

## LWSA Celebrates the Summer Sailstice 2008

The cruising fleet of the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association celebrated the global Summer Sailstice on Saturday, June 21 with a Treasure Hunt. Eight sailboats participated in the event. Sailors departed Smith Cove with clues and quizzes that presented the challenge of determining their course and testing their nautical knowledge.

Initially the fleet was led to Treasure Island. The wind was not very strong and several boats motor-sailed in order to reach the destination. On the way to Treasure Island the crews answered questions about well-known pirates and received a set of letters to be used later. **Interlude** achieved a perfect score and was presented with a bag of gold foil wrapped chocolates for their booty.

Under the threat of an impending rain shower, the second leg of the treasure hunt led the sailors to Middle Ground Shoals. Sailors were asked to identify as many marlinspike knots as they were able to on a page from the USCG Prep Exam. They also received additional letters to be used later. **Full Sails** won with five knots correctly identified. A bag of string licorice was awarded to the crew to practice additional knots.

The final leg of the cruise took the sailors back to port in pursuit of the treasure that awaited them. They received a final letter and were instructed to use the letters to find the answer to a question regarding currents. Several participants had the correct answer resulting in a lottery. **Full Sails** won the lottery and received a bag of Lifesaver candy.

A Treasure Chest, in the guise of an LWSA cooler, held the treasure. After a lively discussion of the answers and presentation of prizes, a bottle of Cook's champagne was awarded to each participating boat. White cheddar cheese popcorn was served to accompany the champagne.

Approximately forty people attended the Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner in celebration of the global day of sailing. A wonderful array of dishes was enjoyed along with a lot of camaraderie among all boaters.

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