

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

December 6.....**OYC Holiday Party** & Annual Meeting.....OYC
January 1.....Ice Bucket Regatta.....LNYC



Report from the Commodore

Due to a family emergency, there will be no report from the Commodore.



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Greetings OYC members! Since the last newsletter was published we've had several excellent racing events. The first of those was the Peninsula Cup. Thanks to all the OYC members that sailed so well under our burgee, ensuring it a place of honor for another year at the Peninsula Club watering hole. Since it wasn't an OYC event I won't go into the details of individual finishes, but as I said, OYC took the honors for the 4th year in a row! Congratulations to us all!

Before I get into results of the other events we've had recently, let me share some news with you. The first is next year's proposed slate of officers which will be voted on at the annual membership meeting, held at the holiday party, December 6 at Mariner Villas Clubhouse. I believe we have a stellar list of candidates this year. They are:

Commodore – Yours truly

Vice Commodore – Pete Calame

Rear Commodore – Jim Juhl

Treasurer – Sherry Corbett

Secretary – Kathy Wasner

Membership Committee – Doug Riley

Web Master – Neil Liner

Newsletter Editor – John Guthrie

Senior at Large Trustees - Steve Battel, John Guthrie, Neil Liner

Junior at Large Trustees – Sara Butler, Alan Deal, Mike Wasner

We have a great mix of new faces, new blood, and experience on list, so we should look forward to new ideas added to predictable operations that will help the club grow and prosper in the future.

In addition to that great news, I have news of another change coming our way. For 2009, our membership dues will be increasing. I don't know exactly how long it's been since the last increase, but I do know it's been at least 10 years. In 1998 the dues were \$95 per year and when you consider inflation that would be \$125 in 2008 dollars. But we're not greedy so we're increasing the dues to \$120 for 2009. The reason for this is that while we do have a reserve fund, it wouldn't take much of an emergency expenditure to cause a big problem. We had discussed options such as raising entry fees for races, instituting a special assessment for members and a couple other ideas. None were as simple and fair as increasing the membership dues. We all know that costs for almost everything have gone up in the last 10 years, and we do need to ensure the financial solvency of the organization. If we ran into an emergency, we can be pretty sure we wouldn't get a government bailout.

Back to the racing news:

The 150 Bridge race was a real nail-biter this year. After a one week postponement due to light winds, Mother Nature cooperated and gave us a fair dose of wind on race day. My anemometer battery died, but I'd say it was blowing 10 – 20 knots with some respectable size waves for the lake. It made for an interesting day, thanks to everyone who participated. I know they had their hands full. In spinnaker class, Richard Mayberry aboard Fast Times came in first, Craig Galow aboard Thumper was second, and Chuck Lineberry aboard Pearl of Great Price took third. In non-spinnaker, Vern Heiler took first aboard Liquid Courage, a J-24, Pete Calame aboard Brandal took second, and Bob Burdick aboard Intuition took third. I have to commend Vern for taking first in non-spin, since he single-handed that day.

The Commodore's Cup was held on October 18, followed by the annual Oyster Roast. In spinnaker division, Don Trask aboard Raptor took first, and Craig Galow aboard Thumper took second, In non-spin A, Bob Klutz took first, Pete Calame on Brandal took second, and Chip Richardson on Jazz took third. In non-spin B, Shari Marcus aboard Luvit took first, Doug Riley on Life O'Riley took second and Bill Mann on Quaten Doon took third. The racing was followed by the oyster roast, and a good time was had by all. This year it was OYC's turn to manage the Wilmer Cup Regatta. The racing was held on November 1 and 2. First place in spinnaker division was taken by Chuck Lineberry aboard Pearl, and second by Dana Castro on La Dolce Vita. In non-spin, Pete Calame aboard Brandal came in first.

It's been a busy couple months in OYC. We've been fortunate that the weather's been great, but that's one reason why a lot of us live here. That wraps up the fall sailing season; the next race coming up is the Ice

Bucket, New Year's day at LNYC, and the Icicle Series, also hosted by LNYC. I know some folks love that winter sailing, but you won't see me in those events. I'll be at the holiday party though, and I hope to see you there too. This is always a great event. I've read that 80% of employers are not having holiday parties this year, but we'll be picking up the slack for those cheapskates at OYC, so take advantage of it and stop on by.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all at the holiday party and annual meeting.

Regards,
Matt



Report from the Rear Commodore

Judging by the membership response, the Oyster Roast was a great success!

Doug Riley received a standing ovation and big round of applause for another outstanding job tending to the oysters. The Pina Colodas were out consumed by the newly introduced "Outrigger Sunset," so you'll see the "OS" back again at the upcoming OYC Holiday Party and annual meeting. (Plus due to the colder weather setting in, look for a keg of hot rum laced apple cider to run throughout the night.)

December 6th will be here before you realize it. Please don't forget to mark that date so you don't miss the OYC's last social of the year and the ever important annual meeting. The event will commence with cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7. Arrive at the location by turning from Catawba Ave in Cornelius on to Mariner Cove Drive into Mariner Villas; continue to follow the road till you reach the Clubhouse.

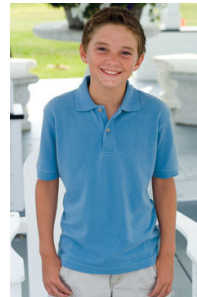
As in past years, the Holiday Party has been conducted as an event for the members by the members. Dick Walker has graciously volunteered to provide the baked ham and the OYC will take care of the beverages. It's cost free to the membership but we ask that you contribute a dish to make the Pot Luck event a big success. Not sure whether to bring an appetizers, main course, salad or dessert? Just let me know your plans either by email www.meritsailor172@yahoo.com or by calling 704-883-2409 and I'll maintain a running tally to keep the banquet balanced.

In conclusion, I extend my deepest appreciation to all the OYC members who arrive at the social events early to help set up AND leave late to help clean up. It can be an insurmountable task to erect the tables, set up the chairs and orchestrate the serving line; then when the party is over, put away the tables and chairs, clean the kitchen & clubhouse and haul the garbage to the dumpster. Familiar faces in this crowd include Mike and Kathy Wasner, Steve and Marie Battel, Sherry Corbett, Tom Ellis and his son Derick, Don and Marilyn Corey, Matt and Ginger Zaremski, Dick and Sally Walker, Jim and Linda Juhl, John and Susie Beeker, Neil and Suzy Liner.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 6th,
Pete Calame'

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