

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

- Top Gun & Frogmore Stew, Top Gun Award, Icicle Series Awards, X to C Awards...(OYC)..March 29
Spring Keelboat Invitational Series...(LNYC).....April 5
Charleston Race Week.....April 17-20
Wed night Series 1st Race, and every Wed night till Aug 20...(OYC).....April 23
Pursuit of Sailing Regatta...(OYC-Open).....May 3-4
OYC Board of Trustees Meeting...(OYC).....May 8



Report from the Commodore

Dear Fellow Members:

Your Club is off to a great start in 2008! The Chili Cook Off in February was well attended and a big success. Special thanks to Pete Calame', Rear Commodore and his committee for a job well done. During the winter months, repairs and maintenance were done to our committee boat which is now in tip top shape. Thank you to Doug Riley for coordinating this work. Also, Treasurer Sherry Corbett reported to the Board the Club's financial picture remains strong.

At our most recent Board meeting, your Board decided to pursue obtaining sponsorship for the Wednesday Night Series. As you know the 18 race Wednesday Night Series is the largest and most popular regatta on Lake Norman. The Board believes we have an

opportunity to capitalize on the Club's signature event. While we recognize we have little time to line up sponsors for 2008 we are going to do our best to get it started. If you know of a company that would be interested in being a sponsor please let me know. Sponsorship for 2008 starts at only \$250 for this year and if the company wants to be the title sponsor the investment is only \$1000. Our expectation is when we start the 2009 Wednesday Night Series we will have sold all of our sponsorship offerings. The money that is generated from the sponsorship will be used to grow our capital reserve account and to enhance our Wednesday Night Series Awards party.

On another note, you may have heard the North Carolina Community Sailing Center has been approved at Blythe Landing. While they certainly have a lot of work ahead of them before the Sailing Center becomes a reality, I certainly think it is great news for sailing on Lake Norman. Our Club will certainly support their efforts.

Hope to see you on the water.

Regards,

John Scharer
Commodore



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Ahoy again OYC members! The 2008 racing season is cranking up, so I hope you've done whatever work was needed to get your ride in ship shape. But knowing how fond we are of our boats, if I had to guess I'd say they're always in excellent shape. And that works out great since we have a very popular annual event coming up soon.

As I write this, a few days late (sorry Pete!) the new X to C event is one day behind us. There was a one day postponement due to a lack of wind early and impending storms afterwards. On Sunday the 12 mile distance race went off without a hitch thanks to the hard work of our Race Chairman, Steve Battel. Line honors go to Don Corey on Scram, with an elapsed time of 2:42:59. Congratulations Don! I can see you had some tough

competition. We'll have to wait till next year's event to see if anyone can beat that time. I'm sure people are already plotting their strategy. Complete results are available on our website.

Coming up in less than two weeks, on March 29, is the always popular Top Gun race, followed by the equally anticipated Frogmore Stew event. Both of these events get better every year. Pete outdid himself in running the Chili Cook Off, so between his MC and event hosting talents and Doug's cooking, this year should be special indeed. Polish up your single-handing skills and bring your appetite, March 29 is going to be a great day. Aside from the great food and drink at the Frogmore, we'll be handing out the Top Gun trophy, Icicle Series Awards, and X to C awards.

But wait, there's more! Before the next newsletter comes out the Wednesday Night Series, the most popular racing event on the lake will be kicking off on, you guessed it, Wednesday night, April 23. "Wednesday evening" may be more correct since by Wednesday night the competitors can be found at Midtown on the Lake. At any rate, the NOR is on our website and entries can be sent in. There will also be a cruising class for sailors wanting to dip their toe into the racing scene before deciding to dive in, my crystal ball tells me the weather will be superb so beat the rush and send in your entry.

May 3rd & 4th brings us the annual Pursuit of Sailing regatta. Again this year we will have great raffle items, awards, and the much anticipated fish fry. The race and associated pre- and post-race events are always a blast. Do yourself a favor and make time for this one. You'll have a great time and support a worthy cause.

Let me take a minute to thank Doug Riley for going through the trouble to take the committee boat for its multi-annual checkup. I know it's a pain to haul that boat out and lug it around. That's one reason it's not an annual checkup. Thanks Doug, we all appreciate you taking care of that work.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Lake Norman Keelboat Council for going through the effort to clarify some of the finer points of the rating policies and equipment specs and how they're applied in real world situations. Their work ensures a level playing field for all of us. The LNKC Board of Directors consists of several OYC members, namely Rick Rowan, Doug Riley, Clement Caddell, John Guthrie, Al Cleeland, Mike Wasner, and Don Trask.

That's all for now. I hope you can take the time to enter some races and attend the scheduled events. In addition to the regular annual events, I know our Rear Commodore has some interesting things up his sleeve for this year, so come on out and take advantage the events that your membership affords you.

See you on the water,
Matt



Report from the Rear Commodore

We had a great turn out at the **Chili Cook Off** with 35 members attending with 11 entrees competing for top chili honors. One of our newest members Tom Ellis took the third place prize with his version of "Cincinnati" Chili which he served up with hot dogs. Tracy Tripp, another new member to the Outrigger Club, took second place and Bob Klutz took top honors. Bob, who owns "38 Special" came along with the rest of his crew as invited guests. Bob told me he had so much fun at the cook off that he decided to join the club on the spot, becoming its newest member.

The results were amazing...First, Second and Third, a clean sweep all by the newest members of our club! The real winners that night however, were the OYC members who attended since we were able to sample some of all the delicious pots of chili presented that evening plus, we were able to enjoy the delectable appetizers and desserts brought in by various members, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Nobody went thirsty that night...of course there were plenty of sodas, bottled water and ice cold beer available but from the feed back that I received it was the uninterrupted supply and flow of Sangria Wine and Margaritas that kept everyone in great spirits that evening.

Now we're ready to do it again...NO, not another chili night. This time it will be Doug Riley's famous Frogmore Stew. I checked him recently and he says he's all set to go:

- 6+ quarts of water
- 6 bottles of beer
- 5 lemons, quartered
- 3 large onions
- 6+ ounces of Old Bay Seasoning
- 4 bay leaves
- 10 packages kielbasa, cut into 1" pieces
- 50-60 red potatoes
- 45 pieces of frozen corn on the cob, cooked separately from the stew
- 2-3 bags of mussels, cleaned
- 10 lbs shrimp in shells (EZ peel)

Doug will do his magic this upcoming Saturday night slaving over two very large pots to bring you the best ever Lowcountry Boil that you've ever tasted...served with hot sauce, cocktail sauce, crusty bread and lotsa beer! Doesn't that sound absolutely delicious? How could anyone pass up this opportunity?

Oh...and if beer's not your favorite beverage, there will be plenty of bottled water, assorted sodas and yes, I've been told that Sangria and Margaritas go good with any meal so...I'll set up my still unpatented "bottomless" wine and margarita dispensers again to provide an endless supply.

Cost for this event is only \$10/person.....where else can you get a deal like that?

In closing I'd like to extend my deep appreciation to all those members who made the Chili Cook Off the great success that it was. I truly apologize for not keeping track of the members who brought those

delicious appetizers and desserts since it would be most appropriate to recognize their efforts by name at this time. Unfortunately, I was overcome during the setting up process that I failed to take note. I promise to do better at the Frogmore. I did take note of most of the members who came early to help set up and stay to clean up. Don Corey, Kathy & Mike Wasner, Tracy Tripp, Ginger & Matt Zaremski, Susie & John Beeker, Tom Ellis, his son Derek and my wife Marilyn, I am truly in their debt.

Finally, please drop me an email at www.meritsailor172@yahoo.com or call me at 704-662-9584 to let me know if you plan to attend or if you can't make it to the Frogmore. I'm sure you can appreciate the difficulty of planning the logistics for an event without an accurate headcount.

See you at the Frogmore,
v/r, Pete Calame'

The OYC Shop

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



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