



January / February 2005

SAILBOAT – a hole in the water into which one pours money

Upcoming events

2005 Icicle Series – Series started 1-08; Registration remains open until 1-29

Annual OYC Chili Cook-off – 1-29

Top Gun & Frogmore Stew w/ Icicle Series and Top gun awards – 3-19

Membership renewals for 2005 are due

If you have not renewed your Outrigger Yacht Club Membership for 2005, please note that you have until January 31 to do so. The Chili Cook-off on January 29 would be an excellent time to drop off your renewal and to enjoy this ever-popular event.

Memberships not renewed by January 31 will be dropped from the roster and those ex-members will no longer receive notices of races, Club events, or newsletters. Further, there will be a \$10 late fee for those who wish to renew after January 31.

A Reminder regarding the Navy Junior ROTC Program

Outrigger Yacht Club is working with the Navy Jr. ROTC program out of Lincoln High School to help train young 'uns in the art of sailing. Detail is available on the website...A link is provided in the Bulletin Board section. If you find you can provide time as outlined for this worthwhile program, please contact Aaron Wood at the coordinates listed.

Reports from the Officers



Report from the Commodore

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are scheduled for 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of March, May, July, September, and November and will convene in the Commodore's Room (downstairs) at the Peninsula Yacht club. Any changes to this schedule or location will be posted to the Bulletin Board on the website. Minutes from these meetings, as well as any Membership meetings, are posted on the website in the "Archives" section.

This Board meets to serve the needs of the Club and its members and meetings are open to any interested OYC member in good standing. OYC members should always feel free to approach the Board or any of its members (as listed on the website) with any questions or concerns or with any business, suggestions, etc. that they wish to have presented for consideration. Members are also encouraged to volunteer to serve on the Board of Trustees. The time commitment required is to merely meet 6 times per year, as outlined above, for a two-year term and to represent the best interests of the Club.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Outrigger Yacht club. Without volunteers, this Club would cease to function and in fact to exist. Please consider providing time to help out with the Racing Committee, the Social Committee, to serve on the Board of Trustees, or as an Officer. Merely helping with the setup before or the breakdown after any of our events is greatly appreciated.

Be aware that as a member in good standing, you are a Principal of the Club and as such are entitled to access to any Club information by merely making request of the appropriate Officer or Committee Chairperson, i.e. the Treasurer for financial information, Membership Chairperson for membership information, etc. You are also encouraged to familiarize yourself with our Club By-Laws and Policies as listed on the website.

As Commodore, I remain available to your needs and can be contacted at 704-947-04709 or at doug.riley@mindspring.com.

Respectfully,

Doug Riley
Commodore, 2005



Report from the Vice-Commodore:

The 2005 racing season had a good start on Jan 8 with 7 boats registered for the Icicle Series. There were mild temperatures, wind that made for good racing and a post race review at Midtown Sundries. There is still time to join in the fun. Registrations are open until the start of race #3 on Jan 29.

This year we will be running all the old favorites and trying a couple of new events. There will be a two-day Spring and Fall series with two races per day plus a get together afterwards. In addition, this year there will be a season long competition for the Boat Of The Year (BOTY) award. This award will honor boat and crew in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions that have the best record at the end of the regular season. Details of the award appear later in this newsletter.

It is my intention to run the racing that you, the membership, want to participate in. To do this I need to know what it will take to get you on the water to have fun! So please call or write me with your suggestions and if there is enough interest we'll do it! Suggestions I've already received are a "Mixed Doubles" regatta, a "Herricane"(ladies) regatta with parties following. Another thing I'm going to try, when appropriate, is to run two courses. One for Spinnaker and one for non-Spinnaker. Check the NOR for details.

Last but not least, let me talk about Race Committee. To have a successful race program we need people willing to give up a day of racing in order to serve on the committee boat. Non-racers, Associate Members, significant others, wharf rats and other breathing volunteers are welcome. If you've never done Race Committee you are missing an enlightening and rewarding experience. You will be contributing to the success of the OYC race program and the club as a whole. Last year Doug put together a "Race Committee for Dummies" manual and I'm living proof that it is effective. We have the boat, the gear and the "how to" manual. If you are still hesitant here is an offer you can't refuse: I'll help you! I'll train you and, when possible, I'll go out with you on race day. I can be reached at sbattel@charter.net or 704-530-4276.

See you on the water

Steve Battel, Vice Commodore



Report from the Rear Commodore:

Our Rear Commodore, Harry MacDonald, who is the new owner of the Hunter Marine/Doyle Sails franchise on Highway 16 in Denver, is busy setting up shop and unable to provide a report at this time. Bellsouth has not completed their installation of his phone lines and Internet connection in his new location, so he is somewhat incommunicado.



Chili Cook-off
6PM
January 29, 2005
Mariner Villas Clubhouse

Outrigger is providing beverages and you are providing the chili. Prizes to be awarded for the best chili(s) as judged by your peers.

A note re the March 19, 2005 Frogmore Stew event:

Lake Norman Magazine plans to cover our Frogmore Stew event this year. Pictures and an article on the event will appear in the magazine early next winter. We would appreciate a good turnout, not only to enjoy the event and some great low-country boil, but also to support your Club and to put a great face on the event in order to publicize the Outrigger Yacht Club.

OYC Boat of The Year Program – 2005

The OYC Boat Of The Year (BOTY) award will be presented to the skipper of the boat that achieves the best accumulative score for the 14 racing events*. Scoring for this award will take into consideration participation as well as a consistent racing performance.

1) All OYC members that register to race in BOTY events are automatically qualified for the BOTY award. No registration or entry fee is required

2) The events included in the BOTY award for 2005 are: *

- Icicle Series
- Top Gun
- Spring Series
- WNS (overall places only scored toward BOTY)
- Pursuit of Sailing Regatta
- Hospice Regatta
- Twilight Series
- Independence Day Regatta
- Labor Day Regatta
- Peninsula Cup
- Fall Series
- 150 Bridge Race
- Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta
- Wilmer Cup

***The Ice Bucket Regatta is being excluded for 2005 only because BOTY had not been announced by the date of the regatta.**

3) BOTY will be awarded in Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker divisions. Scores are not combined for boats that change divisions during the year.

4) Regattas with more than one race and/or a Series will count as "one score" (ex: the WNS) towards BOTY scoring. A regatta with only one race (ex: the 150 Bridge Race) will count as "one score" towards BOTY scoring.

5) There will be no throw outs.

6) The BOTY will be scored in accordance with the "Cox-Sprague" scoring system. In each event each yacht will be credited with the number of points indicated in the table on the next page for its finishing position. The number of OYC boats registered for an event will determine which column is to be used. The highest resulting aggregate score wins.

7) Scoring will be calculated on class finishes, not fleet finishes. Thus, if there is an event with a "Spinnaker A" and "Spinnaker B" class, there will be points awarded to the competitors in both classes based upon their finishes in their respective classes.

8) At least two OYC boats must participate in a class for their score to count toward the BOTY.

9) Only OYC boats will be scored. If, in a particular event, a class has 7 boats and only 4 are OYC boats, all other boats will be removed and the OYC boats will be awarded points according to their finishes against the other OYC boats. Example: A class has 7 boats, 4 of which are OYC boats. The first place finisher is not an OYC boat. OYC boats finish 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th. The non-OYC boats would be removed, so the OYC boats would be scored 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for the BOTY award.

10) A boat that does not race, (DNS), gets no score, even if they were registered. A boat that does not finish (DNF) or is disqualified (DSQ) will be scored with appropriate penalties, using only the OYC boats in the class, when assigning penalties. Example: A class has 7 boats, 4 of which are OYC boats. 3 OYC boats finish, and one OYC boat is DNF. The DNF boat would be scored 4 + 1, a 5th.

11) Ties will be broken according to "The Racing Rules of Sailing".

Cox-Sprague Scoring System

Number of Starters

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20+	Place
10	31	43	52	60	66	72	76	80	84	87	90	92	94	96	97	98	99	100	1
7	25	37	46	54	60	66	70	74	78	81	84	86	88	90	91	92	93	94	2
(0)	21	33	42	50	56	62	66	70	74	77	80	82	84	86	87	88	89	90	3
	(17)	29	38	46	52	58	62	66	70	73	76	78	80	82	83	84	85	86	4
		(26)	35	43	49	55	59	63	67	70	73	75	77	79	80	81	82	83	5
			(32)	40	46	52	56	60	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	78	79	80	6
				(38)	44	50	54	58	62	65	68	70	72	74	75	76	77	78	7
					(42)	48	52	56	60	63	66	68	70	72	73	74	75	76	8
						(46)	50	54	58	61	64	66	68	70	71	72	73	74	9
							(48)	52	56	59	62	64	66	68	69	70	71	72	10
								(50)	54	57	60	62	64	66	67	68	69	70	11
									(52)	55	58	60	62	64	65	66	67	68	12
										(53)	56	58	60	62	63	64	65	66	13
											(55)	57	59	61	62	63	64	65	14
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Note: Points in () are for *DNF* & *DSQ*