots of returning sailors and some new faces signed up. So far, most of the Jr sailors are not from Club member families, so I encourage you to consider a week or two of sailing instruction for your children this summer. Please contact me to find out what openings are still available. Our instructors this year are Brad Harris, Meredith Powlison, James Unsworth, John Hill, and Tyler Colvin; all very experienced and friendly.

Some highlights of the summer program include our hosting an intra club regatta with area clubs on 7/25-26 and Big Boat Day on 7/31. On July 13th we will be having the Boat Tour & Tag Sale starting at 5PM. Up for silent auction will be two Flying Junior sailboats that are being retired from the club fleet. Be sure to bid early and often on these 'as is' sailboats. Proceeds from this event help support the sailing instruction program.

Stewards and Service Hours

We are glad to welcome back returning stewards Andrew Boerman (Managing Steward), Sarah Chickanosky, Rachel Kennedy and Chris Paganelli. They are joined by newcomer Lauren Harris. Service hours thru Sept 1 are as follows: Weekdays except Wednesdays: 10am-9pm. Wednesdays: 10am-10pm. Weekends and Holidays: 8am-9pm.

Misc—Tervis Tumblers and Burgees Are Here

Tervis Tumblers are in and available in the Stewards office at the club. Also, members can purchase burgees by sending a \$15 check to Membership Chair Dennis Bowen, 69 Birch Road, Shelburne VT 05482. The burgee will be put in an envelope with your name on it and left with the Stewards for pick up. All payments should be via check payable to LCYC.

Volunteers are LCYC—D. Bowen

Why is LCYC such a special place? One of our new members said it better than this paraphrase of his opinion: Our volunteer and work party approach requiring member participation offers the benefit that members have the opportunity to get to know one another. We are not just strangers who happen to park our boats at the same facility.

Fred Koch's 'paint the club house' project leadership offered many members just such an opportunity. There were many volunteer days to experience the camaraderie of paint or stain up to the elbows. The clubhouse not only looks great but strangers have become friends.

The board chose at the May meeting to recognize two of LCYC's tireless volunteers who for a number of years have shared their time, expertise and brainpower to support our database and the publication of the Log and Race Instructions. The following Board of Governors' Resolution is a feeble attempt to recognize Lauri Landau's and Bette Reuter's contributions:

The Commodore and the Board of Governors hereby resolve to recognize Lauri Landau and Bette Reuter for their many tasks supporting Log and Race Instruction delivery at spring workday. Lauri devotes many hours from December through March to bill & collect. This process results in myriad data base changes made by Lauri. The LCYC data base is a primary source for the Log publishing process managed by Bette. This year Bette devoted extra effort to initiating use of a new software tool to develop "camera ready" copy. This simplified preparation and improved the quality of both the Log and Race Instructions.

The Volunteer Spirit—Exhibit A: Membership Packets Available by Work Day

The persistent consistent hard work of a few of our hard working members resulted in membership packet availability by work day. The packet consists of two copies of the Log (one for home and one for the boat), membership card(s) and race instructions for applicable members. Again we single out Bette Reuter and Lauri Landau for recognition as the members who set and met the target date. Wes Daum as usual printed the membership cards.

Packets for new members joining within about six weeks of work day had to wait another three weeks or so for their packets. Denny Bowen, membership chair, claims responsibility for this gap which could in the future be avoided by a process change.

Packets, large envelopes labeled with member name, are to be found in a cardboard box frequently located in the corner to the left of the fireplace.

Andy Horton—Oh, the Places You'll Go!

As those of you who have been following the America's Cup challenge in Valencia, Spain are quite aware, local hero Andy Horton was a very-visible part of Luna Rossa's victory over Larry Ellison's BMW Oracle team, the US entry. And while we are all patriotic, I'd venture to say that most of us were pulling for the Italians in this one. Ultimately New Zealand got in the way of Andy's dream of challenging the Swiss boat Alinghi for the America's Cup—the Holy Grail of sailing, but Andy's already had the experience of a lifetime, and we're sure there's more coming with the Olympics in China in sight. And so, with a nod to Dr. Seuss, here is a tribute to LCYC's favorite son:

Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!

You have brains in your head. You have wind in your sails. You can steer yourself on any tack that you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.

You'll look up and down the windshifts. Look 'em over with care. About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there". With your head full of brains and wind in your sails, you're too smart to tack into a header or lull.

And you may not find any you'll want to go down, in that case, of course, you'll head straight over to China. It's opener there in the wide open air.

Out there things can happen and frequently do to people as brainy and swift as you. And when things start to happen don't worry. Don't stew. Just go right along. You'll start happening too.

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

You're on your way up! You're seeing great sights! You've joined the high fliers and soared to high heights.

You won't lag behind, because you have the speed. You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon take the lead. Wherever you sail, you'll be the best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest.

Good luck from all of us at LCYC—we're rooting for you all the way to China!!!



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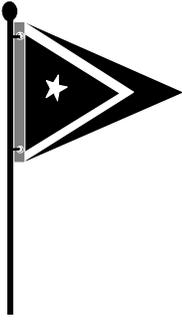
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Grab Bag

Reminder: Etchells Guest Sailor's Night July 11th (B2)

The If you are interested in crewing on an Etchells, B2 is you're chance—each boat must have one non-regular on board to be eligible!

Interested in a North U. Clinic on Lake Champlain?

Earlier this year there was a memo circulated about a North University clinic on Lake Champlain. This would be like the clinics normally held in the major sailing centers like Boston or Annapolis. Unfortunately the window of opportunity passed quickly this year, and on short notice we couldn't get enough participants. But the idea is a good one, and if you would like to be on a distribution list for a class to be held early next year please e-mail me at turvey@us.ibm.com. Details will be finalized later, but the price would be about \$150 for the one day seminar, which would come with a book and CD.



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