



September/October 2004

Huntington's Disease Regatta – October 1-3

150 Bridge Race – October 9

Commodore's Cup – October 30

Wilmer Cup – November 6-7



Would you pay \$50 for:

- A cookout with burgers, sausages, beer from Carolina Blonde and...
- A barbeque buffet and...
- Dinner from Outback Steakhouse with more Carolina Blonde and...
- A tee shirt?????

How about we throw in a whole weekend of pursuit-format racing, trophies, race management, raffles, auctions, etc.?? That's what you get with the Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta October 2, 3, & 4.

If you were not there last year, ask someone who was...this is the best event on the Lake and we'd love to see everyone out and enjoying themselves.

This regatta is staged as a benefit to raise money for the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Everyone is welcome – Skipper's, Crew, Spouses/Significant others, Friend and Insignificant others.

All of the skippers' food and beverage is provided for in their race registration fees. Friday night cookout (5PM to 10PM) is \$5 per person for all others. Saturday BBQ buffet (cash bar) is \$5 per person for all others as well.

Sunday dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse is available to the first 100 who RSVP, including skippers. If you think you have plenty of time because 100 people won't RSVP, think again. We fed 80 last year and I didn't get any! Dinner, with Carolina Beverage donating two kegs, is \$10 per additional person. Skippers, tell your crew now to RSVP. The Panthers game that Sunday doesn't start until 4PM so you have plenty of time to race and still make the game if you have tickets.

We will also have additional tee shirts for sale. All proceeds from the entire event benefit the Huntington's Disease Society of America.

We need volunteers to help out on Committee Boat and for the social functions – helping to cook, to take meal tickets, etc. Contact: Doug Riley at doug.riley@mindspring.com or 704-947-0470 to RSVP and/or to volunteer to help out...Notice of Race with details on all events is available at www.outriggeryachtclub.org.



Report from the Commodore

Congratulations to all of the Wednesday Night Series winners. And thanks to Doug Riley and all the Race Committee volunteers who made it happen. I'm sure you will agree that it was a great summer series.

The next major event is of course the Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta, October 1-3. Doug, Rick Jarrett and several others are putting a gargantuan effort into making this regatta the best of the year on Lake Norman. We hope all of you will participate and enjoy the activities. So please come out and support a very worthwhile cause.

See you at the Regatta.
Rick Rowan, Commodore



Report from the Vice Commodore

The Wednesday Night Series-2004 was an outstanding success. Throughout the entire summer we had only one abandoned race due to bad weather and only one protest! Now I'm not saying that "Ahoy" wasn't the only four-letter word shared between competitors, but only once did any dispute come down to a protest. Overall winners were Don Corey in the Spinnaker Class, Sam Bender in the Non-Spin A Division and Mike Brawley in the Non-Spin B (cough-cough) Division. This might have been the most closely battled series in Club history, particularly given the there were 19 races involved. The Non-Spin A division actually ended in a tie with Sam Bender winning only due to his defeat of Jason Gross in the final race.

Lots of upcoming events...Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta and all the surrounding social activities is October 2, 3, & 4. Make plans now to be involved...we also need volunteers to help out with the various events and Committee Boat.

The date for the 150 Bridge Race has been moved from October 16 to October 9...The Commodore's Cup, and accompanying Oyster Roast, is scheduled for October 30. Notices for all events are posted on the website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org.

We are currently putting together the schedule for 2005. Suggestions are welcome for Racing and Social events. Some have spoken and we are listening. Many have said that participation might increase if we have more one-day events. We will attempt this starting with the Commodore's Cup-2004. We will hold two races and then the oyster roast with trophies and name-calling at Mariner Villas afterwards. In 2005, we will attempt to hold at least a couple of more events following this same model as well as the Icicle Series, the Top Gun, the Pursuit of Sailing Regatta, the Wednesday Night Series, the 150 Bridge Race, the Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta, the Commodore's Cup and the Wilmer Cup which is our responsibility for 2005.

Volunteers Required

Who can do electrical work? Fiberglass repair? Work a sponge and bucket?

We need to set aside a date when some volunteers can spend time working on the Committee Boat. We will pull the boat out of the water and spend time cleaning, fixing, wiring (bilge pumps, depth finder, nav lights, etc. - this is where we really need help). OYC will provide burgers and beverages (you know what I mean).

Other clubs have required work days and leave you no choice. We are only asking for help. Let us know if you have skills and can give a little back to the Club.

Also, we are still looking for those who might have an interest in serving the membership as a Rear- or Vice-Commodore for 2005... We respect that everyone is busy with their own lives, but the Club cannot go on without members willing to step forward and provide some leadership.

Respectfully,
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