



January/February 2004

**ICICLE SERIES** – Race 1, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am at Marker 2  
 (It's not too late to sign up. Skippers Meeting Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am at Kings Point Club House)  
**CHILI COOK OFF** – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm, Mariner Villas Club House

**Membership renewals are due!**

Many have renewed, many have not...Be advised that renewals will be accepted until February 1st without penalty. After that date, those who have not renewed will not receive newsletters or information concerning racing events and social functions, and renewal will cost an additional \$10.00. If you have not yet renewed, you should receive a reminder notice or you can use the renewal form available at [www.outriggeryachtclub.org](http://www.outriggeryachtclub.org).

**Club News:**

**Icicle Series...**As stated above, Race 1 has now been rescheduled for January 31 due to cold weather each of the first two race dates. So you can still enter without having missed any races. The revised race schedule is as follows:

January 31, 2004	8:30 AM	Skipper's Meeting, <b>King's Point Marina Clubhouse</b>
January 31, 2004	10:30 AM	Warning, race #1
February 21, 2004	10:30 AM	Warning, race #2
March 6, 2004	10:30 AM	Warning, race #3
March 20, 2004	10:30 AM	Warning, race #4 with race#5 to follow
March 27, 2004	10:30 AM	Warning, race #6 with make up race to follow, if needed

**LNYC Rules and Race Management Seminars...**This year's Rules Seminar at the Lake Norman Yacht Club is tentatively scheduled for February 14, and the Race Management Seminar is tentatively set for March 6. If you are interested in attending either of these seminars, contact Doug Riley to confirm the date and time.

**Annual Meeting...**The annual meeting was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> with a menu of excellent prime rib. For those of you who couldn't attend, the dinner and socializing were great. The business portion was short but productive. The membership adopted the new Bylaws, posted at [www.outriggeryachtclub.org](http://www.outriggeryachtclub.org), and we now have a workable framework for the various functions of the Club. New Officers were elected as follows: Commodore-Rick Rowan, Vice Commodore-Doug Riley, Rear Commodore-Jim Juhl, Secretary-Marge Burkett, and Treasurer-Sherry Corbett. Three new at large Trustees were also elected. Aaron Wood, John Cooper and Mike Brawley will join senior at large members, Don Corey, John Guthrie and Rick Jarrett, and immediate past Commodore Andrew Howell on the Board of Trustees. The Fleet Captains for 2004 are John Heiler-Spinnaker Fleet, Bill Carroll-Non Spin Fleet and Sean Murphy-Centerboard Fleet. Please feel free to speak to any of these folks with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

## 2004 Objectives:

**Rick Rowan** – To increase participation in the Club by offering a variety of activities that serve the community and are of interest to Lake Norman sailors.

**Doug Riley** – To standardize the racing policies and procedures for future administrations, to develop a corps of persons to help out on Committee Boat for this and coming years, to increase participation in racing, and to also increase the visibility of Outrigger Yacht Club in the sailing community.

**Introducing our new Rear Commodore Jim Juhl** - Originally from Minnesota, Jim lived in the twin cities area until moving here with his wife Linda in 2000. They love the Lake Norman area, and are starting to become comfortable seeing boats rather than cars on the lake this time of year. They purchased “Juhlry”, a Hunter 23.5 in Minnesota and sailed it there a couple of years. The 2003 Pursuit was their first race. Jim is a commercial real estate broker doing general brokerage with a special focus on multi-family sales in the Carolinas. Along with sailing, Jim has many outdoor interests including tennis, golf, fishing, and flying. “My goal is to build on our past success, and increase participation in the social events.”



### Report from the Commodore

Its time to crank up a new year and we're off to a pretty good start already. Congratulations to Don Corey who won the Ultimate 20 division and the overall trophy in the Ice Bucket Regatta on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Norman Yacht Club. The results are posted on the 2004 schedule which has been finalized and is available at [www.outriggeryachtclub.org](http://www.outriggeryachtclub.org). By the way, it's not too late to sign up for the Icicle Series which starts Saturday, January 31st (due to frigid temperatures the past two weekends). The skipper's meeting has been rescheduled for 8:30 am at Kings Point Club House with Race 1 to follow at 10:30 near Marker 2. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the Chili Cook off also to be held January 31st at Mariner Villas Club House.

The Board of Trustees held its first meeting for 2004 on January 8. At that meeting, the Board approved the budgets for the Racing, Membership and Social Committees. Also, the Board approved a request presented by Butch Berchem that OYC sponsor and host the Pursuit of Sailing Regatta starting this year. As most of you know, this Regatta has been a personal project for both Lynn Strange and Butch for several years and a great success. From now on, it will be an OYC event and, with their help, will be continued in the same tradition.

Just one last thing. If any of you have any questions or concerns about anything related to the Club, please don't hesitate to contact me at (704) 483-1058 or email [rrowan@bellsouth.net](mailto:rrowan@bellsouth.net).

Rick Rowan, Commodore



### Report from the Vice Commodore

The 2004 Outrigger Yacht Club racing schedule has been set and events approved by the Board of Trustees. Members may view the schedule on the Website. Please note that the schedule has changed somewhat since the original tentative schedule was posted. This year OYC is sponsoring 38 days of keelboat racing and is managing the LNKC Twilight Series. We provide 44 of the 56 racing days on the Lake.

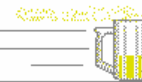
Schedule highlights: In April we will host the Ramsey Creek Regatta, returning to the Ramsey Creek sailing area where the Wednesday Night Series was originated and grew to become the most successful series on Lake Norman. The Wednesday Night series for 2004 will expand to 20 races and we will be using a modified low point system. In May we will hold a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta to celebrate three decades of Outrigger on Lake Norman.

Goals for this year include developing a corps of members to perform committee boat duty and establishing a tradition of strong membership participation in race management. We have a new Committee Boat that affords speed, stability, storage, and shelter. It is being kept at King's Point Marina, convenient to those on the South end of the Lake and as convenient as anywhere to those coming up from Charlotte. Please let me know of any interest in helping your Club by volunteering some time to help support our racing interests. Racers not participating in a particular event, non-racers, Associate Members, and significant others are all excellent candidates. Committee Boat duty is fun and rewarding. I may be reached at [doug.riley@mindspring.com](mailto:doug.riley@mindspring.com) or at 704-947-0470.

We also desire to see a dramatic increase in race participation...Each Series and/or Regatta should have, at minimum, 20 boats registered. We've got 'em, why not sail 'em?

One other note...A new Racing Policy is being formulated that will require all OYC members who intend to participate in Club sponsored events to have a Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Certificate. The cost is nothing and the forms are readily available by going to <http://www.salisbury.net/lnkc/download/phrf2000.rtf>.

Doug Riley, Vice Commodore



### **Report from the Rear Commodore**

2003 was my first year in the OYC, and the social events were so much fun I decided to get involved as Rear Commodore this year. **Doug and Sherry did a great job in 2003**, and they have offered to share their support and insight again this year.

We have nine social events on the 2004 calendar. There's room to add a couple more outings, and I'd like to hear from you about the kind of things you would most enjoy. Based on the feed back I've received so far it sounds like people might enjoy a **raft-up**, an **overnighter** or some other type of **cruising event**. Send me an email at [jeuhl@adelphia.net](mailto:jeuhl@adelphia.net) or give me a call at 704-655-8970 to let know what sounds like fun to you, and we'll try to get it on the schedule.

We're just a couple of weeks away from the annual OYC **Chili cook-off** scheduled for Saturday, **January 31 at 6:30PM at Mariner Villas**. Last years cook-off was a huge success with almost 40 people enjoying the food, margaritas and friendships. We'll award **prizes for the top 3 chili's**, so get out the family recipe book, surf the web for the latest chili craze, or access the inner you and create your own concoction that will tantalize the taste buds. OYC will provide the margaritas, beer, soft drinks, appetizers and desert, and it's all for only \$5 so make sure you don't miss this tasty treat!

2004 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Outrigger Yacht Club. Please make the most of your membership and join in the fun at your OYC events this anniversary year!

All the best-  
Jim Juhl, Rear Commodore

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