



The Binnacle

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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From the Commodore,

Racing and cruising are at their height now and it sure feels good, as I write this, to have some nice weather enhancing it all. Several members have placed well in area races including the Chicago to Mackinac. Right now the Quantum freshwater cup has no surprise in the lead and Zig Zag in second. It looks like the Red Fox will be the deciding race.

The GT bay cruise was quite a hit with everyone who attended. There are already plans for a cruise around Lake Charlevoix in mid-August and more to come next year. The power squadron is looking to set up one trip each month in June, July, and August going forward. This type of cruise or rendezvous has historically been a favored activity for our club and it is good to see more planned. All of these plans are intended to be inclusive of power and sailing cruisers.

Following the June membership meeting about the proposed new clubhouse I have received many favorable and supportive comments, and also some concerned comments. The board discussed the proposal during its next meeting and decided to continue to pursue it. Accordingly, I have set up three committees. First there is a Design committee to ensure the club's interests and intended uses are well covered. Second there is a fundraising committee to gather pledges needed to ensure we can financially cover finishing, equipping, and starting up the new clubhouse. Third there is a membership marketing committee to develop the approaches we may use to reach more people, different age groups, and broader interests. Note that the membership committee effort may result in some valuable suggestions no matter what we do about a clubhouse. If you would like to participate, please contact me.

Another thing asked for at our June meeting was a copy of the financial projection for the new clubhouse proposal. One has been included with this edition. It starts with three years of actual data in the same format the board gets from the Treasurer. Following that are three more columns of projections each with different assumptions about membership and rental income. The approach used was intended to see what it would take to do the proposal. I suspect there is potential upside in the projected membership numbers. I realize this may be a bit cryptic for some, so feel free to contact me if you have comments or questions. In fact constructive comments would be welcome.

Finally, preparations for the club's biggest event, the Red Fox regatta, are underway. Again this year Lynn Smolenyak is leading the effort and deserves our appreciation. Please give her your support, get involved, and certainly buy tickets for the party in Boyne City. Jim and Chris Abbey are also helping out a great deal this year and it will be nice to have their organizational expertise in future.

Richard M. Hodgson II

Commodore

The Red Fox Committee

Is looking for volunteers to make the Regatta work! Please look at the volunteer board at the club and sign up for any of the positions that haven't filled yet. Thank you!

2014 Red Fox Regatta

Notice of Race, Schedule of Events and Party Ticket Order Forms are available at the club or on line at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org. Tickets to the party are available to everyone and include dinner, beverages and entertainment. Everyone must have a ticket to enter the party area. The cost of tickets are \$20.00. Children 10 and under are free with an Adult ticket holder.

Beaver Island Race

Eight boats competed in the annual 2 day race to Beaver Island on July 12-13.

Saturday's results:

JAM: 1 Sail La Vie 2 Sandpiper 3 Apothecary 4 Booma 5 Windswept SPINNAKER: 1 Montuno 2 Flyswatter 3 Ticket to Ride

Sunday's results:

JAM: 1 Sandpiper 2 Booma 3 Windswept 4 Sail La Vie 5 Apothecary SPINNAKER: 1 Ticket to Ride 2 Flyswatter 3 Montuno

The Flags and Trophy will be presented at **Awards Night** to be held **November 1**.

No Boundaries Regatta

Seven boats participated in this Regatta held annually the First Saturday in August on Lake Charlevoix. With Steve Pirie as Chairman, racers competed in several races, 2 shorter races and then a longer race down and around the traditional G mark at the entry to the South Arm. Flags and the trophy will be presented at **Awards Night**. Thank you to Steve for upholding the Tradition of this mid season race!

Venetian Cup

Zig Zag placed **First** and will once again receive the Venetian Cup. The Jr. Venetian Cup to have been held on Tuesday, was postponed due to weather and was held Tuesday August 5. Results were not available at this printing!

ADULT SAILING LESSONS

Learn to sail on Beautiful Lake Charlevoix

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Registration forms available at charlevoixyachtclub.org

Offered by Charlevoix Yacht Club & Lake Charlevoix Mariners

6 hours for \$195!

AND

All students receive a complimentary Charlevoix Yacht Club Membership for the current sailing season

LESSONS INCLUDE:

On-Shore Class Time	Boat Safety	Rules of the Road
Small Boat Handling	Docking & Departing	Rigging & De-Rigging
Knot Tying	Sailing	Sail Trim
Good Sportsmanship	Self Confidence	Teamwork
		Weather
		opportunities for Keelboat Sailing

Grand Traverse Bay Cruise

The Grand Traverse Bay Cruise had a total of 10 boats attend, half sail, half power. Starting off in Northport with a first night cook out/pot luck dinner as our initial get together. Lots of food, lots of drink, lots of fun.

The next morning we had a 9:30 pick up of a charter bus, courtesy of the BATA system Which took us over to Leland for the day. The group split up for breakfasts, lunches and shopping. Later that afternoon our charter bus took us back to Northport where about half the group tried out the new bowling lanes at Tuckers restaurant.

Wednesday was off to Suttons Bay which was an open day and everyone went off on their own. With the exception of a lot of fog rolling into Leland the day before we had good weather through out the trip

Thursday late morning boats started heading over to Bowers Harbor for a day/night on the hook and the weather turned perfect. A number of boats rafted off and others went solo. The dinghy's came out for a ride to shore and walk to the Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant. After dinner we returned to our boats as the bay turned glass smooth and stayed that way all night long. Our final stop was Traverse City and most boats arrived around lunchtime. That night we took the dinghies over to the Traverse Bay Yacht Club. We had drinks in their bayside area and later dinner in their Commodores dining room. For 12 bucks I got a prime rib you could choke a horse. Great night and a lot of fun. Thank you to Grand Traverse Yacht Club for accommodating all of us!

Saturday a number of boats left to get ahead of a bad weather forecast but a few of us stayed. We had a nice time biking around the downtown area. I highly recommend a few days there is not enough.

All in all, I think everyone had a good time and a chance to make some new friends while enjoying some fine boating in some beautiful waters. (Many thanks to Bob and Laurel !)

2015 CYC CRUISE

Plans are already in the works for a cruise next year to **Mackinaw Island** with a splinter of that group going on to the **North Channel**. Please be sure to express your interest to Bob Fawcett via email at fawcettfam@aol.com.

Lake Charlevoix Cruise

Following the very much enjoyed success of the Grand Traverse Cruise the Power Squadron has planned a long weekend cruise around Lake Charlevoix **August 15-18**. Stops are planned in Boyne City, East Jordan and somewhere in between. A canoe trip down the Jordan River is also being considered. If you would like to join, power or sail, please contact Bob Fawcett via email at fawcettfam@aol.com.

2014 Red Fox Apparel

Red Fox Apparel can now be pre-ordered . Please go to www.charlevoixyachtclub.org and click on the link: Order Form. Please print the order form and mail it along with a check or credit card info to Charlevoix Yacht Club, P.O. Box 522, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Apparel will be ready and available for pick-up at the Yacht Club on Red Fox Weekend.

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