

The Binnacle

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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From the Commodore,

I would like to welcome everyone to 2015, and with that, many changes have already taken place at CYC, and I look forward to what looks like an exciting year! First of all I would like to thank Richard Hodgson on his great stint as Commodore for the past two years. Nice job Rich!

Rich will continue serving as an officer in the "Past Commodore" position and brings many valuable assets to the club. His insight and vision is greatly appreciated. As present Commodore, I would certainly appreciate your input and assistance in operating the club as the members and board members see fit. Welcome to the new board members, and thank you to the past members who have helped greatly in seeing this club run effectively. This is a volunteer club and there are many people who do many things behind the scenes. Thank you.

Thanks to Don Bowerman for his years of hard work, running the races on Wednesday nights and other weekend racing events. Don did an awesome job and it was great to see him out every Wednesday. Now Don is going to retire from that, and enjoy sailing again. With that in mind, CYC is once again looking for a person or persons to run the race committee boat on Wednesday nights. This is a paying position with great benefits!!

1. \$75.00 a race
2. A boat slip for your personal yacht (a \$2000.00 value!!)
3. A complimentary CYC membership
4. Use of CYC race committee boat
5. WOW!!

This position is very important to CYC and I hope we can locate the right people for this job. Please contact me or anyone on the race committee for more info.

The Melges 24 group would like to announce their annual Friday night party on Feb 27th @ CYC. Jambalaya and cornbread, as well as other delicacies and some nice drink specials will be available. We are welcoming Andy Allen, a longtime CYC member and past commodore, and Steve Pirie, a longtime CYC member and current race committee member to the Melges 24 racing. Andy and Steve both purchased boats in the last few months, so the Melges group continues to go strong for the 2015 season.

The Zigzag boat and crew consisting of Terry Meyer, John Kunitzer, Tom Babel, and Marty Jensen, made the long trek once again to Key West for the warm weather sailing in January. We had a great stay on Stock Island, with many trips for dinner at the Hogfish grill. Sailing was at its best with 73' water and temps in the 70's daily. We had our first experience with drones, as the quantum racing guys had one flying over the fleet on the start on Tuesday, and they had it flying just off of our mast tip on the mark roundings! It was cool and it produced great video. The last racing day on Friday proved to be the best, classic Key West conditions, with air temps @80' and 15-25kts of wind with large waves! Awesome planning conditions for the boat, with many continuous planning jibes around 16kts of boatspeed.

The CYC race committee is looking for anyone to donate an anchor that we can use for the rc boat. What we need is an anchor, chain and at least 200' of line, which will hold a 20' powerboat, contact myself or a race committee member.

Reminder to members, that as a member, you are able to rent the club for your event. Cost is \$100.00, plus a cleaning fee. Not a bad deal!. Forms are available at the club.

The Freshwater Cup (sponsored by Quantum Sails) member yacht clubs met recently at the weathervane for our annual meeting. This event is hosted by four clubs, Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, and Little Traverse Yacht Club. Each club used their signature event (for CYC it would be the Redfox Regatta) as one portion of the cup. Some new things are coming your way for these races, so please check this out! I would encourage everyone to take a look and join us for these events, Look for the icon on the CYC website under the racing tab. We will be bringing all of that information online soon. Last years winner is Dave Irish on "nosurprise". Congratulations!

Thank You,

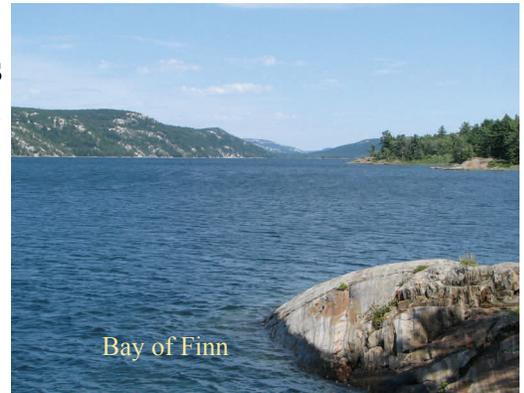
Marty Jensen **Commodore**

June / July Cruise Schedule

June Cruise to Mackinaw Area - June 27th to approx. July 4 th.

This cruise departs June 27th and will cruise the waters in and around Mackinaw Island. In the next few months we will determine ports and firm up specific dates. Plan on 7 to 10 days so people who want to get back for July 4th activities in Charlevoix can do so.

We are calling this the **Group A** trip because some of us will use it as a jumping off spot for the North Channel cruise.



North Channel Cruise - approx. July 4-18

This cruise begins as the Mackinaw Island Cruise ends.

Departure place and time for **Group B** will be determined so anyone not on the Mac trip will link up sometime around July 4th in that area. This trip will travel as far as Killarney with numerous stops along the way. About two weeks will be planned out to around July 18th so those wanting to get back for Venetian Fest can do so.

Click on this link for video preview: [Videos of North Channel](#)

I'd like to add some web sites and links at the end for any additional info first time boaters to the area can tap into. For example, the Great Lakes Cruise Club site :

www.glcclub.com, Ontario site: <http://www.thenorthchannel.ca>

[My Trip in 2011 to the North Channel and Georgian Bay](#)



If interested, Please contact Max Carthew at:

maxc@omegapro.com or Ron Herbst at: rph@herbst.com

From The Editor

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Ron Herbst and I am the new editor of the Binnacle. I am very excited about the new boating season approaching, especially as I look out my window at the blowing snow and below zero temperatures. I really love doing this and as we go through the year, I will need input and assistance from all of you.

The bi-monthly Binnacle is a way to keep you informed of all the various activities and news that involves our club. If you want any information included, please send me a "Print Ready" text by email or *.txt format that I can copy and paste. This is the most efficient way for me to put the Binnacle together. Also include any photos, cartoons, flyers and other pertinent information that you would like passed along. The bi-monthly Binnacle is printed every even month. Please send any information you want included to me at: rph@herbst.com by the end of the month prior to publication. ie by the end of March for the April issue. Please include either "CYC" or "Binnacle" on the subject line. I am looking forward to sharing this next year with you.



Membership Cards

Everyone should have received their membership cards by now. Look them over and let us know if we should make any changes.

2015 OFFICERS & BOARD

Commodore: Marty Jensen 231-881-4571
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