

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

February 2 – Chili Cook-off

February 9 – Icicle Series #3

February 23 – Icicle Series #4 & make up

March 8-9 – LNYC Keelboat Mid Winters

March 15 – X to C Race

March 29 – Top Gun, Frogmore Stew & '08 Icicle Series Awards



Report from the Commodore

Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year! I am happy report your 2008 Board has recently met and is already hard at work. I would like to thank all the officers and trustees for volunteering their time.

As your Commodore I have two requests of each member in 2008. The first request is to think of sailors (racers or cruisers) or someone that is interested in sailing (crew) and talk to them about becoming a member of the Club if they are not already a member. As you know we have an excellent racing schedule, great events/parties and I believe the most affordable sailing club in the Carolinas. I would like to encourage you to get these individuals to become a member of the Club. With more members in the Club, more things are possible. In addition, I guarantee it will enhance your enjoyment of the Club. My second request is for all members to participate in more OYC events and races in 2008 then you did in 2007.

My goal is to build on the successes of my predecessors. If you fulfill my requests we certainly will have a very successful year.

Regards,

John Scharer
Commodore



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Ahoy OYC members! I'm thrilled to be writing my first newsletter as rear commodore. We have some new and exciting things in store for 2008; it's going to be a great year for the club and for the members.

First, in March we'll be having a new open event, the "X to C" race. This race, the brainchild of Richard Mayberry is planned to be an annual event. It's a distance speed race, and records will be kept of the fastest times for one designs, PHRF and Portsmouth rated boats. Everyone is welcome to enter. Think of it – You may be able to set the record for your type of boat, and people may take a long, long time trying to break that record. You'll be famous... well at least around here you'll be famous. Come on out and give it your best shot. Stay tuned for the NOR, it will be out before too long.

Also, this year will see the demise of the cruising class in our races. But hold on, we'll be replacing it with a new concept: The "C" class. The C class will be a part of selected races, series and regattas. The intent of this new class is to get more people out on the water for races, people who may be uneasy about entering formal races. It will be a way to get your feet wet, at your own pace, while building experience and confidence in your skill. This class will not be timed, but starts and finishes will be recorded. You'll get one point for starting, and another for finishing. At the end of the racing season, we'll have awards for the most active participants,

Lastly, we're in early discussions about a short spring series. It's the perfect time of year to dust off the cobwebs if you haven't already done so by then.

It's shaping up to be a great year for sailing. It might not be a bad idea to get a jump on things and start your spring commissioning.

See you on the water,
Matt



Report from the Rear Commodore

At 6 PM, on Saturday, February 2 (the day prior to Super Bowl Sunday) OYC will hold its first social in the new year hosting the **Chili Cook-Off** at the Mariner Villas Clubhouse. For this event, members are asked to make their favorite chili and to bring it to be judged against other member's entrants. Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers. Last year Kathy Wasner took top honors in the contest and I know she will be up for the challenge again this year. The \$5 per person fee for this event will be waived for those who do bring chili. The club will provide plenty of liquid refreshments but members are asked to bring Mexican/Tex-Mex type of appetizers and desserts.

To assist me in planning for this event, please email your RSVP's to meritsailor172@yahoo.com or call me at **704-883-2409**. You can also let me know if you're able to bring an appetizer or dessert. Finally, the OYC Social/Cruising Committee needs additional members. If you are interested in serving on this committee....even if it's only for the orchestration of one function please let me know, any assistance is greatly appreciated.

As in the past, after the Chili Cook Off, there are four major social events scheduled for the membership. They include the **Frogmore Stew** on March 29, the **Wednesday Night Series Awards Presentation** on August 27, the **Oyster Roast** on October 18 and the end of the year **Holiday Party and Annual Meeting** on December 6. I know that during the last two years, Matt & Ginger Zaremski spent countless hours in preparation to also include raft-ups, cruises and fun races in that schedule, some of which unfortunately were not well attended. As the new Rear Commodore, I'm committed to plan, schedule and stage any and all social and cruising activities for the membership, but first, I'd like to get some feed back from the membership to determine if any interests exist for the scheduling of additional events.....YOUR CLUB, YOUR CALL!

See you at the Chili Cook Off,
Pete Calame'

The OYC Shop

**Great Sport Shirts, Outerwear, Bags & Totes, Tee shirts, etc.
all with (or without) the OYC logo!**



Special discount volume pricing for OYC Members on items from the likes of Columbia, Outer Banks, Hanes, etc. at prices you will never see at the Mall and all delivered straight to your door.

This service provided by Member Aaron Wood of KatieWood, Inc.

Find the link on the website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org