



Outrigger Yacht Club
Lake Norman, NC



Club update from the Board of Trustees

As cool weather finally approaches another year of great racing on Lake Norman is ending. We hope everyone had a chance to get out and participate in at least one event on the lake and enjoyed both pleasure sailing and racing their boat. If not, remember that we have the annual Commodores cup coming up on October 27th, immediately followed by the annual club meeting and Oyster Roast. Be sure to come out and race and see our Commodore Steve Holbrook in action on the committee boat as is tradition. We will all be watching and expecting a perfect start Steve!!!

The Racing Committee is pleased to share that the committee boat has had some badly needed repairs done this year and is really looking a lot better. Many thanks to Steve Battel, Pete Calame, John Olsen, and Bruce Onsager for driving the repairs to completion. Early in the season the Canvas was removed, scrubbed, and treated with water repellent to help keep the inside dry. During WNS an issue with the fuel line sucking air into the system was finally tracked down and fixed. And after WNS concluded the boat was pulled from the water and the entire deck removed and rebuilt with new hardware, treated plywood, and new carpet. After that the bottom was scrubbed and all the lockers cleaned out and reorganized. You can see pictures of the work at the end of the newsletter. An example of our club dues hard at work taking care of our most important asset besides our members.

The Wednesday Night Series is our most important racing event for the club and 2018 was another successful year of racing! We owe much of the success to the hard work Bruce Onsager, Steve Battel, Pete Calame, John Olsen, and Bob Davis did taking turns as monthly managers over the series. We had 33 boats sign up with most competing actively in the series with a lot of positive feedback at the end of the series. As most of you already know, the Racing Committee and Board of Trustees went out on a limb this year and tried some new ideas during the series. Many were very positively received like the dual starts, PYC chase boat, new visual instructions for handling starts on the committee boat, alternate race layouts, and the catered Awards dinner at PYC. Others such as scoring in Regatta Network and the alternate division groupings were not and those will not continue in 2019. Look for new ideas to come as each new generation continues to try and make the club better.

Remember that our club is run on volunteers so please look for an opportunity to help on an event or role in 2019. This past year the Racing Committee and Board of Trustees really struggled to find volunteers to help with organizing races, helping on committee boat, leading special committees, and helping with committee boat repairs. Due to the difficulty in finding volunteers to help with the WNS Awards Party, the Board of Trustees decided to have a catered event at PYC rather than attempting to host the event with limited volunteer resources. This eliminated a lot of work for volunteers to buy, cook, and cleanup for the event. We also paid an external company to repair the deck on the committee boat, again, saving the need for volunteers to dedicate multiple weekends into rebuilding the deck. While this approach is good for reducing the need for volunteers it does cost the club more money than running everything purely on a volunteer labor basis.

So, to address both the increase in costs and the difficulty in getting volunteers we are going to make two key changes for 2019. First, we are going to make volunteering easier by putting all the activities for the year into Signup Genius online. This will be completed by January and everyone will get an email invitation and can go and sign up. There will be enough opportunities for everyone to help. Second, we are going to raise annual dues for full members from \$120 to \$160, but the \$40 increase will be credited back against your membership dues the following year if you sign up for, and complete, one volunteer activity for the year. That way the next year you will only be billed \$120 for membership. If you do not volunteer and help on any club activities, you would pay the \$160 again the following year. This is a common practice with many clubs, providing a credit to those that volunteer to help the club out during the year, or alternately an extra fee to those that do not help at all. Note that more detail on this change will be provided with the annual membership renewal letter.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to any of the following OYC Board of Trustees for 2018:

Steve Holbrook, Commodore: stephenholbrook@yahoo.com

John Olsen, Vice Commodore: olsenjohn11@gmail.com

Richard Blocker, Rear Commodore: rrb@compuserve.com

Bob Davis, Past Commodore: rdddavis@att.net

Upcoming Events:

Commodore Cup will be October 27, racing starts at 10:25. NOR is posted on the OYC Bulletin board. Please be sure to please fill out the form and send it to Steve Holbrook, save the postage and send it by email, of course the sooner the better.

The annual OYC Oyster Roast / Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, October 27 after the Commodore's Cup. Come out to race, and then enjoy an evening of good company and delicious steamed oysters, beer, wine and soda. If you bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert, the \$10/person cost is waived.

When: October 27, 2018
 5pm, immediately following the Commodore Cup Races

Where: Mariner Villas Clubhouse
 7419 Mariner Cove Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031

Cost: \$10 per person, or nothing if you bring an appetizer or dessert.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Richard Blocker at rrb@compuserve.com.
 RSVP must be received by Tuesday, October 23.

Committee Boat Repairs



Freshly scrubbed and treated canvas



Deck removal and new plywood flooring



New carpet and all put back together

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Minutes for Outrigger Yacht Club Board of Trustees Meeting, April 30, 2018

Called to order at 6:40pm at Lake Norman Sailing Club

Board Members Present: John Olsen, Vice Commodore, Richard Blocker, Rear Commodore, Bruce Onsager, Member at Large, Bob Davis, Past Commodore, Tracie Onsager, Treasurer

1. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Motion made, seconded and approved to wave reading of minutes from previous meeting
2. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Reviewed YTD financial report
 - b. Motion made, seconded and approved to remove miscellaneous assets (i.e. items of low value such as assorted shackles, rope, cookware) from the list of assets owned by the Club.
 - c. Discussed leaving the mailing address for the Club "as is" year to year to facilitate treasurer transition.
3. Report of Club Officers according to Rank
 - a. Commodore
 - i. No report.
 - b. Vice-Commodore
 - i. Races going well; zero complaints from participants.
 - ii. Motion made and approved to obtain estimate to have the committee boat deck repaired.
 - c. Rear Commodore
 - i. WNS Awards Dinner: quotes and suggested menus obtained from Peninsula Yacht Club (PYC). The Commodore's room has been tentatively reserved for Sunday, August 26, 5-8pm for ~30 people. The date has been confirmed and booked with PYC. Contract paperwork was obtained from PYC and turned over to the Race Committee for execution with PYC. Race Committee will make all menu selections and communicate to PYC. Jeff Barry is the PYC contact, 704-892-9858.
 - ii. Discussed t-shirts for WNS awards.
4. Communications to the Club
 - i. Results of member survey: Member at Large distributed summaries of the survey results. There appeared to be a high interest in racing, low interest in awards, social activities, and volunteering.
 - ii. Discussed growing issue with lack of volunteers putting strain on very few members to carry the load for all. Need to do something to drive change in 2019.
 - iii. Motion made and approved to use Signup Genius to publicize and fill specific, itemized volunteer activities and duties. Board will create and post itemized list of volunteer activities and duties by the end of January each year.
 - iv. Motion made and approved to raise dues to \$160 with dues reduced by \$40 for completion of a volunteer activity. If activity is performed during the year the \$40 will be carried over and applied to the following year dues. Enough volunteer activities will be posted for all members to participate to get \$40 credit but will be first come basis on Signup Genius.
 - v. Motion above amended and approved to apply only to full members, not associate members.
5. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Vice-Commodore report
 - i. Changes in prizes: discussed not having any awards, trophies or prizes being made for any OYC regatta that does not have a post regatta social event. No decision made.
 - b. Rear Commodore report
 - i. Next social event will be the Oyster Roast in November.
6. Reports of Special Committees: no reports from special committees
7. Unfinished Business: no reports for unfinished business
8. New Business: no new business

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Adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes for Board of Trustees meeting October 1, 2018

Called to order at 6:40pm at Lake Norman Sailing Club

Board members present: Holbrook, Olsen, Blocker, Bruce Onsager, Davis

Treasurer present: Tracie Onsager

Guest OYC Member Present: Nolen

1. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Discussed the need for an email to the members to announce the higher membership dues and new process for recruiting club volunteers. Will send out as part of 2019 dues notification.
 - b. Clarified that the \$40 additional membership fee collected this year from each member and from each new member would be:
 - i. Carried over to the following year if they complete a volunteer activity
 - ii. Will post volunteer roles on Signup Genius by end of January each year.
 - iii. Will be opportunity for all to sign up for something.
 - c. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept Board Meeting minutes from previous meeting
2. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurers report
3. Report of Club Officers according to Rank
 - a. Commodore motions
 - i. Motion made, seconded and approved to send a thank you and a West Marine gift certificate to John Kosicki of PYC for his help organizing the mark boat assistance for Wednesday Night Series
 - ii. Motion made, seconded and approved to send a letter of thanks to the PYC Fleet Committee to thank them for the help their club provided OYC in this year's Wednesday Night Series
 - iii. Motion made, seconded and approved to nominate the following people to serve next year:
 1. Commodore: John Olsen
 2. Vice-Commodore: Richard Blocker
 3. Rear Commodore: Bob Nolen
 4. Member at Large: John Scherer
 - b. Vice-Commodore report
 - i. Reported on enhancements made to the committee boat over the 2018 season
 1. Canvas was removed and waterproofed. Plastic windows were restored to clear
 2. Chronic engine fuel line issue was diagnosed and fixed
 3. Flooring was removed completely and replaced. Storage boxes were consolidated and better organized when reinstalled
 - c. Rear Commodore
 - i. The club house has been reserved for our upcoming Oyster roast event
 - ii. Doug Riley is providing his oyster roast equipment for club to use at our upcoming event
4. Communications to the Club
 - a. Agreed we needed to send a newsletter to the club membership with news and picture highlights from the 2018 season. Will be one newsletter from the board rather than each board member writing their own section.

5. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. None
6. Reports of Special Committees
 - a. None
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
8. New Business
 - a. Will order OYC T-shirts for the members of next year's board who do not have one in keeping with our tradition of providing our board shirts to wear when they represent OYC at lake wide functions
 - b. Order the "Retiring Commodore" jacket for Steve Holbrook
 - c. Steve Holbrook encouraged board members rising to new roles to reach out to their predecessors for guidance so that we make the transition as smooth as possible

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:50pm