



March/April 2004

[Top Gun & Frogmore Stew](#) – April 17
[Wednesday Night Series Race 1](#) – April 21
[Pursuit of Sailing Regatta](#) – April 30 - May 2



Report from the Commodore



Well folks, we are now headed into the heart of the Spring racing season with several big events on the schedule. We have included with this newsletter NORs for the racing events listed above. The NOR for the 30th Anniversary Regatta to be held May 22-23 will be out shortly. Entry forms for the Hospice Regatta to be held the weekend of June 4-6 are not yet available. However, the schedule and other info regarding the Regatta can be found on the Lake Norman Yacht Club web site lakenormanyachtclub.com.

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.

Rick Rowan, Commodore



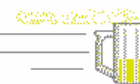
Report from the Vice Commodore

The 2004 OYC racing season has begun with a resounding THUD! The first three Icicle Series Race dates were postponed due to low temperatures (the Racing Committee determined to not start any race while it is under 40 degrees for safety reasons) and when we finally did get the chance to race, we faced 30 MPH winds, torn sails, dragging committee boat anchors, etc. The next race date was again cancelled, this time due to impending thunderstorms. Can I go back to being Rear Commodore? Incidentally, I'm still looking for additional Race Committee volunteers for the various upcoming events. We have a dedicated few but could certainly use more folks to spread the wealth.

Please note that the schedule has changed since the beginning of the year due to conflicts with holidays, availability of venues, etc. See www.outriggeryachtclub.org for the updated schedule.

Upcoming Events: **April 17 – The Top Gun**, our single hand event. This is a very popular race and a chance to test and exhibit your single hand skills. We will have the awards ceremonies for the Top Gun and for the Icicle Series at the Frogmore Stew to be held that same night (6PM) at Mariner Villas. **April 21** – The first night of an expanded (20 races) **Wednesday Night Series**. This year we will be running the series on a modified low-point system instead of the traditional high point system, we will score the Full Series and each half Series separately, and we have commissioned Wednesday Night tee shirts to be made. **April 30/May 1 & 2 – The Pursuit of Sailing Regatta**. OYC has been handed the reins of this event by Lynn Strange and Butch Bercham and, with their help, will attempt to continue the tradition of this exciting and very popular event. Pursuit format racing and the ever popular accompanying social events...Skipper's meeting (burgers, beer, etc.) on Friday night, BBQ buffet donated and hosted by Midtown Sundries, Lake Norman on Saturday afternoon, and the awards ceremony, raffle and a fish fry on Sunday afternoon at PYC. We will be charging \$5 per person for food and beverages at each event (skippers food , drink and tee shirts are included in their race registration fees) to raise monies for the Chuck Strange Foundation. PLEASE RSVP to either myself or to Jim Juhl if you plan to attend.

Respectfully,
Doug Riley, Vice Commodore



Report from the Rear Commodore

The Chili Cook-off, OYC's first social even of 2004, was a great success. About 30 of us got together to enjoy the company of fellow sailors, along with good food and drink. Thanks to everyone that brought chili, and a special thanks to Sally Mathis for the wonderful deserts! Marilyn Corey won top prize with a very tasty batch of chili that she wasn't going to enter in the contest - Don how do you keep your weight in check?

As you know, 2004 marks the 30th anniversary of the Outrigger Yacht Club. We are planning our 30th anniversary party to coincide with the regatta on May 22 and 23. I'd love to share some pictures of our clubs history at this upcoming event. It would be especially nice to get pictures from our early years, current members when they were younger, and the original yacht club. If you, or someone you know, might have pictures of OYC social or sailing events please let me know. I'll scan the pictures and get them back to you. Send me an email, or give me a call at your convenience and we can make arrangements to record your photos in OYC history.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for your upcoming OYC events:

Frogmore Stew	Saturday	April 17
Pursuit of Sailing	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	April 30-May 2
30th Anniversary Event	Saturday, Sunday	May 22-23
Ramsey Creek Regatta	Saturday, Sunday	June 19-20

Hope you can make the Frogmore Stew on the 17th!

Respectfully,
Jim Juhl, Rear Commodore
