



January, February 2007 Edition

Report from the Commodore

It's January and time for the Icicle Series starting Jan. 20th. Hope all of you can attend. I will be working weekends for a while so I will not be able to compete. Also remember that the Chili Cook-off is later this month so bring your best Chili recipe and an appetite and enjoy the party and the heartburn. I look forward to the events we have planned for the year and hope all of you will be able to participate in some way or another. Anyone interested in doing some Race Committee Boat duties please feel free to contact Doug Riley (Race Committee Chairman) and give him your availability dates. Good luck to all of you entered in the Icicle Series and hope to see everyone on the water soon.

John Beeker
Commodore OYC 2007

Report from the Vice Commodore

Dear Fellow Members,

I am looking forward to an exciting year as your Vice Commodore. We already are off to a great start with 12 boats registered for the Icicle Series! This is the highest number of entries we have had in recent years.

If you have not visited our website lately the 2007 racing schedule is posted. Of special note there will not be a Wednesday Night race the week of July 4th, because the 4th happens to fall on Wednesday. In addition the Huntington's Disease Regatta has been dropped from the fall racing schedule. I am hopeful you will mark your calendar now and plan to participate in many events this year. The more events you participate in the better your chance is of receiving the coveted "OYC" Boat of the Year award.

I am thankful to have an outstanding Race Committee to work with. Race Committee members include: Don Trask, Don Corey, John Beeker, Steve Battel, Neil Liner and Rick

Rowan. Steve Battel will be the Race Chairman for Top Gun and Doug Riley will chair the Wednesday Night Series. I would also like to recognize Don Trask, Doug Riley, and Rick Rowan who will be our Lake Norman Keelboat Council representatives for 2007.

On behalf of the Race Committee we look forward to seeing you on the race course.

Regards,
John Scharer
Vice Commodore



Report from the Rear Commodore

Hello again OYC members, Happy (belated) New Year. I'm honored to be back for an encore performance as your Rear Commodore. For 2007 we're planning to have events similar to last year's Social/Cruising events in addition to all the traditional events that members appreciate. We had a good number of fun and unique events in 2006. If you weren't able to participate in them I hope you'll have a chance to this year.

This year we're planning to assemble a more formal Social / Cruising committee. Ginger, our official committee chairwoman and I could use some help with some of the events, and I'm sure Doug, who I thank from the bottom of my heart for his help, could use a break. If you're interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. Also, as always, if you have any suggestions or complaints, feel free to let me know.

Let me add that I think that it would benefit us all if we were to make a concerted effort this year to bring along some guests to applicable events. It would be great for the club to experience growth in the membership. New blood and new ideas keep things interesting. If you know someone with the slightest interest in racing or cruising and social events that has a boat, drag them along. If they have no boat but have beer, food or money and are willing to share, that works pretty good too. Maybe it's just me, but it seems that when you consider that Lake Norman is the largest lake in the Carolinas, and the number of people that live nearby, we should have well over a hundred members. I know people are busy and get pulled in a lot of different directions, but it's important to make time to have fun. Like an uncle of mine once told me: "No one ever laid on their deathbed and wished they'd spent more time at the office". Sadly, he didn't heed his own advice and his boat sat neglected for years as he worked his way up the ladder. On that cheery note, I'll say goodbye till next time. See you out on the water.

Best Wishes,
Matt



Editor's Comments

The new Editor for the newsletter is Pete Calame'....me. I'm pretty sure most of you know me by now, but if you're not sure, I sail that boat with the red & white striped mast and boom! Not real sure what I got myself into with this job. I've never been an editor before, don't really like to write, always left the proof-reading of the kids' schoolwork to my wife so I know I'm not the most qualified individual for the job. Having stated that, the club needed the job done so I volunteered and pledge to do my best.

In addition to being the new editor for the news letter, I'm also a member of the club's 2007 financial audit committee responsible for as the name implies, auditing the club's financial records or more specifically the performance of our club's Treasurer, Sherry Corbett. The audit was truly an eye opener to me. Up to that time, I had no idea of the magnitude of work required to manage and maintain the club's budget. Sherry's performance as Treasurer has been nothing short of outstanding! So, as newsletter editor, it brings me great pleasure to be able to bring to light Sherry Corbett's selfless dedication in ensuring that our club remains fiscally sound. Next time you see Sherry, be sure to express your personal gratitude to her for the job she's done and continues to do in 2007.

Please extend your personal welcome to the following new members to the club:

Ed & Tavia Ormsby, owners of "Music" a Beneteau First 310 kept at Kings Point Marina.
Mike Jones, owner of "Outrageous" a J-80 kept at the North Carolina coast.
Rogelio & Shaun Calvo owners of "Sancho" a Helms 24 kept at the Lonely Pine YC.
Donna Sandoe, owner of "Adelante!" a Catalina 22 kept at Holiday Harbor Marina.

Find yourself sailing shorthanded at times? Check out this site for a "Cajun Tiller-Tamer" cost is less than five bucks:

<http://www.blumhorst.com/potterpages/Photopoint/0005/cajun-tiller-tamer.htm>

For an instant comparison of your boat's vital statistics versus any other make, check out this site:<http://image-ination.com/sailcalc.html>

Just enter your boat's make in the first column and the make of the boat you want to compare it against in the second column and the answers appear.

The saying is admittedly true, your boat is, like mine is a hole in the water that we throw money into. So, it's good news when we can "throw away" a little less right?

Check out these sites of consignment stores for great values in boating gear and parts:

The Nautical Trader, located in Nakomis, Florida, just south of Tampa.

<http://www.nauticaltrader.net/>

Castaway Bay, located in Buford, Georgia on the south end of Lake Lanier.

<http://castawaybay.net/default.asp>



For Sale

Contact Shari Marcus 704-849-2555 or email: sharim18@earthlink.net

1983 CAL 25'



New: Hood roller furling, Raymarine Depth & Speed, mainsail, tiller and winch covers, bottom paint. Also, 5HP Mariner



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 10, 2007 – LNYC Race Management & Rules Seminar – Open
- February 24, 2007 – LNKC Icicle Series 5 & 6, VIC Marker 2, 1030 hrs.
- March 3, 2007 – LNKC Icicle Series make up date
- March 8, 2007 – OYC Board Meeting, 1830hrs, Peninsula Yacht Club
- March 10, 2007 – LNYC Keelboat Midwinter Regatta – Open
- March 24, 2007 – OYC Top Gun Regatta
- March 24, 2007 – OYC Frogmore Stew & Icicle Series Awards Ceremony

That basically concludes the newsletter. Fact remains that it's YOUR newsletter so if you have any comments, likes, dislikes, suggestions, items for sale, please send them to me at 533 Stutts Road, North Lake Station, Mooresville, NC 28117-7462 or email: meritsailor172@yahoo.com.

FYI, Karen Dobbs is still the Club's Webmaster. Also, those of you not participating in the Icicle Series.....you're missing some of the best sailing conditions Lake Norman has to offer. Winds have been awesome, skies have been blue, and temps are above freezing!

Pete Calame'
editor