



# the Binnacle

*Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Inc.*

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## UPCOMING AT LCYC

### Free Coast Guard Inspections.

Mark your calendars for this Saturday, June 26th for a free, confidential Coast Guard vessel safety check. The event will be held on our docks beginning at 9am, with the last inspection schedule time of 5pm. Each vessel exam takes 30-35 minutes so we've planned a 40 minute interval. Two examiners will be present.

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board at the club. Please take time to schedule this worthwhile

## LCYC Annual Boat Tour/Tag Sale

**6:00pm - Friday, July 9, 2010**

Ever thought "*Gee I would like to go aboard that boat some day*"?  
Well, here's your chance - the annual LCYC Boat Tour.

**Destiny** - Hans Christian - Independence 45

**Emerald** - Passport 48

**MOOvin'** - J-110

**Helen E** - Coastal Cruiser

**Mojito** - Viper 640

**Mashnee** - 1902 Restored 46' Herreshof

**Mariah** - Beneteau 343

**You are invited to tour new/unique/classic boats while enjoying  
an evening of light refreshments and good conversation.**

**A great opportunity to meet new and old members.**

**Nautical Tag Sale returns to LCYC - Bring your good stuff,  
make \$\$\$ and buy new treasures**

**There is no charge for the event but -  
Contributions to the Jr. Sailing fund will not be refused  
The club will provide light refreshments but feel free to BYOB for adult beverages.**

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## Commodores Corner

The Club is up and running and our Stewards are all back on the job! A big 'thank you' to all who participated in Workday, including the before and after projects. It was a wet one, but the docks went in with unusual speed! Extra thanks go to the picnic table crew and Jim Spencer who worked over the course of several weeks to refurbish all of our tables. Thanks also to Laurie Landau and the kitchen crew for heating and serving 15 gallons of chili – something we have not done ourselves recently but it worked out well.

Has summer arrived yet? A couple Wednesday nights ago I watched the start of the race under gray sky and fall like wind. It looked like good sailing. Everyone was getting knocked around, including the LCT cradle, on which I had a front row seat. There were nearly forty boats racing with an equally good turn out at the burger burn later. Robin Jeffords, Bruce, Carol and Dot Hill were hosts to many wet sailors and friends.

A couple drier evenings and events: The BOG welcomed many of our new members at our 'New Members Orientation' given by Steve Landau. Jr. Sailing instructors were on hand for the new kids, as part of an effort to increase younger member activities and participation at the Club. The Opening Cocktail Party was a wonderful event, once again hosted by the Lockharts and the Henshaws. There was plenty of good food, conversation and sunny skies! It was an evening to really appreciate what we have - the people, the place, the history and spirit of LCYC.

Around the Club, briefly, there are plans to paint the Butler building and for a general cleanup and organization around the utility shed and dry dinghy storage area. Notice the newly polished floors in the bath-

rooms and the kitchen! and many other recent accomplishments. The Club inventory is "in process." The south retaining wall continues to be of concern – still looking for the best way ...

Finally, the Jr. Sailing sessions are very nearly full, thanks to many hours of work by Jim Turvey and others. On Workday we were able to update committee assignments of members as they checked in. Result - more members need to participate in the Jr. Sailing Program / Committee. Please contact Jim and volunteer. In the long run, the young sailors are our greatest benefit.

Looking forward to dry days ahead. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Jill Burley

### **Some simple reminders with a 'please':**

- Parking on the lawn is for overflow times, Wednesday nights, weekend races and events. Park in the lot when there is space available.
- Dogs should be kept on their leash, always.
- Wear boat shoes in club launches, crew and guests too.
- Clean up before you leave.
- Identify your dinghy with your name and/or mooring number.
- Beach should be available for small sailboats.
- Dinghies are best stored at the dinghy dock or on the lawn south side of ramp.
- Remind your crews that B.B's are not all you can eat and drink.
- Return club dinghies to the dock promptly.
- Space at the main dock is limited and boats should not be left unattended.
- Private gatherings of more than 10 people require approval from the house Chair.

The complete list of rule is contained in the Club Log. The rest is common sense.

Thank you.

**Docks will be closed on**  
**Friday, July 9**  
**from 4 to 9pm**  
**for the LCYC Boat Tour**  
**And Tag Sale**  
**Normal Launch service available during tour**

**Junior Sailing Update** - Jim Turvey

Things are going very well for the Junior Sailing program as we approach the starting gun for the first session on June 21st. We are having a kickoff party at the club on Saturday, June 19th at 6:30 - please feel free to join us if you'd like to show your support for Junior Sailing and to get involved with the activities surrounding the program (please plan to bring a dessert to share and RSVP to me since I'll be providing beverages). Our season is 8 weeks long, and is divided into morning and afternoon sessions for Flying Juniors and Optimists. Several of the sessions are sold out, but openings do remain, so if you are interested please check out the Junior Sailing section of the LCYC website (sold out sessions are noted on the application form).

Besides our normal classes, there are several other big events. Junior Sailing representatives will be at the Boat Tour and Tag Sale on Friday, July 9th, and we encourage you to bring anything you'd like to sell to the Tag Sale. The Boat Tour is a nice way to meet people and see the new boats in the club, and the tag sale is a nice way to clean house and make some money in the process. The general rules of the Tag Sale are that if you bring it, you need to either sell it or take it back home with you. Also, if so moved, you may make a donation to support the Junior Sailing cause (we could use a new Opti to help ease the sold out sessions!). Andy Horton has

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Tag Sale Information:

Clean out all that sailing gear and hardware you have been keeping because it is still too good to throw away, or come and get a bargain on gear others are offering. During the Boat Tour we are offering an informal tag sale. It will work as follows:

To Sell - label each item with your name and price and bring it that evening. We will take care of the sale and give you the money.

To Buy - Buy items at price indicated or bargain with

again agreed to come to talk to the Junior Sailors on Tuesday, July 13th, and will also stay after the lunchtime talk to spend the afternoon sailing with the kids in that session, which is our first racing clinic. Finally, Walt Marti has volunteered to host our Big Boat Day, which is Tuesday, August 10th - thank you Walt! All in all, it looks to be a great year for the

## The Cruising Begins!!

### News from the First Rendezvous!!

The weather gods blessed the first rendezvous of the year with exceptional sunshine, good company, fantastic food and plentiful ideas for the coming season.

Sixteen stalwart sailors made the voyage to Huntington on April 24<sup>th</sup> to Skip and Mimi's home loaded with great grub, happy spirits, and lot's of insight for the upcoming season. As Rendezvous chair I am extremely grateful for the generous sharing of ideas. Let's hope that we can implement some of them for all our benefit.

One of the first ideas was to put up a cruising/ rendezvous message board at LCYC so there is a place we can check for people cruising and wanting company. I would also suggest that perhaps we could start an email net so that if somebody has a plan for a weekend they could post it to an email and people could jump on that destination or suggest another.

Another thought was to do a little research to see if we can NOT reinvent the wheel by checking out what other Yacht Clubs/ Sailing Clubs do in the way of setting up cruising activities. Anybody with knowledge or experience of other clubs ideas please share them with me via e mail. [skip@snowfireauto.com](mailto:skip@snowfireauto.com) or phone, 802-434-7761.

The inclusion of club members that are not sailors... i.e. Powerboat cruisers was brought up and a desire to share destinations and cross-pollinate cruising. Suggestions would be welcome and perhaps an effort to invite power boaters directly may hold some promise. The observation was made that the fantastically large cockpits of power boats were a very attractive gathering ground for on the water fun. Any volunteers in the power squadron???

Several destinations were suggested and discussed.

Kingsland Bay was mentioned by several as a good destination because there was the option of on



shore walks, and on shore picnic activities. There may be a charge for the use of the park. I will look into that and let people know what the drill is. Also note that the club has 2 moorings in Kingsland bay on the

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#### Upcoming Cruises.

**7/3/2010 - Fireworks / Rendezvous**  
POT LUCK dinner at the club and then a cruise to the breakwater for an LCYC raft-up to enjoy the fireworks! We plan to anchor outside the breakwater (weather permitting)

#### **7/17/2010 - Champagne Race to Willsboro Bay**

We will again have the Champagne Race to Willsboro Bay where the winner will receive Champagne. Other prizes will also be awarded. We will have an award ceremony on shore. This year the on shore festivities will be followed by a potluck dinner. See you there!

**7/24/2010 Kingsland Bay Rendezvous** Full moon on the 25<sup>th</sup> ( Sunday ) Kingsland Bay a great spot (as long as the wind is not from the northwest). We now have two club moorings located there. The Kingsland Bay State Park is a great place to go ashore and walk around. We will plan cocktail/hors d'oeuvres on shore at 5:00PM. If you don't want to bring your boat you could drive down.

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west shore in the little cove. These moorings are clearly marked LCYC.

The Club also has 4 moorings in Converse bay on the east shore, also clearly marked LCYC.

The Mozart Festival Concerts were mentioned. Concerts will be held at Shelburne Farms and at Kingsland Bay State Park. We can check on ticket prices and confirm that they are available on shore. I will check on concert dates.

Vergennes as a destination seemed popular, however, I was cautioned that we need to confirm that the water levels are not too low or too high and that the docks are actually in the water and available. Dinner in town might be fun.

Basin Harbor was suggested as a destination. There being a restaurant on shore and the Maritime Museum and walking trails it seems there is a lot to do. Some one mentioned that there are some moorings available and reservations would be a good idea. If not taking a mooring then a plow anchor would work best as the area has weeds and a Danforth would not work.

An evening at the Naked Turtle in Plattsburg was another destination, with a good eye on the wind direction. I believe a south wind makes the docks and anchoring pretty uncomfortable. However somebody said they had found a good protected anchorage in the area. Perhaps that person can share that information with the club.

Whites Beach outside of Mallets Bay was suggested, with cookout on shore. However, ownership of the beach was not clear and some research would be in order.

Ticonderoga as a destination with a visit to the Fort was mentioned, and that there was an anchorage below the fort that had good holding. Maybe this could take the place of the planned Deep Bay rendezvous. We would also get a look at the bridge construction at Crown Point. Deep Bay at the end of the season

seems to be in doubt as last year the moorings were pulled early. Perhaps we need to rethink this one.

There was a suggestion that we all might invite our neighbors to go on a cruise and share the fun and maybe generate some general sailing interest. Sounded like fun to me.

Some other suggestions were that we plan Rendezvous so that there are south and north destina-



tions at the same time.

And two last items. Chuck Finn volunteered to develop an LCYC cruising data base for the exclusive use of club members of destinations and anchorages on the lake with vital information such as what wind directions were good, what the bottom was like for holding, points of interest nearby. This information would be available on the LCYC website but only to members that sign in. Perhaps we could share our own experiences with Chuck for inclusion.

And lastly: We all have heard of the dangers of over reliance on that miracle navigator, the ubiquitous GPS. I anchored our Dyer sailing dinghy in the front yard at least two yards from the edge of the road with its' rainbow sail hoisted so that guests would know when they had arrived...We had not one, but two navigators sail on by while arguing with their GPS..... No names mentioned! Good thing I didn't anchor it in the middle of the road!

Fair winds to all and your feed back is appreciated.

**Skip Hoblin—Rendezvous chair.**



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## Andy Horton Starting Rules Clinic

Over 75 people attended the The May 19<sup>th</sup> rules seminar, led by Andy Horton and sponsored by the Lake Champlain Etchells Fleet. Andy, a world-class sailor who also happens to have grown up on Shelburne Bay, took the crowd through a series of situations that come up during starts, with particular attention to rules that apply there. The crowd also enjoyed pizza, beer and Chester's ice cream, again, compliments of the Etchells fleet. Stay tuned, as there may be a follow up seminar dealing with rules that apply at mark roundings.

The Club and the Racers who attended thank Andy for taking the time to share his knowledge with us.



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