



July/August 2003

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Regatta – An organized sailing event that pits your skills against your opponent's luck

Welcome New Members

Bob Underwood – Bob was badgered into full membership at one of the recent Wednesday Night Series get-togethers. His entire crew has also supposedly committed to membership but they have yet to SHOW US THE MONEY!!! Bob is a member of PYC and won the Non-spin "A" division of the Hospice Regatta this year. He pilots a Beneteau 311 named Elysium (whatever the heck that means!?!?)

Wright and Ellen Sizemore join us as Associate Members. He's an Engineer and she's in Customer Service...they live in Mooresville and sail a Catalina 25 named Moonlight Lady kept at King's Point Marina.

Chester Bucker joins us as an Associate Member as well...Chester hails from King's Mountain and is available to crew for anyone that finds themselves short-handed. He has recently completed the US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification and is very excited about honing his new skills. His contact coordinates are on the crew list on the website.

We are now have 73 memberships!

Updated Crew list

The Crew list on the website (www.outriggeryachtclub.org) has been updated. We will be adding only OYC members to the list. As of now, Eric Rice, Chester Buckner and Jeff Johnson are on the list. When looking for crew, please look here first. Members who wish to be added to the list, please contact Mary Karriker, our webmistress.

Ode to the Wednesday Night Sailors

By Bill Carroll

Here they come Wednesday night racers
Some old salts and some spectators
All with different boats
Different sizes and different coats
Vessels old and vessels new
Few single-handed most with crew.
Boats with hulls squeaky clean
Others layered in Lake Norman green.

They come from the west side shore
Kings Point, the Peninsula and more
From Mariner Villas and Holiday
Racing and cruising since early May.
From backyard docks
And trailered blocks
Even the Yacht Club crew
All set out for Marker Two.

It's 6:15 and here they are
The committee boat not so far.
There's **Crusader**, **Check Six** and
Quixotic the Thistle
Heading for us like a starboard missile
And falling off to avoid them all
Weary of **Echo** and **Pearl** their masts so tall.
A little further and the Committee we see....
Non-spin, fifty-one O three.

There's the warning, six minutes to go
Here comes **Life O Riley** and **Cielo**
With crews scrambling for position
Maneuvering hard to avoid collision.
As **Elysium**, **Raw Power** and **Air Transit** align
With the favored end of the starting line
There goes another blow
Only a minute left to go.

Closer to the start
The beat quickens in your heart
And shouts of starboard freely flow
Closing fast is **Wiz**, **Rumours** and **Tabasco**.
At thirty seconds, we see a gap
Trim in, full speed, no time to nap
If we're quick we just might fit
And cover **Lone Ranger**, **Icarus** and **Luvit**.

The gun goes off and the fleet is clear
Heading into a warm summer air
Tonight **Phantom** has won the line
He's building speed and sailing fine.
And **Antics** has found a nice little breeze
Reminds him of the open seas
But over his shoulder are **Tuff Life Too**
Antares and the **Cheap Shacht** crew

Sailing toward the dam and marker B
The fleet is a wonder for all to see
Devil Dog's crew positioned on the rails,
Road Warrior passing out some cocktails.
And even though the breeze is light
There's close to forty boats tonight
On this beautiful eve' as the sun slowly fails
Behind **Boat Drink's** shimmering sails

With **No Worries** at the windward mark
we round
Lucky not to have run aground
While **Gray Hull** is close and avoids a crash
With the lads and lass from **Trinkets & Trash**.
The Fleet's running tight tonight,
Hard by are **Aluva**, **Poppy** and **Midnite**,
As **Juhlry**, **Spirits III** and **Flyin Free**
All heat it up just off our lee.

The wind picks up and spinnakers take heed,
Yes Dear and **Just Dandy** fight for a lead
But here comes **Hucklebuck** who's moving fast
Almost even with **Perseverance** mast.
Near the finish it's anyone's race
38 Special just might place.
But on this night, the spin trophy
Will be won by little **Margi**

As we finish the race
We can only guess our place
But that's all right
We'll sail on tonight
Open a beverage and take a break
Sail for sailings sake
For this Wednesday should never end
Let's sail forever and be **Gone with the Wind**.

Leaders & Volunteers Required

Volunteers are the backbone of this organization. Ask not what your Outrigger Yacht Club can do for you – **Ask what you can do for your Outrigger Yacht Club!**

We now have in place a Nominating Committee responsible for helping the Club to identify talent to fill leadership positions. We need to know of qualified individuals among the membership who may be interested in assuming such roles. For the year 2004, we will need:

A). Rear Commodore – Responsible for managing the Social and the Membership Committees. The Rear Commodore him/herself need not be involved in every detail of these activities but should be a good leader and organizer who can delegate the duties to other responsible volunteers.

B). Social/Cruising Committee Chairperson - Will need to coordinate the annual Chili cook-off, the Frogmore Stew, celebrating the Icicle Series and Top Gun (pretty much to be taken care of by Doug Riley & Sherry Corbett), social events celebrating the Pursuit Regatta, the Huntington's Disease Regatta, and the Commodore Cup as well as other sailing events as determined by the Vice-Commodore and the Board. Will also need to put together additional social and cruising activities such as raft-ups, flotillas, poker runs, overnight cruises, cookouts, etc. to allow the membership to enjoy approximately one event per month, including after race events. As with the Rear Commodore, this person need not be involved in every detail of these activities but must be able to recruit and organize a competent committee who will.

C). Three Board Members at Large – As the By-Laws currently read, we are to have six Board members at large, three to be elected each year. The Board Members help to define the direction of the Club and to make all decisions regarding policies, expenditures, etc. The three Board members who will/would remain on the Board for the coming year also become members of the Nominating Committee.

D). Race Committee members and volunteers to work on Committee Boat for various events. We need to develop a deep roster of willing, able, and competent persons to share this responsibility. We have had some excellent response to a recent request for Committee Boat Duty volunteers for the Wednesday Night Series and for the upcoming Fall race schedule but we always need more. We intend to begin annual (at the least) Race Management Seminars to train those willing to commit to this duty.

E.) Social Committee Volunteers to support the events as outlined under the Social/Cruising Committee Chairperson.

F). Newsletter Editor – to take command of the newsletter

Rick Rowan, as the rising Commodore for 2004, will chair the Nominating Committee. He may be contacted at rrowan@bellsouth.net or at 704-483-1058. Other Nominating Committee Members are Doug Riley (doug.riley@mindspring.com / 704-947-0470), Don Corey (antics@bellsouth.net / 704-892-5513), John Guthrie (Jguthrie1@carolina.rr.com / 704-382-4090), and Rick Jarrett (sailcat@infionline.net / 704-795-4445). Please let one of them know of your interest.

Birthdays!

	<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>		
3	Shari Marcus	16	Bob Burdick	13	Maureen Ellis
7	John Cooper	19	Wright Sizemore	14	Sherlan Mardirosian
8	Sam Bender	20	Pat Coyle		
10	Lee Eskey	21	Butch Bercham		
13	Susie Davis	24	Kathryn Burdick		
14	Lynn Strange				

Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta

On October 3, 4, 5 Outrigger Yacht Club will present the Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta, Sponsored in part by Outback Steakhouse. This is a benefit regatta for the Huntington's Disease Society of America (www.HDSA.com) and will be presented in the popular Pursuit format.

All need to attend the Friday night Skipper's meeting at the King's Point Marina Clubhouse in order to get their starting sequence and race course information for Saturday. We'll provide burgers, brats, adult beverages, etc. Friday activities will begin at 6PM and continue until ????. Actual Skipper's meeting will be at 7PM. There is room available on the T's at King's Point if you wish to sail or motor from the other side of the lake to attend the Friday night event

First warning signal on Saturday will be at 12:30 PM in the vicinity of Marker 2. After the race, we will meet for BBQ and fixin's and an opportunity to discuss race tactics, question each other's manhood and family heritage, and engage in overall good fellowship. BBQ and sides will be provided...Cash bar will be available.

Sunday's first warning signal will again be at 12:30 PM in the vicinity of Marker 2. Immediately after the race, meet back at the Peninsula Yacht Club for dinner donated and catered by Outback Steakhouse and for the awards ceremony.

Notice of Race will be mailed out soon. Please attend. We would like to see this, and the Spring Pursuit Regatta benefiting the Chuck Strange Foundation, become THE premier events on Lake Norman.



Report from the Commodore

Ahoy fellow OYC members!

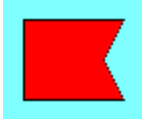
This summer has gone by fast. It's hard to believe we only have 4 more races left for Wednesday night and I hope the weather will finally cooperate. A big congratulations to Don Corey who won his class in the LNYC Independence Day Regatta and our newlyweds, Jerry and Regina Hurray, who won the non-spinnaker division.

The next big lakewide event is just around the corner. August 30-31 LNYC will host the Labor day Regatta that has always been lots of fun. Mark your calendars and if racing is not your cup of tea don't forget the Changes in Latitudes raft up this coming weekend.

Outrigger's next big sponsored regatta will be held on October 4-5, the Huntington's Disease regatta/fundraiser. This regatta has grown every year and I hope everyone in the club will participate in one form or the other. You can Race, cruise or just come join the party. We will have a big raffle and a pig pickin'. Come support your club and lets make this the best Huntington's Disease regatta ever.

See you on the water

Andrew Howell, Commodore



Report from the Vice-Commodore

We are rapidly coming to the close of a Wednesday Night Series that has been another great success in spite of the huge amount of rain that forced the cancellation of several races. I made one or two bad calls on the weather but as Doug Riley puts it, it's better to error on the side of caution than to have the fleet devastated by a huge storm. The competition is fierce as witnessed by those on the starting line last Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to come and toast the winners at the awards party on September 10 (that's another Wednesday) at the Peninsula Yacht Club beginning at 6:30 PM.

Looking ahead to the Fall racing schedule, the Board has decided to eliminate the Fall Series for this year. This was a hard decision to make because the series has been a part of Outrigger for all the years that I have been associated with the club. However, if we had retained the series, we would have had either lakewide or Outrigger racing events scheduled for 11 consecutive weekends from August 30 through November 15. Our intent was to lighten the schedule after the conclusion of the Wednesday Night Series so folks can get their boats ready for the various other events as follows:

August 30-31	Labor Day Regatta	LNKYC
October 4-5	Huntington's Disease Regatta	OYC
September 13	Camp Out Cruise	OYC
September 19-21	Peninsula Cup	PYC
October 18	150 Bridge Race	OYC
November 1-2	Wilmer Cup	LNKC/PYC

One special note - The Huntington's Disease Regatta this year will be sailed using the pursuit format with classes for centerboards and multihulls as well as keelboats. The objective is to make this one of the premier Fall regattas in the Lake Norman area.

So even without the Fall Series, there will still be plenty of action and I encourage all of you to participate in as many events as your schedule (and your crew) will allow.

See you on the water.

Rick Rowan, Vice Commodore



Report From the Rear Commodore

The Summer Sailstice is a worldwide annual charity event, celebrating the longest sailing day (or any other kind of day for that matter) of the year, June 21. All that is required is to enjoy a day on the water, racing, cruising, rafting up, etc. By signing up at www.summersailstice.com, participants trigger sponsors such as Harken, Doyle, North sails, Hunter Marine, and others to make contributions to Seacology...A group committed to preservation of the world's islands.

An absolutely gorgeous day greeted us for the **Summer Sailstice Flotilla to the 150 Bridge**...Low humidity, sunshine and winds topping 12-15 knots. Participants were Ralph Theriault & Dave Sanders on "Contagious", Lewis & Diane Rinebold on "Luffing About", Mike McEntire and crew on "Spirits III", and Doug Riley & Sherry Corbett on "Life o' Riley". We met John & Vern Heiler on "Jezebel" at about Marker 16 or so. After beating our way up to the 150 Bridge and the running about halfway back, we were joined by Clem & Vickie Caddel on "Tethys" and Mike Magee on "Wiz" for the **Cheeseburgers in Paradise Raft-up**. Your Outrigger Yacht Club provided burgers, beers, and way too much Rum Punch which all made for a great end to a great day.

On Saturday, July 19, we met at the boat docks at the Duke Energy Explorium for the **Margaritaville Raft-up**. Actually less a raft-up than a dock up. I'm still surprised that they didn't run us off. It's a nice little area to dock up or anchor...Motorboats have no need to head down that direction (just past marker "X"). Maybe OYC has found a home?? Dick Walker provided kielbasas and margarita mix for us and the Club provided burgers and that magical elixir – tequila! A special SHOUT OUT THANK YOU to Marie Battel for bringing that delicious Key Lime Pie!!! John & Pat (yes, PAT – on a sailboat) Guthrie, Don & Marilyn Corey, Aaron and Robin Wood, Doug Riley & Sherry Corbett, Bob Underwood and his crew from Elysium, and Steve & Marie Battel were all in attendance. Dick and Sallie Walker, Jeff & Pam Stallings, Clem & Vickie Caddell, and Jim & Linda Juhl each made an attempt to attend but were held up for various and sundry reasons.



Unbridled excitement exhibited by participants at the Margaritaville Raft-up

Regarding Membership (the other little known responsibility of the Rear Commodore) – We have placed some 500 promotional OYC brochures at various Lake Norman area businesses. We have also mailed information to over 600 non-OYC and LNYC member sailboat owners in the area. These efforts, along with the current membership spreading the Gospel of the Outrigger Yacht Club, have allowed us to add an additional 15 new memberships so far this year. More members means more talent to help the Club to grow and to provide the services the membership desires. Please ask others to consider joining OYC.

Special thanks to Mary Karriker and Neil Liner for making a much better Membership Page for the Website and to Rick Rowan for keeping the website details up to date. Additional special thanks to Butch Bercham who has sent more members to OYC than any other individual.

Respectfully,

Doug Riley
Rear Commodore

Upcoming events

August 13
August 16
August 20
August 27
August 30-31
September 3
September 4
September 10
September 13
September 19/20
October 4/5

Wednesday Night Race # 15
Changes in Latitude Raft-up (Marker X)
Wednesday Night Race #16
Wednesday Night Race #17
Labor Day Regatta (LNYC Event)
Wednesday Night Race #18
OYC Board Meeting – Location TBA
Wednesday Night Awards @ PYC
Camp out cruise
Peninsul a Cup Regatta (PYC event)
Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta!!!!

(As noted before, the Fall I Series has been cancel led for 2003)

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Please go to the website (www.outriggerclub.org) and follow the link to [Outrigger Yacht Club Logo Gear](#) before you buy anywhere else. We love to see the OYC name out there....It does help to promote the Club. Wear it with pride. Thanks again to Aaron Wood for affording us this opportunity.

