

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday night thru August 21.....	Wednesday Night Series.....	OYC
May 23-25.....	Hospice Regatta.....	LNYC
June 21.....	Summer Solstice Regatta.....	LNYC
June 28-30.....	Independence Day Regatta.....	LNYC
July 10.....	OYC Board of Trustees Meeting.....	OYC
August 27.....	WNS Awards Ceremony.....	OYC
August 30-31.....	Labor Day Regatta.....	LNYC
September 11.....	OYC Board of Trustees Meeting.....	OYC
September 13.....	Fall Keelboat Series Race #1.....	LNYC
September 19-21.....	Peninsula Cup Regatta.....	PYC
September 27.....	Fall Keelboat Series Race #2.....	LNYC



Report from the Commodore

Dear Fellow Members:

Can you believe it is almost June? I am pleased to report we are enjoying another excellent year at the Club. The recently completed Pursuit Regatta was a big success and the Club raised over \$5,000 for the Chuck Strange Foundation a Club record! Special thanks to Doug Riley, Race Chair and Pete Calame, Auctioneer for a job well done.

The Wednesday Night Series is off to a great start with over 30 boats and we have had great weather. As you know the 18 race Wednesday Night Series is the largest and most popular regatta on Lake Norman. It is not too late to get involved if you want to join the fun.

On another note, if you would like to learn a little more about your Club you have an open invitation to attend a Board meeting. The Board meets every other month. Please check the website for the next Board meeting date.

Hope to see you on the water.

Regards,
John Scharer
Commodore



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Greetings OYC members! As you probably know, the Wednesday Night Series is in full swing with 31 boats participating, under the expert leadership of Doug Riley. Results are posted out on our website. If you're not participating, or if you are participating and miss a week, you can check out the current standings. The wind has been cooperating lately, maybe we'll get lucky and it'll hold out through the whole series. We're definitely in some sort of unusual weather pattern. The wind's blowing almost every day, and this is certainly the wettest drought I can recall.

I'd like to gauge the interest for a couple of potential events. First, Richard Mayberry, father of the soon-to-be-famous "X ta C" race, has suggested a day of "practice racing" This would consist of a day with a half dozen or so very short races, intended to help us practice our starting techniques and strategies. It sounds like a great idea to me and the rest of the race committee, but I'd like to get some idea of how many folks would participate if we were to schedule this event. Drop me a note or give a call if this catches your interest.

Another potential event we're considering is a Race Committee Workshop. This would cover the process of handling race committee duties – course layout, starting, scoring... race management in general. The intent here is to get some new folks involved in race management, or provide a refresher course for people that may be a bit rusty, so that the work doesn't always fall on the shoulders of the same handful of people. I know that doing this for the first time can be scary, but this program can give you the confidence you need to handle those responsibilities without worry. Again, let me know if you'd like to participate in this event

How about that Pursuit Regatta fish fry? OYC really knows how to whoop it up, and who can compete with Pete Calame' as the auctioneer / master of ceremonies? He really kept it jumping and raised record-breaking funds for a good cause that will in fact benefit us all in the long run. Thanks to Pete, Race Chairman and fish fryer beyond compare Doug Riley, the irreplaceable Dick Walker, and everyone that pitched in to make the event a success. I know we're all grateful for the generosity of our annual donors Midtown Sundries, Bacon Sails, Carolina Brewing, and Hunter Marine for their continued support. We appreciate the new involvement of Corum, who contributed duffel bags that were one of the hot auction items. Thanks also to

all the local business owners that donated prizes toward the auction and raffle that made the fund raising such a success.

Regarding the racing, congratulations to our winners: Raptor in Spin A, Vene in Spin B, 38 Special in Non-spin A, Quatendoon II in Non-spin B and Zinfandel in Non-spin C

Coming up this weekend is the Hospice Regatta at LNYC. If you'd like to help out the Race Committee or hot dog cooking duties on Sunday please contact Steve Battel.

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

Ahoy OYC members! Again, thanks directly to Doug Riley the Frogmore Stew was a big success. Just as he's done for countless years, Doug drags his large pots and burners to the Mariner Villa Club house in order to treat the OYC membership to an indescribably delicious meal, and that it was, earning high praise from all who attended. As promised, the supply of Margaritas and San Gria wine outlasted the demand....next event's feature drink....the "Pina Colada!" In addition to Doug, our gratitude is also extended to Sara Butler, Marie Battel, Ginger Zaremski, Marilyn Calame', and Kathy Wasner for the delicious appetizers and desserts they contributed to the evening's feast. Special appreciation is also extended to Don and Marilyn Corey, Mike and Kathy Wasner and Warren Nye for their assistance in setting up and decorating the club house in preparation for the event. Finally my personal thanks to the countless members who stayed to help clean up and restore the facility to its original state....the many "helping hands" made short work of a large task.

By now you've read the comments from the Commodore and Vice Commodore regarding the success of the Pursuit Regatta. The food was superb! The BBQ meal provided by Midtown Sundries was truly "top drawer." Next time you're in Midtown, drop a word of thanks to the staff and management for the great contribution they make year after year in support of the "Chuck Strange Pursuit Regatta."

To satisfy the hunger of the racing fleet crews prior to Sunday's awards' ceremony, Doug Riley and Dick Walker, slaved over hot pots of boiling oil, preparing a delicious feast of Canadian Flounder, hush puppies and French fries. To balance out the meal, Sherry Corbett prepared multiple trays of delicious coleslaw salad. I can attest for a fact that nobody went away hungry. As if Dick Walker's efforts in frying fish wasn't enough, how about those homemade macadamia nut chocolate chip cookies he prepared ahead of time....it was truly the right desert for the occasion. Thank you Sherry, Doug and Dick!!!

October 18th, it's too far in the future to list in the "Upcoming Events" section but that's the date of our next major social function, the OYSTER ROAST! Mark your calendar's now because it will be too good to

miss. From today to October 18 is a lot of time and offers a great opportunity for the OYC to host an additional event. Some of us have been kicking around the idea of planning another “Day of Reckoning.” Basically the event is a short course race during which the use of water balloons and other “water-missiles” are authorized. Additional plans include a social raft up after the event. I’m going to gauge this totally on membership input. If you’re interested drop me a call or email. Based on the response, I’ll do what it takes....planning and implementing volunteers are as always very welcome.

That sums it up so I’ll conclude with this thought: “in the days of rising fuel prices, isn’t it great to be a SAILOR?”

v/r, Pete Calame’

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