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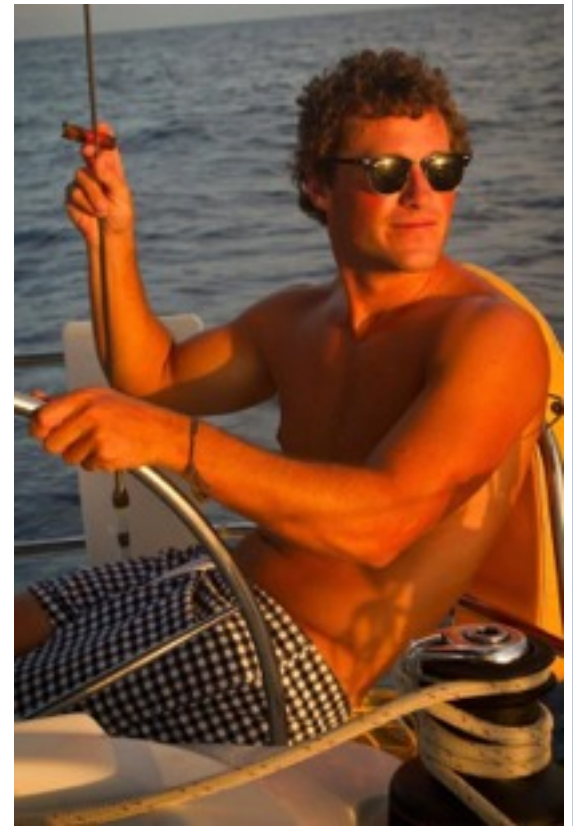


Commodore Wade's Remarks

As a relatively new sailor compared to most on the lake, some experiences I am having at this point in my sailing career are new and exciting to me, while to some of you they may be old business. Hodges and I became sailboat owners on a whim a few years back. It was an oddly warm day in February, and after the cold winter the thought of water overwhelmed us and we decided to go look at boats just for the fun of it. Well, that fun warm day turned into a fun few years when we came home with a boat. From that point forward sailing has become an important part of our relationship, and we have shared some really good times and deep conversations out on the boat during a long tack or more likely on LKN with a calm wind. Hodges and I got engaged in 2013, and I decided that my bachelor party should also revolve around sailing. So the guys and I planned a trip just recently to Charleston Race Week, and lucked out on our craigslist ad for a captain to take us on his boat. We sailed a Mount Gay 30 named Warriors Wish based out of Mooresville with Captain Don. What an amazing weekend we had. Couldn't have gone any better. Being my bachelor party, we focused predominantly on

alcohol rather than winning sailing races, but even we rookie sailors managed a 3rd place finish on the last day. Charleston was a great time and my first experience with a good destination regatta. I'm excited for many more to come hopefully with some fellow members of Outrigger Yacht Club. I'm looking forward

Commodore Wade Miller



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VICE COMMODORE DOUG'S REPORT

Yup, you just can't get rid of me. I will be acting as your Vice-Commodore in charge of the racing program for 2014. We look forward to a great year.

The Icicle Series, staged by the LNKC and this year hosted by PYC, featured a number of OYC member showing their talents. Overall, Bob Davis took first place in Non-Spin followed in order by other members Richard Blocker, Bill Spencer, and Neil Liner. In the Spinnaker Division OYC members Kurt Beyer, Vern Heiler and Joe Corriher took 2nd and 3rd places.

The OYC 150 Bridge Race staged on March 22 might have been run under the most ideal conditions in years: 8-12 knots coming from the WSW allowing most competitors to finish the last 3 or so nautical miles of the 17.5NM course all on starboard tack. 19 boats competed with Life o' Riley (me) winning Non-Spin and Mighty Mouse (Richard Mayberry's new ride – an Ultimate 20) winning the Spinnaker division. Many thanks to Bill Hartwell and Jim Juhl for their race committee support.

Membership should be aware that our prime asset, the committee boat, sank this past winter. It is not quite as bad as it sounds...seems the batteries went bad, meaning the bilge pump wasn't working, so the bilge was fairly full of rain water when we got that one night of 8-10 inches of snow and ice, which was just enough to swamp her. Luckily, she went nose down and remained tied to the dock, so the engine did not get dunked. Almost all expenses from the fiasco were covered by our insurance policy, so no real harm, no real foul. The situation did give cause to give her a real good cleaning and to reorganize the cabin which allows us

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Vice Commodore Doug Riley



REAR COMMODORE CHRIS' REPORT

Rear commodore Chris Greenman



Hey everyone!!! Well it's been an extremely cold winter, and now it's time to brush off the snow, break out the sails, and get out on the water. With that in mind I have a bunch of wonderful and exciting plans to get everyone together and enjoy being on the water. First off, don't forget our annual Frogmore Stew which is coming up May 3rd immediately following this year's Top Gun Regatta. We hope to see all of you at this delicious event. Shortly afterwards on May 17th, I'm planning an impromptu overnight raft-up. The plan is to meet near the hot spot in Ramsey Creek where we will all tie up and enjoy a day of swimming, grilling, and basically just hanging out. Please RSVP as I will be providing burgers and drinks for all participants. And to top it all off, this year OYC will be participating in the annual Summer Sailstice with our own registered event; the Lake Norman OYC Symphony, Sail, and Sleepover. The weekend will start on June 20th at 5PM where we will meet near McGuire Nuclear Station to listen to the Charlotte Pops Orchestra. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided along with the usual beer, wine, soda and water. Anyone wishing to spend the night on the water is welcome. The following morning, there will be a photographic scavenger hunt which will bring you to our final destination and raft-up (details to follow). At the raft-up prepare for a Caribbean style party including authentic Painkillers to those who come aboard Spirits III. And this is only the beginning. With summer coming, the sky's the limit, and as your Rear Commodore, I'm going to make sure we have as many opportunities to get together as possible. Until then, fair winds and following seas!!

Chris



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being your Commodore this year, and I am open to ideas on how to better serve the club. Please reach out to me whenever you like. It is my goal to learn to become a better sailor like many other members of our club. I would enjoy the opportunity to sail with each of you on your boats and learn more about you and how to trim the sails. Let's make it a great year.

Wade

Vice Commodore Doug's comments

the cabin which allows us to store our RC equipment and supplies for greater efficiency.

At the time of this writing, the Wed Night Series has yet to begin. Currently (4/22/14), we have 24 boats registered or committed to race.

Doug

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING ON LAKE NORMAN



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MORE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING

