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Steve Pond, President

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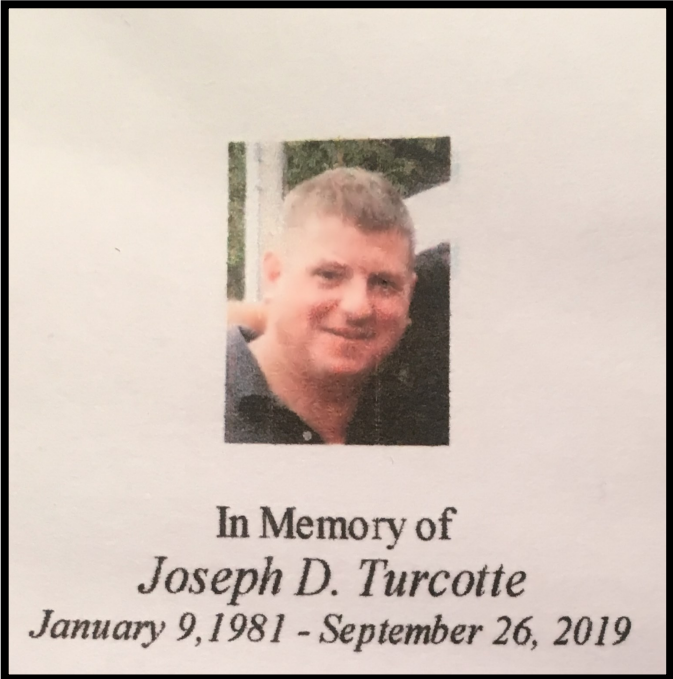
President's Message

Fall 2019 was a repeat of 2018 - it came and went in a hurry. Looking back, September was all about the ACBS Boat Show in Alexandria Bay. **Bill Truex's** Update gives a recap of the awards taken by LCACBS members: **Susan Haigh and Holly and John Weber**. If you haven't had a chance to spend any time in the 1000 Islands area it is a boater's paradise.

Looking ahead, our holiday party is on Sunday, December 8th from 4-7pm. Last year's party was a great success! We're looking forward to this year's party and hope you'll be joining us. If you haven't responded yet, send me an email or call to let me know you're coming. You won't want to miss the annual Pink Elephant Award! The party is a potluck with a cash bar at the St. John's Club on 9 Central Avenue in Burlington.

The winter workshops are a work in progress. **Michael Claudon will host the January 11th workshop** at Snake Mountain Boatworks and a return trip to **Tumblehome Boat Shop in Warrensburg, NY on February 8th** has been planned. March and April workshops are unplanned at this point. If you have any ideas please contact **Susan Haigh** or me and we will try to make arrangements. Stay tuned for future emails announcing those workshops.

I would like to welcome Susan Haigh as our new Vice President. Sue has become a valued member of our Club. She's our webmaster and is part of the Sponsor Development Committee for the 2021 Boat Show and worked tirelessly on the introductory video and solicitation brochure. ~ continued on page 5



Washington Post Travel Writer Discovers Burlington

The November 13 issue of the *Washington Post* contained an article by Melanie D.G. Kaplan titled *You're Going Where ~ Burlington*. The article can be read in full by accessing the Washington Post website (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/lifestyle/vacation-ideas/things-to-do-in-burlington/>) OR go to the LCACBS website and click on **2021 ACBS Int'l. Boat Show** then click on **Area Attractions**.

This article can be very useful as we continue to promote the 2021 ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show.

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Website

Susan Haig

I hope everyone is enjoying our LCACBS.com website. I've been filling it with lots of exciting photos submitted by our chapter's talented photographers. These are mostly found on the **Event Roundup page**. If you have any photos you'd like to submit, please send them to me at Suelafever@gmail.com. Also if you have any suggestions for the website please send me those as well. I'm no web guru, but I promise to give them a shot. Sponsors will have access to all events and publicity, less ACBS website promotion

There is a new section on the main navigation bar for the 2021 ACBS Int'l Show, under which is our 2021 promotional video. Send the link to all of your friends!

Our website's **Trading Dock** is managed by **Matt Foley**, so if you have something you want to list for sale fill out the submission form at the bottom of the Trading Dock page, hit the submit button and it will go to him. Also send him up to four images in .gif, .jpg, or .png format at LCACBSDock@gmail.com. There is no charge for listing.



Save the Date!

Lake Champlain Classic & Antique Boat Club

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8, 2019 | 4 – 7 p.m.

St. John's Club, Burlington, Vermont

Join your fellow Club members as we celebrate the holiday season with a potluck dinner. We had a fantastic time last year! Join us again for the 2019 party.

Details to follow soon – watch for an email!



Misspent Youth

In my youth, my parents owned a camp on Lake Bomoseen. The majority of most summers were spent at that camp. Watching the wildlife that inhabited the lake, I was intrigued how the Canada Geese goslings, without training, would instinctively follow their parents. Later in life I learned about “imprinting” and how a gosling hatched by a chicken would follow the chicken as if the chicken had laid the egg.

One of the accessories at the camp was a 17-18’ Whitehall skiff made by Dunphy. Every Spring it seemed to take a week for the planks to swell enough to keep it on the surface. The boat had two rowing stations and, because of the skeg, it would track like a laser beam. Visually, the Dunphy was offensive, sporting its many coats of checked oxidized gray paint. However, the boat taught me to how to caulk and how to row. Richard Bode was right, *First You Have to Row a Little Boat*.

In the immediate vicinity of our dock were four or five rowboat skippers my own age. Excepting the Dunphy skipper, the other skippers came equipped with flat bottom rowboats. The flat bottom boats were well cared for cosmetically and by comparison the Dunphy resembled a derelict. Yet, when the skippers gathered for an extemporaneous race, as skippers will, the dowdy Dunphy would display her lineage. The flat bottoms would wander about seeking course stability while the Dunphy’s long waterline and skeg more than compensated for the lanky skipper’s ineptness.

I don’t remember the final disposition of the Dunphy. It may have been euthanized and replaced by a plywood runabout. It wasn’t until many years later, as I caulked the seams of a Nova Scotia schooner, I remembered where and how I learned to caulk. Nine boats have graced my presence on this planet.

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Three vessels were fiberglass and six wood. Fiberglass boats have been a suitable, if not preferable, alternative to wood since the late 1960s. Yet, in 2019, I find myself ministering to a 1966 Lyman. Why?

Well I think, like the goslings, it is possible I imprinted on the Dunphy. The Dunphy Boat Company closed its doors for good in 1963. However, in 2019 when a wooden boat passes, my head and neck swivel in Pavlovian response to follow its path.

Imprinting? You decide.



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Vermont Gives \$1.4 Million for Phosphorus Reduction Projects

Reprinted from *Seven Days*, 11/14/19

Vermont is spending \$1.4 million to support novel efforts to prevent phosphorus from dairies and wastewater treatment plants from polluting state waterways.

Gov. Phil Scott on Thursday announced the latest round of grants in the state's Vermont Phosphorus Innovation Challenge, which was launched in 2018.

The goal is to harness the power of the private sector to help find innovative solutions to problems created by too much phosphorus in the watershed, such as the dangerous algae blooms that close beaches in the summer and keep tourists at bay.

"The bottom line is, we have more phosphorus going into our watersheds than we take out, resulting in excessive phosphorus in our environments," Scott said.

The state's main approach to attacking the problem has been to work to prevent runoff and other discharges of phosphorus into waterways, an effort he said is showing progress. But the new projects represent "a new way of thinking about phosphorus and a new opportunity to solve our nutrient issues by removing phosphorus from the land before it reaches our waters," he said.


The five grants range from \$50,000 to \$500,000 and will support organizations trying to turn the state's phosphorus problem into marketable products such as compost and fertilizers that could be used in the state or exported, Scott said.

Twenty-seven groups applied to the program, and six shared in an initial round of \$250,000 last year. The five finalists announced Thursday will share the remaining \$1.2 million.

"Each of these projects is unique and proposes an effective and viable solution to address our phosphorus imbalance," Scott said.

That imbalance is created largely because Vermont doesn't have an ideal "closed-loop system." Instead, the state each year imports 1,500 more tons of phosphorus in feed and fertilizer than it exports in agricultural products such as dairy, said Julie Moore, the secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources.

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If the state could develop new products from dairy manure and other phosphorus sources, however, Moore said the state could import less phosphorus and export locally produced products, such as seed-starting mix and fertilizers. 



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President's Message *continued from page*

Thanks to Susan for her continued commitment to the Club and for taking on this new role.

The steering committee for the 2021 ACBS meeting and show has made great progress. See Bill's Update article for the latest accomplishments. As mentioned in his article, Rich Butler has resigned from the Treasurer's position due to personal reasons. Please let one of the board members know if you have any interest in this position and becoming more involved with the Club during this exciting phase. We'd like to thank Rich for his contributions to the Club over the years and hope he remains an active member.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party or one of our workshops this winter.

P.S. Calendars! Our 2020 Calendar is about to go to press. Let me know if you'd like to purchase one. \$18 each with \$2 postage for the 1st calendar, \$1 each additional calendar. If you'll be attending the Holiday Party, no postage necessary as we'll be handing them out that evening. Order one, or more, today! See last page of the issue of *NFTB*.

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Progress Report 2021 ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show

Bill Truex

The Lake Champlain Chapter was well represented at this year's, 2019 ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show in Alexandria Bay, NY - by an actively engaged group of 12 members doing research. Two of our members received awards for their boats. Susan Haigh won two awards for Ninnyfish; Best Lyman of Show and a Gold Award for Classic Outboard Restored and Holly Weber a Silver Award for Classic Utility Restored. Be sure to see the Fall 2019 issue of *Rudder* for details of the event.

Upon our return The Sponsor Development Committee, John Dupee, Ch., Bill Aldrich. Susan Haigh, Holly Weber, Don Swain, Steve Pond and Bill Truex began the final steps in preparing our materials for offering sponsorship opportunities to our regional community.

With the help of our Executive Director, Dan Gyoerkoe - John and Bill fine tuned our portion of the 2021 Budget determining that we need to raise \$50k to cover our pre-events program and upgrades in the Burlington waterfront site to make it a premier event. We developed a three tier Sponsor Pyramid with six building blocks. The lowest tier is three sponsors at \$4,500 the next tier up is two sponsors at \$9,000 and the top tier is the lead sponsor offering of \$18,000.

The LC-ACBS BOD approved our \$50k Sponsorship goal at our October 24th, 2021 Committee update.

With the help of other members and Gene Porters materials from his March BOD Power Point Presentation to our International BOD, Susan put together an eleven page solicitation brochure describing our society, the planned program of events and the promotional opportunities available for the sponsors participating at one of the three levels.

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Meanwhile, as LC - ACBS is not a 501c3 corp.(non-profit status), Dan arranged for a bank account for 2021 with identification of our sponsorship funds for those wishing to have a 501c3 tax credit. Sponsors will pay ACBS directly into this account. We will direct our vendors, as appropriate, to directly invoice ACBS in Clayton as we wish to have funds withdrawn from that account. For those who don't see a tax credit as a need, - eg. businesses with other opportunities for writing off their expenses, marketing etc. - they will forward checks directly to us and our 2021 account from which we can pay invoices out of our chapter 2021 account.

Armed with the foregoing information, a letter of support from Mayor Weinberger, plus the fantastic three minute introductory video prepared by Sue, Catharine Hughes, and other chapter members, the Sponsor development team set out to find sponsors in late October. On November 8th the first sponsor, who wishes to remain anonymous, agreed to be a \$9,000 Sponsor. Followed shortly thereafter, November 21st our Lead Sponsor at the \$18,000 level was acquired.

We are proud to announce that the **Northfield Savings Bank**, Tom Leavitt, President, will be our lead sponsor for the ACBS 2021 event in Burlington. Our liaison with the bank is Chris Jarvis, VP Community Relations in Chittenden County. They are very enthusiastic about this opportunity and Chris has offered us their marketing help as necessary to make this the best show ever. Also, the bank is really happy to have us use their name if it will be helpful to us in gaining more sponsors.

We are halfway toward our goal of \$50k. It all is feeling great at the moment - only one glitch!! We are desperately in need of a Treasurer. Rich has had to excuse himself from this position for personal reasons. He will be missed, though remaining an active member of the chapter, we hope.

Help! CAN YOU STEP UP AND FILL THIS IMPORTANT ROLL FOR US??

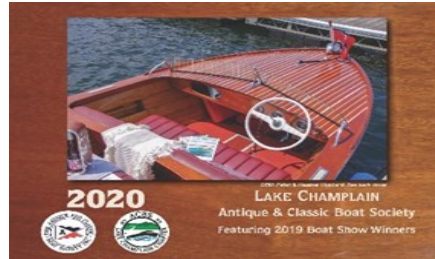


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