



The Binnacle

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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From the Commodore,

Racing started this past week and contrary to much speculation, no ice was reported. Thanks to Don Bowerman, Rod Tinney, and Mitch Carey for helping with the committee boat and getting the buoys out in time. Boats have been necessarily slow to launch this year, but now they sure look good out where they belong. I very much look forward to getting the 'Duchess' out on the water.

The newly redesigned website is up and running. There is a lot of content loading and updating to do yet, but the look, flow, and capability of the website is greatly enhanced. Please take some time to review and send comments via email to anyone on the website committee. Thanks to Chris Lamb for taking the lead on the website effort.

The Commodore's party is scheduled for Saturday night, May 31st at 6:30pm on the top deck at the new Quay restaurant. Tickets (\$20) are available from board members, the CYC bartender, and Gay Pung with the social committee. The ticket includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and live music from the Jon Archambault band (www.jonarchambaultband.com). Should be fun, please join me.

There are some open volunteer jobs that the club could use some help with. Recently it was noted that the facility committee could use another person to coordinate club use by groups and individuals. This is typically an infrequent job, but it can be engaging and would be much appreciated. Example activities include preparing and follow-up for use of the club by such groups as the kids taking boater's safety, individual members' social gatherings, or local businesses having meetings. The Red Fox and Membership committees could also use some extra support. If you are available to volunteer some time to one of these committees, please contact me at rich@csbchx.com.

Directories went out recently and are a product of some dedicated work by our membership chair Terry Walkington. A summary of the proposal to build a new clubhouse was included in that mailing. A general meeting is scheduled for Friday evening, June 6th, at 7pm. It would be very helpful for your board to have some thoughtful discussion about this proposal and to ensure information about the prospect is widely communicated.

Regards,

Richard M. Hodgson 11

Commodore

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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

Looking forward to the upcoming 2014 race season, Skippers met for the Annual Skipper's meeting on Wednesday, May 7. Preceding the meeting friends shared a potluck dinner and conversation.



Representatives from Quantum Sails made a presentation relative to the Freshwater Cup, sponsored by Quantum, to encourage participation in this competition. The Cup is awarded for a combined score which includes competing in 3 of 4 races: **Mark Madness; The Hound**

Dog Regatta; The Little Traverse Regatta and the Red Fox Regatta. There is no fee but registration is required. Additional information can be obtained from our Race Committee.

Pigs Eatin' Ribs will return this season for meals after the Wednesday night races. Everyone is invited to the Club on Wednesday evenings. The Food Truck appears around 7 pm and anyone can purchase a meal and join the racers. Holly has turned over her Wednesday night duties behind the bar to **Amy** who will get to know you all very quickly. In the meantime please help her out by identifying yourself and presenting your membership card if required.

Note to Sailors: Unrestricted Spinnaker/Whisker Pole lengths are no longer allowed without penalty. Poles exceeding "J" or certificate length need to be declared and ratings will be adjusted accordingly. This is in accordance with PHRF rules. In previous years, club rules allowed for the use of the extended pole without penalty. (Some of you may recognize this as the "John Gordon Rule".)

Commodore's Party

The commodore is having a party and he wants all of you to come! Saturday night May 31st at 6:30 pm at the Terrace Bar at the Quay. Tickets are \$20.00 each and include heavy horsd'oeuvres and live music for your dancing pleasure. Tickets can be bought on Wednesday or Friday evening at the club or from any Board Member. Casual attire is appropriate!

Web Page

www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org will now take you to our new web page. It looks great! Take a minute and acquaint yourself. Chris Lamb and others worked hard to bring this to us and continue to tweak the corners! Nice Job!

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.

General Membership Meeting

The Commodore and the Board have called for a meeting of the membership the evening of Friday, June 6 to discuss the new clubhouse proposal. The club opens at 6 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. The social committee is planning to provide some light snacks.

Grand Traverse Bay Cruise

The GT Bay cruise schedule is firming up as follows with 10 boats now planning to join. If you would like to join, contact Bob Fawcett via email: fawcettfam@aol.com

MONDAY 23RD – LEAVE FOR NORTHPORT MARINA

Check in with Harbormaster as you arrive, they have list of all members.

5 pm - Grill out/pot luck dinner. First night get together.

TUESDAY 24TH - Leave for Leland via Transit bus for lunch and afternoon shopping.

5pm - Cocktails on the pier (location to be determined) and open dinner in town.

WEDNESDAY 25TH - LEAVE FOR SUTTONS BAY MARINA

Check in with Harbormaster.

OPEN DAY AND EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH - LEAVE FOR BOWERS HARBOR

Anchor out overnight. Will determine anchor site based on weather that day.

5pm - dinghy into Bowers for dinner at the Jolly Pumpkin.

FRIDAY 27TH - LEAVE FOR TRAVERSE CITY (CLINCH MARINA)

Check in with Harbormaster

4pm - Dinghy over to Apache Grill for Drinks 5pm /Dinner 6pm

SATURDAY 28TH - OPEN DAY FOR BIKING, FARMER'S MARKET, EXPLORE

5pm - Dock Party

6:30 - Leave for Play/Music??

SUNDAY 29TH - OPEN DAY SO FAR... or begin journey home

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No Experience Necessary

Offered by Charlevoix Yacht Club & Lake Charlevoix Mariners

6 hours for \$195.00

Lessons Scheduled in July and August

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2014 Officers and Board

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2014 Committees

Bar Manager:	Bob Uehlein/Beth Uehlein
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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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