



May/June 2004

Hospice Regatta – June 5-6

Twilight Series Race 1 – June 12

Ramsey Creek Regatta – June 19-20

Wednesday Night Series Awards – June 30

Club News of Note

The new Club Racing Policy, which can be found on the web site under Bylaws and Policies, was approved by the Board of Trustees on May 13, 2004. The policy reads in part: “Any Class “A” member who does not have a LNKC PHRF Rating Certificate for his or her keelboat, and who desires to enter the boat in racing events, will be required to submit the Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Rating Request form available at www.outriggeryachtclub.org. While the request for a Rating Certificate is being processed, he or she may participate in Club racing events with a provisional PHRF rating as assigned by the Racing Committee.” The intent of the Board was not to make your life miserable, but rather to insure fair competition. The LNKC is the rating agency on Lake Norman and all Club members racing on the lake should have a rating certificate. There is no charge for the certificate and the request form is not difficult to complete. Send the completed form to Andrew Howell, 2530 Green Point Court, Denver, NC 28037.



Report from the Commodore



The 30th Anniversary Regatta was a blast. Phil Mullins, Roby McClure, Jim Hetherington and Eddie Goldman, charter members of the original Outrigger Harbor Sailing Association, were there and we had some great conversations after the Saturday race. I asked Phil, the first Commodore of the OHSA, to email a short synopsis of how it all started and here is what he sent:

Rick,

It was a pleasure meeting you and your fellow sailors at the 30th anniversary of the Outrigger Yacht Club. I'm sorry we couldn't make it any earlier to see some of our old friends.

Here's a synopsis of the beginning of O.H.S.A. as we first called it. The Beginning:

Lee Bost, Hank Wilmer, Charlie Wood and I had sailboats on one of the first docks at Outrigger. We were just sitting around one afternoon after drinking a few suds and the conversation turned to starting a social and racing club. We made up some flyers and went around to all the docks (there weren't that many back then) and asked everyone to come to an organizational meeting at the Tiki Terrace. About 30 to 40 people showed up and we decided to start a Steering Committee. I was made head of it and we proceeded to form the Outrigger Harbor Sailing Association. We wanted to have as much emphasis on social activities as we did on racing.

At that time only a few sailors had any racing experience. Some had raced out of Lake Norman Yacht Club and others had raced Hobies out of Cowan's Ford Yacht club. Some were gung ho, while for others it was a new challenge.

Before long we decided to get together a set of bylaws to govern the club. We wrote to the New York Yacht Club and they sent us theirs. Thusly, several of us on the committee went to work to tailor our new club around the NYYC.

About a year went by and Outrigger Harbor decided to expand out near the point and built two new docks. We jumped at the chance and all the sailors in the club moved their boats out their. That gave us all a common denominator and we had much fun talking sailing and racing at hours on end.

We continued to steer the membership in the right direction and held formal elections of officers and I was voted the first commodore.

We set up racing schedules and a social calendar and proceeded to have a good time. Some of the meetings got very heated and discussions went on for hours while we tried to tweak the bylaws, but everyone ended up good friends and worthy competitors.

I wish you the best of luck in running the club and appreciate you thinking of the old gang during the 30th anniversary.

As we mentioned, we have sold our house in Charlotte and will be moving to our Endeavour 42 "Katash" and living in Charleston and places north and south on the east coast for the next couple of years. Please keep in touch via email.

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Quite a story. On May 13, 2004 the Board of Trustees voted unanimously, as required by the Bylaws, to grant Honorary Membership to all charter members of the Outrigger Harbor Sailing Association still living as of that date.

Rick Rowan, Commodore



Report from the Vice Commodore

We Have Wednesday Night Series Tee-shirts for sale.

Member Sean Murphy has designed an outstanding tee shirt for the 2004 Wednesday Night Racing Series. They are available to the membership for \$12 each. You may see the images (front left chest and back) for the shirt by following the link found on the bulletin board at www.outriggeryachtclub.org.

It's getting busy, folks... Since our last newsletter, we've completed the Icicle Series, the Top Gun, and The Pursuit and OYC 30th Anniversary Regattas, and begun the Wednesday Night Series. We are preparing for the Ramsey Creek Regatta on June 19-20. All results are available on the website.

We had only 23 boats register for the Pursuit this year. This is an event that saw over 40 at the starting line last year and over 60 registered not more than three years ago. Although attendance was low, we raised close to \$2500 for the Chuck Strange Foundation, just about the same amount we raised with twice as many boats last year. The racing was only one part of the weekend as we enjoyed a great Skipper's Meeting cookout on Friday night, BBQ at Midtown Sundries on Saturday and a fish fry at PYC on Sunday for the awards ceremony. We raffled and auctioned off enough items to raise over \$1500 on Sunday alone.

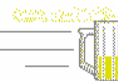
The Wednesday Night Series has started off with great success. We currently have some 43 boats registered. We've changed to a low point scoring format and will score each half and the entire Series as three separate races. These changes have been readily accepted and welcomed.

We have upcoming the Ramsey Creek Regatta. We return to the area where Don Corey staged the original Wednesday Night Series and will use his original courses outline. This is a membership drive event. We are trying to get some of those boats from King's Point, Vineyard Point, Mariner Villas, etc. out on the water to show them what real sailors are all about. NOR is posted on the website.

We continue to look for Race Committee Volunteers. We have a couple of members, namely Steve Battel and Clem Caddel who regularly volunteer although neither are enthusiastic racers. Let's think about it...A day on the water on a fast motorboat, watching a sailboat race and enjoying whatever after race event happens to be planned for the day. What's not to like?

We are also looking for leaders for 2005. A Rear Commodore, Board Members, Fleet Captains, etc. will all be needed. Contact Doug Riley with any interest you have in Race Committee duty and/or in helping us to run this Club next year.

Respectfully,
Doug Riley, Vice Commodore



Report from the Rear Commodore

Just like thoroughbred racing, OYC has completed two great early season weekend events. Our third early season event, the Ramsey Creek Regatta, is coming up on June 19 and 20 to complete our Triple Crown. . Make sure you mark your calendar because you won't want to miss this one.

If you didn't attend the Pursuit of Sailing Regatta you missed a great time. From the skippers meeting on Friday night to the fish fry and raffle on Sunday it was great fun, and even better, we raised lots of money for a great cause - The Chuck Strange Foundation for Adaptive Sailing.

This past weekend, May 22 and 23. OYC hosted the 30th Anniversary Regatta and party. Thanks to Alan Blythe, Kathryn Burdick, and Pete Calame for culling through early year membership lists and calling past OYC members to tell them of the regatta and party. Several charter, and early year members attended the event. It was great to talk with them and see pictures from the former OYC grounds and early races.

We'll be doing something special for the Ramsey Creek Regatta on June 19 and 20. After the Sunday race we'll join sailors from all over the country as part of the Summer Sailstice raftup. Check it out on the web at: <http://www.summersailstice.com/> and lets have some fun on the water.

Respectfully,
Jim Juhl, Rear Commodore
