



The Binnacle

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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From the Commodore,

After such a cold winter, the desire and anticipation for the return of warmer weather and boating is nearly palpable around town and at the club. I trust you are all looking forward to being on the water again too.

An updated Officers, Board, and Committee list is included in this newsletter. After the results of our last election, Bob Muneio has taken the place of Judy Gordon who retired from the board. I welcome Bob's presence, but will miss Judy's. Judy has been a long time member of the board and club officer, a person who made things happen at the club, and a very positive influence.

Among the committee assignments, we could use some help with the Red Fox Committee and the Membership Committee. If you are game to join one of these committees, please contact myself or any board member.

A business plan has been created for the proposal to build a new clubhouse. While the proposal is exciting and could enable the club to do more, there is concern that it is a big undertaking – it is. I'm planning to forward more information and hold a membership meeting later in the Spring to discuss the topic. An exact date has not been set.

Membership and club finances are all in good shape and similar to last year. One notable exception is that we have two rental offices still available. It would provide the club with a nice financial cushion to have those rented, otherwise they are a drag. Please be on the lookout for anyone who may have a need for the space.

The CYC Website is being redeveloped and the new design looks great. It is planned to launch the website within a month. When the new site is up, your review and comments to the website committee would be appreciated, particularly to get any glitches fixed.

Special Mention:

Kudos goes to Abbey Barnes who received a student leadership award for her work in starting a sailing team at Grand Valley State University. Please send notices of member awards and achievements to the commodore or Binnacle editor to be included in this newsletter.

Richard M. Hodgson II

Commodore

Thank you:

Many thanks to **Karen and Keith Attee** for organizing the Tree Trimming Party as well as plans for our Christmas Family. All went well and there is a very nice Thank You letter from our family posted on the Bulletin Board. CYC members efforts were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the **Melges Fleet** for hosting this month and the start of a new tradition for Fleets both current and past to host on a Friday night. Please contact Gay Pung to schedule a Friday night hosting event!

Jim & Kate Stewart hosted on December 17 and we all celebrated Robert Burns Birthday. This is a Scottish tradition and involves the reading of Robert Burns Poetry, the singing of Scottish songs and the wearing of the plaids. Dr. Stewart was resplendent in his Kilt and entertained us with his reading of Burns poetry. We toasted him and Robert Burns with a scotch or two and closed the evening with a well known song, written by Burns, Auld Lang Syne..

Jim & Chris Abbey once again hosted on Super Bowl Friday. Although I did not hear much discussion about the upcoming Game, we did have a lot of fun . We played Corn Hole and tried to answer Quiz questions designed to test our knowledge of historical facts relative to the Game. Prizes were awarded! Thank you Jim & Chris!



Bob & Jan D'Alcorn hosted a Valentines Party and tempted everyone with tasty treats. Thank you for the Sweets!

The Crew Members of Our Thyme Too and Four @ Play followed the Melges Fleet and hosted on Friday, February 28th. Good company and good food made for lively conversation. Thank you.

There is still time to sign up for a Crew Friday Host ing in March or April. Just get your crew together, past or present, and call Gay Pung and she will be happy to sign you up!

The Vote:

Board Members Mark Pirie and Chris Lamb were returned to the Board and joined by Bob Muneio.

On January 13th the 2014 Board cast a vote of confidence for Commodore Rich Hodgson and Vice Commodore Marty Jensen.

The Binnacle

You will no longer be receiving the Binnacle via the US Mail. Jerry is Developing a plan to send the Binnacle to you electronically. Once the new Web Site is done, you will be able to access The Binnacle there. The monthly Calendar is already available and can be accessed by going to the Web Site www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org and clicking on Main Calendar. If a hard copy is desired just locate the print command in the upper right hand corner. and **CLICK**.



Friday Night Hosts

Hosting on Friday nights is a fun way to get to know other club members as well as meet the volunteer requirement. You can sign up on the Calendar at the club or contact Gay Pung to let her know your available dates. A bartender will take care of the bar and as host you may bring a snack/appetizer and greet incoming guests with a friendly smile.

Board Meetings

The Board meets the second Monday of each month at the club, beginning at 6:30pm. Club members are encouraged to attend. Please contact the Commodore in advance if you wish to be on the Agenda. Copies of the Minutes from each Board Meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board .

Grand Traverse Bay Cruise Update

The Power Squadron is putting together a Grand Traverse Bay Cruise. The Cruise Dates are June 23rd thru June 29. All boaters are certainly welcome, power and sail. So far 8 boats have set this up on their calendars, four sail boats and four power. Per Bob Fawcett, the plan is shaping up as follows:

Monday - Leave for Northport

That evening we are planning a Welcome Party on the dock with drinks and appetizers. Dinner on your own or we can invade one of the local spots.

Tuesday - We will bus over to Leland for the day and have lunch. (There is a metro bus that takes you right over to Leland for a couple of bucks). The rest of the day is on your own.

Wednesday - Leave for Clinch Marina, TVC. We are planning one dinner and one play or music event. Plan to stay in Clinch for 3 nights. While there we thought we might do a bike tour and a beach picnic depending on the weather. With so much to do in Traverse we have a lot of options still being considered.

Saturday - Leave for Bowers Harbor – Optionally some boats will be on the hook and a few in the marina depending on space and preference. On the agenda will be a winery tour and a dinner at the Jolly Pumpkin.

Sunday - Open for the moment. Or will leave for home.

The intent is not to overdo it with too many pre-planned events but just enough to take advantage of each port and still have time to relax. If you are considering joining this cruise or would like more information, contact Bob Fawcett (239) 770-0610. Some of the arrangements (docks) may require a commitment by May 1.

2014 DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Space is still available for CYC members interested in placing ads. Please help support the Directory!

All artwork should be updated and submitted digitally by email to terrywalkington@gmail.com Jpg files of at least 300 DPI are best. **Payment is required in advance.**

send to :

CYC Directory, P.O. Box 522, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Advertising Deadline: March 29, 2013

Questions? Call Terry Walkington @ 989-928-2835

-Planning a Party? The club is available to members for Private Parties. Please plan ahead and contact Roy Herald for more information

2014 Officers and Board

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2014 Committees

Bar Manager:	Bob Uehlein/Beth Uehlein
Binnacle:	Judy Gordon
Building Committee:	Doug Simpson/ Bob Muneio/Charie Metevia
Club Access & Keys:	Doug Simpson
Directory:	Terry Walkington
E-mail:	Jerry Seymour
Facility Committee:	Mark Pirie/Doug Simpson/Charie Metevia
Membership Committee:	Terry Walkington
Power Fleet Captains:	Laurel Rosen and Bob Fawcett
Race Committee:	Mike Miller/Joe Wollam/Keith Attee/Steve Pirie
Red Fox Regatta:	Lynn Smolenyak and Bridget McAvoy
Social Committee:	Gay Pung/Sandie Walkington/Carol Herald/Carol Pirie/Carol Srarks/ Beth Uehlein
Store:	Beth Uehlein
Website:	John Friedlly and Jerry Seymour, Christopher Lamb



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